

# **NOTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION**

## **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday 25 April 2018 at Kelvin and Malone at 11.00am

**Present:** Liz Scott-Chair (LS), Ian Hamilton (IH), Barbara Ewart (BE), Brian McDowell (BMcD), Anne Hassan (AH)

**Apologies:** S Millership, M McFaul, D Leeman

LS welcomed members and circulated an agenda.

The minutes of the last TC Committee were agreed, proposed by IH and seconded by BMcD.

### **Matters Arising**

BE said that there had been many complaints re the food at La Mon. She said that the dishes supplied were not to the liking of most, especially Intermediate players. IH said that it appeared that quite a few people seemed to bring their own lunches and that was fine so long as they ate it in the car park and not in the hotel. AH Said that she had spoken to the hotel in the past and would talk to La Mon again.

### **Fixture List**

BMcD had put a proposed fixture list on the website and LS thanked him for this.

AH produced a fixture list in booklet form. Much discussion took place regarding the various competitions run by the Union. LS said that she was disappointed by the lack of support from our members but that as we were an aging population that was perhaps inevitable. A lot of time was spent re-arranging the fixture list and discussion as to which competitions were viable and which were not. AH said that the diary needed to be proof read before it was published and she was prepared to do this.

### **Trial dates for Home Internationals**

This is a matter for the Selection Committee and therefore we had nothing to discuss.

### **Intermediate League**

Throughout the latter part of the league a problem was raised by a member of one of the teams, about the 'final play off'. BE said it was accepted that this was run with the best intentions but had left a 'sour' taste in the mouth. IH said that all the information had been put on the website prior to the start of the league and he had had no complaints. He said that he had done his best to produce a schedule that would allow the competition to take place as there were so few teams entered. It was commented upon that the rules didn't cover this type of play off. LS said that she thought IH had done a grand job, as usual, but added that she had asked IH and DL to have another look at the rules to endeavour to tidy up some of the anomalies and to endeavour to make sure we stuck rigidly by the rules in the future.

B McDowell said that he had raised the matter of Vugraph operators and suggested that we should follow the example of the SBU in using our Junior Camrose players. LS said that she had difficulty with this as most of our Junior Camrose players had gone to University outside the Province and as these jobs were voluntary it would cost them a lot of money to come home for a weekend to do Vugraph. She added that she thought she now had enough people trained and willing to do Vugraph.

LS thanked all those in attendance for the work they had done over the past year and especially BE for her hard work in getting so many Intermediate players out to competitions.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1 pm.

Liz Scott  
Hon Competitions Sec, NIBU