

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Kelvin-Malone on Saturday February 4th 2017 from 2.30pm

Present: Paul Tranmer (PT, Chair), Norma Irwin (NI), Toni Sproule (TS), John Murchan (JM), Harold Curran (HC), Clare Watson (CW).

In Attendance: Michael McFaul (MMcF), Secretary.

1. **Apologies**

Rex Anderson, Nuala Mooney.

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on January 17th 2017**

Item 4: Camrose 1st weekend. NPC report.

JM asked it be recorded that PT had asked him to leave the meeting prior to this item due to a conflict of interest. It was confirmed that John Ferguson's report had not been circulated to players on the committee.

Item 7: Teltscher Trophy. PT asked it be recorded that he had requested all members to be present during discussion on the format of trials.

Subject to the above, the minutes were agreed on a proposal by JM, seconded by CW.

3. **Matters Arising**

Item 7: Teltscher Trophy .

A question had been raised over the legitimacy of one entrant to the trial regarding NIBU membership. It was confirmed that the individual was not currently a registered member at an affiliated club but had been a member during last season. Further investigation revealed that there were potential problems arising from the fact that the Union did not permit individual membership. A member had to be a registered and paid up member of an affiliated club but a club could delay or default on its affiliation in such a way that a member could in theory be rendered ineligible to play in a trial. It was agreed that this anomaly be taken to Council for resolution. In this instance it was decided to allow the individual entry to the trial subject to the membership fee being paid the next day.

It was confirmed there were now 5 pairs entered for the trial, 2 pairs having withdrawn to join the sponsor's team. It was agreed to play a 1 day trial on Sunday February 19th involving 14 board matches.

Action: MMcF – Council.

Item 9: Coaching of Lady Milne players.

JM said that arrangements were at an advanced stage and that considerable interest had been shown by LM players.

4. Camrose 2nd weekend - Selection of 3rd pair, Reserve Pair and NPC.

PT and JM left the room after being allowed to each make a 5 minute statement. HC was deemed to be no longer conflicted.

CW was elected Chair for this part of the meeting. Each remaining member expressed their preference and a vote was taken.

Members voted by a majority against re-instating the original team

Members voted by a majority in favour of selecting one pair from the original team in order of finishing in the trial i.e. Anderson/Greenwood – Burns/Murchan – Mackenzie/Campbell.

It was further agreed to nominate Coffey/O'Shea as first reserve pair should all 3 Camrose partnerships refuse to accept selection.

A number of names were suggested as potential NPC for the event.

PT and JM re-joined the meeting.

5. Egan Trophy.

HC asked that the winners of the imminent NI Teams event be reminded that their qualification for the Egan trophy was automatic.

Action: MMcF

6. Lady Milne Reserves

TS and partner. MMcF agreed to contact Dymphna Friel to see if she was available.

Action: MMcF.

7. Response to Correspondence from Ciara Burns

JM agreed to draft and circulate an appropriate response.

8. Date of next meeting

March 8th 2017 at KM from 7.30pm.

It was agreed that this meeting would be dedicated to agreeing the SC Manual in revised form.

The meeting ended at 4.10pm.

Michael McFaul

Hon. Sec.