

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at BTMM Offices on Wednesday May 2nd 2018 at 1.00pm.

Present: Anne Fitzpatrick (Chair), Michael McFaul (Secretary), Robin Burns, Harold Curran, Liz Scott.

In Attendance: Anne Hassan (NIBU Chair)

1. **Apologies**

There were no apologies

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on March 15th 2018.**

The Minutes were agreed by all present.

3. **Matters Arising**

Item 3:9 AH said that she had engaged a team of four local members to organise the Autumn Congress in Derry

Item 6: It was confirmed that Council had agreed to contribute a sum of £500 for each of 3 years to support the PhD in Bridge at the University of Stirling

Item 7: AH & LS confirmed that they had visited a newly formed U3A Bridge club in Carrickfergus.

4. **Financial Report**

AF distributed a copy of draft financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2018 which were being passed to PGR accountants for Independent examination.

A surplus of £3,239 was achieved for the year partly due to Honoraria being replaced with claiming for expenses. Thanks were expressed to Ian Hamilton and the hard working committees for improvement in the results for the year.

5. **Next Council Meeting**

MMcF highlighted the continuing decline in support for bridge in the province. A general discussion ensued on how the issue could be addressed.

6. **2018 AGM**

It was confirmed that the meeting would now take place on Sunday June 3rd at La Mon. A buffet lunch would be provided from 1.30pm to be followed by the meeting at 2.30pm.

Action: MMcF to issue advance notice.

Action: AH to write to club secretaries with details of their quota of delegates.

7. **Masterpoints Secretary**

RB stated that he would not be standing for re-election this year. Members were unanimous in their praise of his length of service and dedication to providing such a valuable service to clubs over many years.

The meeting ended at 3pm. Next meeting to be arranged.

Michael McFaul
Hon. Secretary.