

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION  
TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on 27 April 2017 at Kelvin & Malone at 2pm.

**PRESENT:** Liz Scott(LS) Chair, Barbara Ewart (BE), Anne Hassan (AH), Ian Hamilton (IH), David Leeman (DL), Brian McDowell (BM), Sandie Millership (SM)

LS welcomed all to the meeting.

**APOLOGIES:** Michael McFaul (MM)

**MATTERS ARISING:** Premier 2 League Match which had been played on an unofficial day. SM suggested that the rules for the leagues should be tightened to highlight that the league could only be played on designated days and using the boards played by all other teams otherwise a forfeit would be imposed. LS asked DL and IH to have the rules updated.

**KNOCKOUT CUP & LEAGUE RULES:** Although these were updated last year, it was decided that perhaps we should tighten things up a bit.

**DL and IH to Action**

**FIXTURE LIST:** BM had provided a preliminary fixture list and AH had produced a monthly calendar so as to make it easier to read dates. She had also highlighted on the calendar all events from CBAI which was a great help. A lot of time was spent on the fixture list, moving competitions and re-arranging the list.

**BRIDGE TIMERS:** DL suggested that bridge timers should be used at all NIBU competitions. SM said that timers were used for all competitions, although for the East Down Pairs a lead had been misplaced and it wasn't possible to use timer. The lead has now been located.

**TROPHIES:** It would seem that a lot of our trophies cannot be located. The late Norma Perceval-Price had undertaken to endeavour to locate the last known recipient to have all trophies. Unfortunately it is not known how far she got. LS said that she had someone in mind to ask to take this job on, but until the person had been spoken to no name was forthcoming. It was noted that no trophy had been presented at the East Down Pairs as it too was unavailable.

**HELM CUP:** DL proposed that we restrict the Intermediate team to 2 As and 2Bs, as there was a lot of disparity with Inter As. LS suggested that a lot of clubs had a scarcity of Intermediates who were willing

to play competitions. SM agreed and suggested we leave it up to the clubs as to whether they wished to play with a team of As or Bs or a mixture of both.

**ELTSCHER TROPHY:** BM said everything was in hand for this competition but that LS had difficulty getting Vugraph operators. LS said that she had 4 new people who were willing to try to do Vugraph and asked SM to teach them. BM suggested that should we have insufficient operators then perhaps we wouldn't put all tables on BBO.

**AOB:** BM said that the 'partnership desk' was up and running and had already been used.

AH said that she had tried to get new bases for some of our Trophies but that modern bases were unsuitable. She had found a Wood Turner who was making sample bases for the Union's trophies.

LS thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 4pm.

Liz Scott

Hon Competitions Secretary NIBU