

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Selection Committee held at BTMM offices on August 12th 2015 at 5.30pm.

Present: Greer Mackenzie, Philip Dufton, Anne Fitzpatrick, Harold Curran, Michael McFaul, Lorraine Byrne, Nuala Mooney.

1. Minutes 8th July

The minutes were passed. Arising from the minutes MM confirmed that he had communicated with Rex Anderson and stated that the autonomy of the SC was quite a grey area in Council, giving examples of the Lavery Coffee appeal and the Intermediates point about 50 euro entry fees for the Inter Provincials, both from last year. It was agreed that SC will continue assuming autonomy until challenged.

2. Sonya Britton Trophy (North/South match)

It was agreed that the NS team had done well and well done the SC.

3. Selection Committee Terms of Reference.

MM had circulated a draft version which GM and he had worked on. The committee walked through PD's suggested revisions to the draft document followed by a discussion on the section of the document which deals with the NPC appointment procedure.

Action: MM will redraft and circulate to the rest followed by comments, agreement and GM will publish on the web site.

4. Dress code during International matches.

MM reminded the committee that Brian McDowell and others had commented on the fact that representative teams from NI were much less well attired than teams from the other countries.

Action: MM will take a proposal to Council, on behalf of the SC, that our Camrose, Lady Milne and Senior Camrose teams would be supplied with blazers and shirts.

5. Inter Provincials

GM pointed out that not all entrants to the Camrose trials or the Lady Milne trials (not yet closed) had indicated their desire or otherwise to be selected. AF explained details of contacts she has had with representatives and players from Cavan and Donegal. NM discussed what possible processes there were to communicate and encourage interest from Intermediates

Action: GM to email the rest of the entrants, AF to attempt to consolidate the status of Cavan and Donegal possible pairs and NM to contact Intermediates, all ASAP.

6. Camrose trials

GM explained that there have been 8 entries and a discussion followed about Council comments around similarities of trials and actual events; TDs; boards; format.

HC suggested that the committee should consider changing the entire team if their performance was very poor during the first weekend and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting. It was further agreed that in the document to the entrants it would be stated that SC expected but didn't guarantee to select the first 3 pairs in the trials for the first weekend and would make no commitment for the second weekend.

Action: GM to contact Alan Hill and Sandie about tournament direction and Liz about boards. GM to circulate a document on trials details to the rest of the committee for approval before issuing to entrants.

7. Lady Milne Trials

GM explained that representation had been made about the proposed first weekend. This had not been included in early versions of the calendar and some players would now be very inconvenienced if we continued with that weekend. It was decided to have trials over the second weekend, 20-22nd November only. The entry fee was agreed at £45

ACTION MM to let potential Lady Milne entrants know about changes.

8. Intermediate Trials rescoring.

GM reminded all of the contents of his email of 1/8/15. Very careful checking of all boards had highlighted a few errors, including a few examples of boards incorrectly entered by the contestants and of a small number of differences in rounding methods. These small differences widened rather than closed the gap between the first 4 and GM confirmed that he was certain the first 4 had been correctly declared.

ACTION closed.

9. Correspondence.

4 emails had been received from John Murchan, a previous Chairman of the SC and the details of each were discussed with replies agreed.

ACTION GM to reply to John. The subject of the winner of the Premier league being selected for the Camrose to be on the agenda for the next SC meeting in September.

10. AOB

Intermediate coaching.

There was a suggestion that few of the intermediates who had received coaching had supported the Gala Pairs. NM named quite a few pairs who had been at the event and it was further pointed out that it was held on the 2nd August when many players would be unavailable for family reasons.

O'Connor Trophy

HC explained that this new competition for intermediates, similar to the Burke Trophy, was to be played at the same time and place as the Burke and it is important to advertise it as well as possible.

Peggy Bayer

HC stated that our team's performance had been poor last year and the players were not seen at other events. Consideration might be given to not entering for the Peggy Bayer this season. It was mentioned that the Youth Committee had been responsible last year and would again this year.

ACTION HC to communicate with Diane.

11. Next Meeting

Wednesday September 9th 2015 at BTMM offices from 5.30pm