

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at Corr's Corner on Wednesday May 9th 2018 from 6.30pm

Present: Anne Hassan (Chair), Michael McFaul (Hon. Secretary), Anne Fitzpatrick (Hon. Treasurer), Liz Scott (Hon. Competitions Secretary), Pat Johnston, Tom McKeever, Helen Hall, Harold Curran, Ken Hammond, Rosemary Kilpatrick.

1. Apologies

Robin Burns, Toni Sproule, Sandie Millership, Heather Hill, Eric McNicholl, Raymond Johnston, Barbara Ewart.

2. Quoracy

KH proposed that the Constitution be amended to allow the presence of officers to be counted when determining whether a meeting was quorate. Such a change would not affect voting rights. The proposal was agreed by all present.

Action: MMcF to draft appropriate text.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on March 15th 2018

On a proposal from HH and seconded by RK, the Minutes were agreed.

4. Matters Arising.

Item 3: Following discussion it was agreed to invite Paul Porteous up to discuss the subject of Data Protection and other matters of common interest. It was noted that from May 25th emails to multiple addresses should be blind copied. It was agreed that the amount of personal information on the website should be reduced and that password access only would be desirable.

Action: MMcF

Item 5: Applications had now been invited for the **PhD Studentship Proposal**.

Item 11: LS stated that an issue had been raised regarding the **Inter A & B play-offs**. RK asked that the matter be considered by the Tournament Committee in advance of next season.

Item 12: LS said that **Kelvin & Malone** had complained that players had not tidied up after the last league night. TMcK asked that TD's make a point of asking players to ensure they tidy up before they leave the premises in future.

Item 14: PJ said that **6 young players** would now be going to Croatia and that the cost of 2 extra flights would now be met from the Youth fund.

5. Minutes of the Selection Committee meeting on April 20th 2018

The Minutes were noted.

HC asked that the qualifying criteria for the Egan Trophy be checked and that the names of all team members be submitted to him as soon as possible.

Action: MMcF

6. **Annual General Meeting 2018**

AH confirmed that the AGM would now take place at La Mon on Sunday June 3rd. A finger buffet would be provided for all from 1.30pm with business proceeding from 2.30pm. AH said she had written to all affiliated clubs regarding their entitlement to send delegates with voting rights... It was agreed to change the wording of section 4.1.5 of the Constitution to make it clear that a delegate must be a member of the club that is nominating them.

Action: MMcF

7. **Diary 2018-19**

LS said that the fixture list had now been completed but that the usual problems had arisen with potential clashes between events North and South. It was agreed that the East Down Teams and East Down Pairs would both be scrapped. AF suggested that only about 120 diaries be requested for the next season.

President Ian Lindsay joined the meeting at 8pm.

8. **Committee Membership**

MMcF said he would shortly be writing to all Council and Committee members regarding their willingness to stand again in 2018-19.

9. **Sonya Britton Trophy**

It was confirmed that the date for this fixture had been changed to August 17th-19th for reasons of affordability.

10 **Bridge Great Britain**

HH raised a number of issues arising from a recent meeting she attended:

- a) Option 2 agreed i.e. to award a '**Seniors' prize or trophy** for an existing NIBU event sponsored by BGB and acknowledging the contribution from Patrick Jourdain's bequest.
- b) It was confirmed that only 1 NIBU team would feature in each of next year's **Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer events**.
- c) The completion of the **NI Ladies document** was in hand.
- d) It was clarified that the BGB website would be happy to feature **obituary notices** from each member area providing they were of Home International players or officials.
- e) HH said she had referred a matter regarding the **Celtic Pairs** to Ian Hamilton.

11 **Accounts**

AF tabled the Profit & Loss Account and Balance sheet that would be presented to members at the AGM on June 3rd.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday June 13th 2018. Venue and time to be confirmed.

Michael McFaul

Hon. Secretary

