

# NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

(Draft) Minutes of a meeting held at the Belfast Boat Club on Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 from 4.30pm.

**Present:** Paul Tranmer (Chair), Rex Anderson, Clare Watson, Nuala Mooney, Norma Irwin

**In Attendance:** Michael McFaul (Hon. Sec.)

**1. Apologies**

John Murchan, Toni Sproule, Harold Curran

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on March 16<sup>th</sup> 2017**

The Minutes were agreed by all present.

**3. Matters Arising**

It was agreed that the Minutes should not record statements or views expressed by named members of the committee but should focus on decisions made and action points agreed by those present.

**4. Selection Committee Manual**

RA took members through Section Four and a final text was agreed. A list of eligible players for the 'Masters' team category in the Inter-Provincial Teams event was circulated.

Members were encouraged to note the names of several capable and enthusiastic players amongst those listed.

It was agreed that the Manual would not record Coaching as falling within the purview of the Selection Committee.

The full text now to go to Council on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. PT to attend and respond to any questions submitted in advance of the meeting.

***Action: RA to finalise agreed version of Section Four and send to MMcF***

***Action: MMcF to format complete text and send to Council members for perusal.***

**5. Co-ordination of trial dates**

It was agreed in principle to liaise with Paul Porteous in order to agree common dates with the CBAI for trials in respect of the Camrose, Lady Milne and Teltscher trophies. All present felt it would be highly beneficial to play the same boards and have the results scored both individually and also across both bodies.

***Action: MMcF to notify Paul Porteous.***

***Action: MMcF to ask the Tournament Committee to reserve dates currently proposed for CBAI trials.***

6. **Camrose 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend NPC report.**

John Ferguson's report was tabled. It was agreed that 'conflicted' players would not see the full version but that a redacted version would be provided for their benefit. All agreed that it was unrealistic to expect the NIBU to seriously challenge England and Ireland given their resources. Wales and Scotland could be defeated but to do so would require intensive coaching at a high level.

7. **Lady Milne**

It was noted with regret that Sheila Sharkey had been forced to withdraw from the team for personal reasons. It was agreed to select a replacement pair by going down the list of triallists in order of results.

8. **Junior Camrose report**

Sandie Millership was thanked for her report.

It was noted that Wayne Somerville had shown a strong interest in Junior Bridge and members agreed that Council should recommend that he be asked to organise the Junior Camrose team for 2018

***Action: MMcF to take to Council***

***Action: NI to brief Youth Committee.***

9. **Peggy Bayer**

Members were concerned that no NIBU team had been sent despite the fact that three Northern teams had featured strongly in the all-Ireland Schools event.

It was noted that William Dukelow had expressed an interest in coaching and working with young players.

***Action: NI to brief Youth Committee***

The meeting ended at 6.10pm. No date was set for another meeting.

Michael McFaul

Hon. Secretary.