

NOTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Summary of a meeting held on July 1st 2015 at 36, Manse Road, Newtownards from 7.30pm

Present: Liz Scott-Chair (LS), Michael McFaul-Secretary (MMcF), Anne Hassan (AH), Ian Hamilton (IH), David Leeman (DL), June Spiers (JS), Brian McDowell (BMcD).

Apologies Stephen Cairns (SC)

LS welcomed members and circulated an agenda.

1. Draft Fixture List.

It was agreed to arrange at least 2 events in the West of the province. A lengthy discussion took place focussing primarily on possible venues and proposed dates.

Congress

Action: AH to research possible TD assistance for Autumn Congress.

Knockout Cups

LS announced that Rex Anderson would be organising the Kelvin & Mackinnon Cups

Action: LS to publicise the Agnew Cup to all golf clubs. JS to contact the Golfers' Union in order to circulate details.

It was agreed that entry fees should be paid by BACS transfer stating team and relevant cup as references.

Teams will be seeded (probably) by IH and/or Robin Burns.

Leagues

Ian Lindsay will take entries for all leagues.

Pat Johnston will produce boards and run the Novice league

League matches will be on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

LS will do the League draw.

General Events

Action: LS to ask SC to run the Provincial Mixed Pairs in Enniskillen.

Action: IH to ask Terry Mitchell about possible venues for the East Down Teams & Pairs.

Action: LS to ask John Bergin to run the Northern Pairs in Derry on February 21st 2016.

Action: IH to ask Robin Burns to review the handicap system used in the Mr. Monty Pairs and the Louis Herbert Pairs.

Action: IH agreed to put the fixture list on the website calendar.

Action: BMcD to ask Harold Curran for assistance in liaising with La Mon.

2. Responsibilities

JS – Promotion & Publicity

DL – Encouraging new Tournament Directors, planning & equipment inventory.

LS – Trophy inventory, Organising Tournament Directors

BMcD – International events

AH – Catering at venues, arrangements at La Mon.

Action: LS to send final fixture list to MMcF when ready so that the new diary can be completed.

It was confirmed that starting times would be:

Evening only = 7.15pm

Sunday = 11.00am

Saturday = 1.30pm (for 2 day weekend events)

3. Teaching Packages

It was agreed to refer this item to the Management Committee.

4. Equipment

Action: DL to arrange inventory of all equipment

5. Presentation of Trophies

It was agreed to switch back to the practice of presenting trophies immediately after a competition was ended with all players to remain in the room.

6. Convention Cards

It was agreed to use the standard card instead of the stockpiled CBAI version. If possible the NIBU logo will be included. Bulk order to be processed.

Action: LS and MMcF

7. Gala Pairs

AH announced 26 tables were currently entered but stated that with prizes fixed at £1500 in total, we would break even at best. Additional TD assistance is required.

Action: AH to ask Eric McNicholl, Nuala Mooney and Pat Johnston for help.

It was announced that Alan Hill had agreed to run a seminar on using Bridgemates for TDs.

The next meeting would be arranged as business needs arise.

The meeting ended at 10.55pm.

Michael McFaul
Hon. Sec.

