

# NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Derryvolgie Club on Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm.

Present: Paul Tranmer, Nuala Mooney, Ken Hammond, Sam Hall, Eric Lesage

In Attendance: Michael McFaul

**1. Election of Chairman**

MMcF asked for nominations. PT was proposed by SH, seconded by NM. There were no other nominees and PT was elected unanimously. He took the Chair.

**2. Apologies**

With all members present, there were no apologies.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on April 11<sup>th</sup> 2017**

The Minutes were accepted following confirmation by PT and NM that they accurately reflected business transacted at the meeting.

**4. Matters Arising**

Item 8: PT said he would circulate Sandie Millership's NPC report on the Junior Camrose. It was confirmed that NPC reports would not be sent to participating players and that such reports were privy to the non-conflicted members of the committee.

***Action: PT to circulate Sandie Millership's report.***

**5. Selection Committee Manual**

MMcF referred to the changes requested by Council in the revised version, previously circulated. PT reiterated his concern that the committee no longer had any genuine powers of discretion on selection matters. However he said it was time to move on and accept the required conditions.

***Action: MMcF to circulate a final, re-formatted version to committee and Council members. Also post on the website.***

**6. Sonya Britton trophy ('North/South match')**

It was unclear whether the new 'Master' grade adopted by the CBAI i.e. players holding 10-40 red points was intended to reflect the standard of the 'Masters' team at the North-South match, as it did for the forthcoming Inter-Regionals. MMcF agreed to check with Paul Porteous.

***Action: MMcF to confirm expected standard of team playing as 'Masters' in the N/S match***

**7. Calendar**

It was confirmed that Ulster would now have to field 9 teams, including 3 at the grade corresponding to 'Master'. NM agreed to contact Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal to see if they wished to be included in the team selection.

***Action: NM to liaise with 3 Ulster Counties in ROI.***

**8. Commonwealth Bridge Event**

MMcF confirmed that a full quota of players willing to go to Australia at their own expense was no longer available. As a consequence, no action was necessary.

***Action: MMcF to contact the organisers.***

**9. Camrose Trials**

PT suggested that the committee consider holding a team trial for the 2018 competition. SH referred to past history and why 'Pairs' trials had tended to be adopted as the norm. All agreed the option to hold a team trial should remain open pro tem pending consultation with NIBU players prior to making a final decision on the format.

***Action: MMcF to ask for 'Expressions of Interest' in a possible Team trial***

**10. Junior Players**

PT referred to the previous committee's recommendation that Wayne Somerville be asked to coach junior players on BBO. MMcF said the Youth Committee were aware of this suggestion and were happy to involve Wayne in this capacity.

**11. Date of next meeting**

Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> at Derryvolgie from 3pm.

The meeting ended at 4.05pm.

Michael McFaul  
Hon. Secretary.