

# NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at BTMM on Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 5.15pm.

Present: John Bergin (JB), Michael McFaul (MMcF), Anne Hassan (AH), Anne Fitzpatrick (AF)

1. **Apologies:** Robin Burns (RB), Liz Scott (LS).
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2015**

a) Item 3b: **Youth Committee.**

JB confirmed he had met with the Youth Committee. It was agreed that Pat Johnston would report on YC business to Council and that this would be a standing item on the agenda.

It was expected that an NPC report on the recent Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer would be forthcoming.

b) Item 3c: **NIBU Scorecard**

The SBU template had been provided but AH reported difficulties in formatting. It was agreed to refer this issue to the Tournament Committee for resolution.

4. **Draft Council Minutes**

Following discussion, it was agreed that the February 3<sup>rd</sup> draft minutes would be published immediately pending formal acknowledgment by Council on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

***Action: MMcF to publish draft Council minutes and notify all Council members of the MC decision.***

5. **Sales of Equipment, Playing cards etc.**

It was noted that LS retained a stock of NIBU playing cards. These would continue to be supplied to clubs on request.

There were very few tables left and these were stored at La Mon. It was agreed that future requests for tables, bidding boxes etc. would be referred directly to the CBAI shop

***Action: AH to liaise with Paul Porteous over arrangements for payment and transport of equipment purchased by NIBU clubs.***

6. **Clothing for players representing the NIBU**

It was agreed that this should become the responsibility of the International Match Manager, the NPC or a member of the Tournament Committee.

***Action: MMcF to add this item to the TC agenda.***

**7. Disaffiliation**

MMcF tabled a list of 40 clubs currently paid up. It was noted that RB updated his database during the summer months in time for the new season beginning in September. It was agreed that fees for the current season would continue to be payable from November to the end of the financial year.

**8. TD Seminar**

Alan Hill had agreed to run a seminar following his recent course attendance in Prague. It was encouraging that 18 members had expressed an interest.

**9. Canadian Visitors**

AH had received an enquiry if bridge could be arranged for visitors coming to the province in May. No-one had volunteered to act as 'host'. It was agreed to suggest Derryvolgie, Kelvin Malone and Balmoral as possible playing venues.

***Action: AH to re-send email to MMcF who would contact club secretaries.***

**10. Congresses**

AH said that in future the entry fee for any event would include the price of the meal. This proposal would be discussed by the Tournament Committee.

***Action: MMcF to add to TC agenda.***

**11. Date of next meeting.**

To be confirmed.

Michael McFaul  
Hon. Secretary.