

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION  
YOUTH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN KELVIN & MALONE BRIDGE CLUB  
THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2014 AT 3PM

Present:

Diane Greenwood, Norma Irwin, Pat Johnston, Barbara Lomas, Sandie Millership

Apologies:

None

1. **Welcome**

Members of the Youth Committee were welcomed to the first meeting

2. **Election of Committee Members and Officers**

Diane Greenwood was elected as Chairperson

3. **Objectives were discussed:**

- (i) To encourage and develop primary school students
- (ii) To encourage and develop secondary school students
- (iii) To retain and coach under 25s.

4. Various names of past pupils were mentioned and the possibility of setting up a squad of at least 12 members for a potential Junior Camrose team. These students/under 25s would receive extra coaching. Barbara highlighted the success of a previous coaching weekend with coaching on the Saturday and assisted play on the Sunday with experts (Senior NIBU players). Halloween time/half-term was a possible time for this to happen.

**Action: Sandie/Barbara to contact potential Under 25s**

5. Teaching in primary schools was discussed and the possible secondary schools that those students would then attend. A letter could be sent out, or preferably hand-delivered, to schools asking if they had any teachers on their staff who played bridge and who would be willing to start up a bridge club, with our help.

**Action:**

6. Norma informed the committee of relevant teaching notes which Liz Magowan had given to Kelvin & Malone and which would be useful for helping with Point 5.

**Action: Norma to provide teaching notes for Committee with a view to getting them printed out to provide to schools**

7. We discussed a Facebook page which would prove a useful tool with regards to contacting past students and existing students and also potential teachers.

**Action: Sandie**

8. An article will be included in the NIBU Newsletter requesting offers from anyone interested in teaching in schools. Any interested parties would be given guidance from the Committee.

**Action: Barbara**

9. **Any Other Business**

It was agreed that help should be given where necessary to help with a Junior bridge event in Germany in which 8 students from Northern Ireland are keen to attend. The IBU will be funding most of the money but the Committee agreed that we would also contribute when we get more details of what is involved.

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

To be agreed.

**Signed:**

**Dated:**