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NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

LAWS & ETHICS COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held at Kelvin Malone Bridge Club on Wednesday 08 August 2018 at 14.00

Present: Rex Anderson [Chair], John Ferguson, Shelagh McCaughan, Alan Sharp.

In attendance: Ian Hamilton

1 Apologies

Michael McFaul, Toni Sproule, David Leeman. Both TS and DL had, as requested, expressed opinions on proposed amendments to the documents to be discussed at the meeting

2 Minutes of meeting held 06 July 2018

Minutes agreed on proposal of JF seconded by SMcC

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising

4 League Rules

Prior to the meeting the Committee agreed proposals to amend Rules 3.1, 3.2.1, 6.4, 7 and 10

[a] eligibility

Agreed that present NIBU Competitions [NCR] Rule 2 be amended and that League Rules include reference to NCR and to Systems and Conventions. NIBU competitions, save for leagues and knock out Cups, to be open to all NIBU members and members in good standing of any other National Bridge Organisation

League Rules to provide that at least one half of the regular members of each team must be players who qualify to represent NIBU under the Bridge Great Britain Home International Regulations

[b] League Organiser [LO] duties

Agreed to add duty to publicise on website each ruling of the LO

[c] 3.3.3 exceptional circumstances notification

Agreed to amend present Rule to provide that the captain claiming postponement must notify the LO of postponement request as well as the captain of the other team affected

Postponed match to use computer deals organised by LO. Room and deals cost to be organised by and paid by team seeking postponement

[d] 3.6.3 second coin toss if 3 stanzas

Agreed that Rules be changed so that all matches were of 4 stanzas

[e] any other proposals

Agreed to combine 6.1 and 5.14 and amend so that failure to play more than 2 matches leads to automatic relegation of all players on that team

5 Mackinnon and Kelvin Cup Rules

[a] eligibility

Cup Rules to provide that at least one half of the team members must be players who qualify to represent NIBU under the Bridge Great Britain Home International Regulations

[b] any other proposal

Cup Rules include reference to NCR and to Systems and Conventions.

6 NIBU Competition Rules

[a] omit Rule 2.3

Agreed to amend Rule 2.3

[b] amend Rule 7 reference to EBU Blue Book

Agreed

[c] any other proposals

7 Systems and Conventions

Website document to be tidied up and re-formatted with hyperlink to WBF website. The relevant EBU Blue Book paragraphs to be set out in full

Action: MMcF to check with EBU we can quote from the EBU Blue Book

8 Generally

The Committee noted that the Rules were lengthy and prescriptive.

It was desirable that the Rules for Leagues and Cups each be stand alone as far as possible. If not, associated documents should be easily accessible on the Union website

Perhaps Leagues and Cups sections of the bridgeweb part of the Union website should contain either the NCR and Systems and Conventions or a hyperlink thereto

The League and Cup Rules shown on the website in the Manual should be identical to the Rules shown on the League and Cup Entry site

9. Action

RA to circulate each amended Rule to the Committee for final comment prior to submission to Council for approval

DL's offer to reformat the existing Rules and amendments and Systems and Conventions to be accepted with gratitude

Meeting ended at 15.32

Rex Anderson [Chair]