

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

COUNCIL

Minutes of an Emergency meeting of the NIBU Council held at Cutters Wharf on Monday 6th February, 2017 at 3 p.m.

Present: T. Sproule(TS), I. Lindsay(IL), H. Hill(HH), P. Johnston (PJ), S. Millership(SM), H. Curran(HC), L. Scott(LS), A. Fitzpatrick(AF), R. Kirkpatrick(RK), K. Hammond(KH), A. Hassan(AH)

The Chairperson had advised the meeting of her late arrival.
The meeting being quorate, business began.

Apologies: M. McFaul, J. Bergin, E. McNicholl

HC proposed IL as Chairman and KH as secretary, seconded by SM.

IL said that the sixth pair in the trials was to have been selected after the Selection Committee (SC) meeting on Saturday 4th February. This pair subsequently withdrew from selection. This meant five pairs had rejected selection. Because of the time element in the Camrose selection, the Council felt it necessary to intervene.

TS suggested pairs 1, 2 and 3 in the trials should be selected and John Ferguson to be asked to be NPC. This was seconded by LS.

Questions were raised as to the possible BGB penalties for this action. It was reported it would be 1 VP per pair and each pair has to play a simplified system, the first session they play.

Selection has been taken away from the SC, as this was considered to be an emergency situation.

A vote was taken on the proposal and unanimously agreed.
The Chairperson joined the meeting and stated she agreed with the outcome of the vote.

Discussion took place as how to communicate the information
those who were to be de-selected to be advised by phone by the NIBU Chairperson or a Council member, today.
those who were to be re-selected to be contacted by phone.
TS to email members of the selection committee.

RK expressed her concern at the difficult situation the Council had been placed in.
The meeting finished at 3.30 pm.

K. Hammond (Acting Secretary)