

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Derryvolgie on Friday January 11th 2019 from 11am.

Present: Ken Hammond (Chair), Nuala Mooney, Eric Lesage, Sam Hall, Paul Tranmer.

In Attendance: Michael McFaul (Hon. Sec)

1. Apologies

There were no apologies

2. Minutes of the last meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting held on November 30th 2018 were agreed on a show of hands.

3. Matters Arising

Item 5: MMcF confirmed that Alan Hill had agreed to act as NPC to the Lady Milne team

Item 7: It was confirmed that the Youth Committee had selected Diane Greenwood as NPC for the Junior Camrose team and Sandie Millership for the Peggy Bayer team.

4. Camrose 1st weekend.

Ian Lindsay's NPC report was commended and the committee noted with satisfaction that the team had performed respectably, currently lying in front of Scotland and Ireland.

Following discussion it was agreed that both team and NPC would be unchanged.

MMcF agreed to ask Helen Hall to raise the matter of BBO presentation at Home International matches with Bridge Great Britain.

Action: MMcF

5. Teltscher Trials

9 entries had been submitted including 1 request for exemption. It was agreed that I. Hamilton & H. Campbell would be exempted from the trial providing the entry fee of £45 per player was forthcoming. It was further agreed that the partnership would have to play should any pair withdraw in the interim.

Sandie Millership was confirmed as TD for the trial to be held on Wednesday February 6th and Thursday 7th. The trial would consist of 7x14 board matches and MMcF was asked to circulate optional schedules of play. It was noted that the TD would be unavailable from 6.30pm on the Thursday.

EL agreed to request boards to be dealt from Liz Scott.

Action: MMcF, EL.

6. IBU Trials Proposal

The paper emanating from the IBU International Committee proposing joint trials was tabled. It was noted that the proposal had not been received favourably by those NIBU members who had commented. It was felt unlikely that many NIBU partnerships would be

prepared to participate in such trials. The Committee recommended that Council reject adoption of the proposal.

Action: MMcF to Council

7. Moylan

It was agreed to follow guidance from the SC Manual. The winners of red-point Pairs events in the calendar year 2018 would be offered a place with remaining places to be filled by invitation for entries from NIBU players.

Action: MMcF

8. Lady Milne Options

KH commented on the low entries for the recent trial and highlighted potential difficulties in raising 2 teams for the competition in 2020-21 when the NIBU is due to host the event. It was agreed that attempts would be made to establish the strongest possible female partnerships for the event and it was hoped that Council would agree to fund coaching again.

Action : NM

9. Any Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting ended at noon.

10. Date of next meeting.

Friday February 15th 2019 from 11am at Derryvolgie.

Michael McFaul
Hon. Secretary.