

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Selection Committee held at Kelvin-Malone on Sunday November 20th 2016 from 6.10pm.

Present: Paul Tranmer (PT), Rex Anderson (RA), Norma Irwin (NI), Clare Watson (CW), Nuala Mooney (NM), Toni Sproule (TS), Harold Curran (HC), John Murchan (JM)

In Attendance: Michael McFaul (MMcF) Ex-officio.

1. Apologies

None

2. Election of Chairman

MMcF asked for nominations. CW was proposed by PT, seconded by NM. PT was proposed by CW, seconded by TS.

A secret ballot was carried out resulting in a tied vote with 2 abstentions. CW announced that she would withdraw and PT was elected unanimously.

PT took the Chair.

3. Declarations of interest

CW, TS and NM declared an interest in items 8 and 10.

JM, RA, HC and PT declared an interest in item 9.

4. Minutes of the meeting on October 16th 2016

JM felt that his views had not been reflected. PT reminded members to submit comments on the draft to the Secretary before the deadline. The minutes were subsequently agreed.

5. Minutes of the meeting on October 25th 2016.

The minutes were agreed.

6. Matters Arising

161016 Item 9: Screen Rules

MMcF confirmed that Sandra Claridge had replied stating that BGB had not yet revised their rules around using screens in Home International events.

7. Inter-Provincials 2016

NI's reports were tabled and welcomed by all. Congratulations were offered to the Intermediates for their fine performance in winning for the second year. There was disappointment at the poor performance of the Seniors. RA suggested a selection method similar to that used for the Egan. It was agreed to defer further discussion to a later date.

8. Selection of Lady Milne team

CW, NI and TS left the room. Following discussion it was agreed to select pairs finishing 1st and 2nd in the trials i.e. Clare Watson & Heather Hill, Diane Greenwood & Helen Cole. After further discussion HC proposed selecting Ciara Burns & Ruth Connolly as the third pair, seconded by JM and agreed on a majority vote.

Action: MMcF to notify Lady Milne trialists. JM to notify Ciara Burns & Ruth Connolly.

9. Appointment of Camrose NPC.

MMcF briefed members on the nominations and feedback from players. JM, HC, PT and RA left the room while a vote was taken. John Ferguson was elected unanimously.

Action: MMcF to notify John Ferguson

10. Appointment of Lady Milne NPC

Alan Hill was elected unanimously.

Action: MMcF to notify Alan Hill

11. Appeals panel Training

MMcF referred to correspondence from Alan Hill. It was agreed to ask Council to consider supporting the proposal for training.

Action: Council agenda

12. Correspondence

PT read out a letter from Sheila Sharkey, just received. It referred to an incident during the recent trial. Members agreed that the matter was one for the Tournament Director and Appeals panel to resolve but it was noted that no appeal had been lodged.

Action: MMcF to draft response.

13. Other Business

- a) TS expressed disappointment that NM had been the only other Selector to attend the Lady Milne trials as a kibitzer.
- b) It was agreed to circulate the notice for the Teltscher Trial before Christmas.

Action: RA to draft and liaise with MMcF

14. Date of next meeting

It was agreed to meet just prior to the league match on January 17th 2017 i.e. at the Belfast Boat Club from 4.30pm. All items for the agenda to the Secretary by January 10th.

Michael McFaul
Hon. Sec.