

## **Explanatory note to the revised Constitution.**

A number of significant changes are proposed in the revised Constitution:

- 1) In order to bring the NIBU into line with the other 'Home' Unions, it is proposed to combine the offices of Chairperson and President into one senior post from June 2016.
- 2) A formal Management Committee will be set up to carry out the day to day work of the Union. This committee will be comprised of the officers.
- 3) The practice of nominating official delegates to the Annual General Meeting will cease. All NIBU members will have equal voting rights.
- 4) Members will be permitted to attend Council meetings as observers and may seek permission to address Council.
- 5) The simplified revised text reduces the level of prescriptive detail in the current Constitution and removes the appendices.

The Council will be comprised of the nominated club members and the officers of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee will meet as business demands. It will co-opt other members with functional responsibility according to business need.

The business transactions of other sub-committees will be reported directly to Council through the Secretary.

The Hon. Secretary will act as Secretary to all sub-committees including the Selection Committee.

***This revision was requested by the NIBU Council at its meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> 2013. Members of the Review Group were C. Burns, M.McFaul (Chair), I. Lindsay, D. Cannell, G. Mackenzie and A. Hill.***