

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

LAWS & ETHICS COMMITTEE.

(Draft) Minutes of a meeting held at Kelvin-Malone on Wednesday July 26th 2017 from 2.30pm.

Present: Rex Anderson, Ian Hamilton, Alan Sharp, Shelagh McCaughan

In Attendance: Michael McFaul.

1. Election of Chairman

MMcF invited nominations. RA was proposed by IH and seconded by SMcC. There were no other nominations and RA took the Chair.

2. Apologies

There were no apologies. However uncertainty existed as to whether Elbha Walmsley had received communications regarding the meeting. IH agreed to check that she had not changed her email address

Action: IH

3. Minutes of the meeting held on January 18th 2017

The Minutes were agreed by all present.

4. Matters Arising

Item 7: Rules for Leagues & Cups.

IH briefed members on the recent revisions. RA asked that the Tournament Committee consider a requirement that league matches be scored by Butler cross-imps as well as VP's.

Action: MMcF to add to TC agenda.

5. Standing Orders & Disciplinary Procedures

Both revised versions had been approved by Council.

Action: MMcF to submit for posting on the website.

6. Terms of Reference

Council's request that item 4 specify the procedure for dealing with a complaint against Council itself or a member of Council, had been adopted in the revised text.

Action: MMcF to submit for posting on the website.

7. Code of Conduct

The deletion of text from the section on 'Courtesy' was agreed. SMcC expressed concern that the paragraph on 'Equality & Discrimination' was not comprehensive enough. Following discussion it was agreed that the section 'Equality and Discrimination' would read as follows:

'All members of the NIBU must always strive to be fair and objective in their determinations and actions, and should never be influenced in their decisions, actions or recommendations

by issues of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, religion or belief, sex or sexual orientation’.

Action: For noting by Council

8. Defence to Multi 2D opening

An NIBU member had asked the committee to consider the situation whereby the CBAI permitted players to consult their defence to the convention, should it arise at the table. Following discussion, it was agreed that the NIBU should comply with BGB requirements on the matter and that no change should be recommended.

9. Date of next meeting

To be arranged as and when the need arises.

The meeting ended at 3.30pm.

Michael McFaul
Hon. Secretary.