

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

LAWS & ETHICS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Belfast Boat Club on Wednesday October 25th 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: Paul Tranmer (PT), Elbha Walmsley (EW), Norma Irwin (NI), Rex Anderson (RA), Alan Sharp (AS), Ian Hamilton (IH), Shelagh McCaughan (SMcC)

In Attendance: Michael McFaul (MMcF) ex-officio.

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

2. Election of Chairman

The Convenor, AS welcomed all to the meeting and invited nominations.

RA was proposed by EW, seconded by PT. There were no other nominations and RA was unanimously elected.

RA took the Chair.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on June 1st 2016

On a proposal by AS, seconded by SMcC, the minutes were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

There were no Matters Arising

5. Terms of Reference

- i. Agreed to delete... 'on any matter concerning bridge play'. PT was concerned that rules were not being implemented consistently. Council to be asked to require the Tournament Committee to revise competition rules which will then be vetted by the LEC. Appeal process must be clear and distinct i.e. Decision maker X – Appeal to Y – Final Appeal to Z.
- ii. PT strongly opposed the Code of Conduct extending into matters away from the bridge table. He was supported by EW but SMcC spoke of the need for some mechanism to deal with unacceptable behaviour or complaints that involved Union members in different situations. It was agreed that the Code of Conduct should be more prescriptive.

Action: RA to re-draft Code of Conduct and liaise with SMcC

- iii. Delete... "and on complaints"
- iv. Unchanged
- v. Change "procedures" to "regulations". EW asked for the convention cards of players participating in trials to be monitored. RA said this was a matter for the Selection Committee.
- vi. Add in "appropriate"...matters

vii. Change to ..."Convene a panel to decide...."

Action: MMcF to revise LEC Terms of Reference.

6. Alerting and Announcing

RA agreed to circulate the existing policies of NIBU, CBAI and EBU for perusal and comment.

Action: RA

7. Other Business

EW and SMcC asked that the need for confidentiality from members be made explicitly in writing. RA agreed to include a statement in the Standing Orders to this effect.

Action: RA

8. Date of next Meeting

RA proposed that he circulate papers for perusal and convene a meeting early in 2017. Members were content with this.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8.50pm.

Michael McFaul
Hon. Secretary.