

# **NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION**

## **SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Summary of a meeting held at Belfast Boat Club on Wednesday September 14th 2016 at 7pm.

Present: Clare Watson (CW) (Chair), Michael McFaul (MMcF), Secretary, Toni Sproule (TS), Rex Anderson (RA), Nuala Mooney (NM), John Murchan (JM), Paul Tranmer (PT), Norma Irwin (NI)

Apologies: Harold Curran

**1. Election of Temporary Chairperson.**

On a proposal by TS and seconded by JM, CW was elected Chair in the absence of Harold Curran. All agreed.

**2. Conflict of Interest**

RA quoted Council policy which allowed conflicted members to partake in discussions relevant to their interest but not to any decision-making. JM stated that he would be writing to Council on the matter as his experience had been that, in practice a conflicted member was excluded from all relevant discussion.

It was agreed to work within official Council Guidelines on the matter.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2016**

The Minutes were agreed on a proposal by TS and seconded by PT.

To save time it was agreed that draft minutes would be seen by all members with a 48 hour deadline for corrections prior to posting on the website.

**4. Camrose Trials**

8 pairs had entered and all had submitted Convention Cards. It was decided to have a 10.30am start on Saturday and 11.00am start on Sunday for both weekends. Following later discussion it was confirmed that no commitment would be given to automatically select 123 and that selection would take place post-trial. It was also agreed to employ the BGB Review Process in place of appeals. The former would involve a number of senior players being available on the phone for consultation with the TD should the need arise. A £50 deposit would be payable, non-returnable should the requested review be considered frivolous.

***Action: MMcF to circulate trial schedule to all players and ask Brian McDowell to post c.c's on the website.***

***Action: CW to contact Alan Hill regarding schedule and Review Process.***

***Action: NI to enlist helpers for room setup, tables erection etc.***

**5. Lady Milne Trials**

8 pairs had entered and all had submitted Convention Cards. It was confirmed that only one weekend trial would be held. TS proposed including Friday night but RA stated that this would not be necessary. It was agreed that the same conditions would apply for the Lady Milne as for the Camrose trials.

**6. Inter-Provincial Teams Selection**

NM confirmed the line-up for the 3 Intermediate Teams and confirmed that accommodation had been reserved for all players at the Shamrock Lodge. Members thanked NM for the efficient manner in which she had organised the Intermediates. 8 Senior pairs had said they were available and the

teams were selected by secret ballot resulting in Team 1 – A.Fitzpatrick & H.Curran, B.Collins & H.Kent-Webster. Team 2- R.Anderson & D.Greenwood, F.Gibbons &S. Trant. Team 3 – S&J Millership\*, N.Irwin & S. Sharkie.

\*Or S. Millership & R.Young.

NI was elected Captain of the Intermediates and RA Captain of the Seniors.

**Action: MMcF to notify Senior players selected.**

**Action NM to give MMcF contact details for Gibbons&Trant.**

**7. Teltscher Trophy**

MMcF informed members that Council would decide whether the 6<sup>th</sup> team would be a second NIBU team or a sponsored team. Some uncertainty existed as to whether sponsorship would still be forthcoming following a recent meeting of Bridge Great Britain and subsequent briefing from Brian McDowell.

**8. Selection Committee Manual.**

It was agreed to include a section outlining the Conditions of Entry to Trials and also more prescriptive guidance on when substitutes would be permitted in a trial i.e. to specify only in a case of emergency.

**Action: RA to carry out all amendments and circulate final version to SC members.**

**9. AOB - Coaching**

JM spoke of the possibility of recruiting a Dutch Expert, Jan Jasma to coach the Camrose and Michael Byrne to coach the Lady Milne players. Realistically this would take place during the 2017-18 season.

It was agreed to defer all action until Council's response to the request for a coaching grant was made known.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting immediately after the conclusion of the Camrose Trials on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup> at c. 7pm. It was further agreed that no announcement would be made until the following day.

Michael McFaul

Hon. Secretary.