

# **NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION**

## **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Summary of a meeting held at Belfast Boat Club on Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7pm.

Present: Harold Curran, Chairman (HC), Michael McFaul (MMcF), Secretary, Toni Sproule (TS), Rex Anderson (RA), Nuala Mooney (NM), John Murchan (JM), Paul Tranmer (PT)

Apologies: Norma Irwin, Clare Watson.

### **1. Sonya Britton ('North-South' match)**

RA proposed that team selection for this event should revert to its original model i.e. teams to be selected by the President and Chairperson. The Selection Committee could make recommendations. This was agreed unanimously.

**Action: MMcF to refer to Council**

### **2. Inter-Regionals**

NM indicated that 5 pairs had been selected for the Intermediate teams. Agreed that players would be asked to express interest in playing on the 3 senior teams.

**Action: MMcF to circulate and request posting on website front page.**

### **3. Camrose Trials**

Agreed to select those pairs finishing first, second and third for the first weekend but no guarantees for the second weekend. Entry confirmed at £90 per player to be paid on entry.

**Action: HC to circulate draft 'Conditions of Entry' to SC members for agreement then to players and website. Closing date for entries August 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### **4. Lady Milne Trials**

Agreed to hold a second weekend if 9 or more pairs enter. Entry fee £45 per weekend per player. TS suggested extending one weekend to include Friday night's play.

**Action: HC to circulate draft as above in '3'.**

**Action: MMcF to request expressions of interest from members interested in acting as non-playing captain in any event.**

### **5. Teltscher Trophy**

RA proposed that a patron's team from the English trials be asked to fill the 6<sup>th</sup> place. HC proposed that a 2<sup>nd</sup> NIBU team be selected. The latter proposal was agreed following a vote of 4-2 in favour.

### **6. Selection Committee Manual**

MMcF said that the manual should be seen as a 'rule-of-thumb' guide rather than as a constitution. There was general agreement in favour of RA's re-drafted version but with the following modifications –

- a) The 3 teams selected for the Egan would be the winners of the NI Teams and those teams finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Premier 1 League.
- b) All bills to be paid by players within 14 days
- c) The winners of Premier 2 to be recommended as the 'Masters' team in the North-South match.

7. **Coaching**

JM stated that Michael Burn would provide a quote for coaching potential Lady Milne players. A template would be drawn up following decision by Council on this matter.

***Action: TS to ask Greer Mackenzie to post a notice on the website front page asking for expressions of interest in coaching from potential Lady Milne players.***

8. Next meeting to be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> 2016.

The meeting ended at 9pm.

Michael McFaul

Hon. Secretary.