

# NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

## LAWS & ETHICS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Kelvin & Malone on Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> 2018 from 2pm.

Present: Rex Anderson, Alan Sharp, John Ferguson, Shelagh McCaughan

In Attendance: Michael McFaul (Hon. Sec.)

**1. Apologies**

None

**2. Election of Chairman**

RA was proposed by JF and seconded by AS. As there were no other nominations, RA was duly elected and he took the Chair.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on July 26<sup>th</sup> 2017**

The Minutes were agreed by all present.

**4. Matters Arising**

None.

**5. Banned Players**

RA referred to his report to the recent AGM. Players who had been banned by either the WBF or the EBL had been found entering and playing in competitions hosted by national bridge organisations. The EBL had urged members' unions to ensure reciprocal action be taken. The Constitutions of the IBU & CBAI would need to be amended and it was agreed that, although not a National Bridge Union, the NIBU's Constitution would also be amended to ensure no banned player would be eligible to play in local events.

RA tabled a suggested change to clause 3.3.5 of the Constitution and it was agreed to propose the change at an EGM to be held immediately before the commencement of the Derry Congress Teams in September.

**Action: MMcF to arrange.**

**6. Disciplinary Code**

RA drew attention to the evidence that showed cheating often involved manipulative action around the movement of the board through the screen. He tabled 2 suggested changes to the Disciplinary code:

- a) Add 1.1.4 a statement requiring compliance with screen or bidding box regulations.
- b) Add to 1.6 '*...or any national bridge organisation affiliated to the World Bridge Federation.*'

The proposed changes were agreed by all.

**Action: MMcF to take to Council.**

**7. Committee Membership**

RA stated that the committee would benefit from having a 5<sup>th</sup> member. Following discussion, it was agreed to ask Council to nominate an additional member to the committee.

***Action: MMcF to take to Council***

**8. League & Cup Rules**

RA stated he had received a communication from David Leeman regarding conventions permissible in the current draft revision. It was confirmed that L&E had within its terms of Reference, the oversight of procedures employed at NIBU competitions and that members would benefit from seeing the current proposed revisions in full.

It was agreed that comments and observations be circulated between members via email in the first instance.

***Action: MMcF to forward and to inform David Leeman & Ian Hamilton that he had done so.***

**9. Date of next meeting**

To be arranged.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3.08pm.

Michael McFaul  
Hon. Secretary.