

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Kelvin-Malone on Wednesday December 2nd 2015 from 1.30pm.

Present: Liz Scott, Chair (LS), Michael McFaul, Secretary (MMcF), Anne Hassan (AH), Brian McDowell (BMcD), June Spiers (JS), Ian Hamilton (IH)

Apologies: David Leeman (DL), Stephen Cairns (SC).

1. Matters Arising from the meeting held on July 1st 2015

a) Leagues.

Due to Cooke re-locating to KM premises, Monday night was no longer available for league matches. LS informed members that all affected team captains had been informed of revised arrangements. Changes had also been posted on the website.

b) Agnew Cup

Action: JS to email details to all golf clubs

c) Mackinnon Cup

Action: IH to check with Rex Anderson if a missed entry had now been accommodated in the draw.

d) Down District Inter A/B Challenge

Action: IH agreed to clarify on the website that the venue is Denvir's Hotel.

e) Inventory

DL had stored all equipment at La Mon but concern was expressed at volume of missing items – bidding boxes, tablecloths.

Action: MMcF to seek authority to purchase 20 tablecloths.

f) Teaching Packages

Action: LS to take this item to the Management Committee.

g) Convention & Score Card

Action: AH to draft template with revised WBF scale and NIBU logo.

h) Gala Pairs

Agreed that this competition should now come within the purview of the Tournament Committee.

2. Competitions

LS had asked SC if he would run the Provincial Mixed Pairs in Enniskillen.

It was agreed to retain the immediate past month only of the website calendar of events.

3. Venues

It was agreed to focus on making future events more of an 'occasion' to attract bigger entries. It was felt that hotels and golf clubs should be approached as possible venues, with

players paying a combined entry fee + meal @ c. £30. The new fixture list would avoid clashes with any IBU events and important CBAI fixtures.

The next meeting to focus on devising a new fixture list for 2016-17 that would attract bigger entries.

4. Trophies

LS said she had been given a large collection of trophies to store; many were felt to belong to events that were now redundant. It was suggested that some could be re-assigned to other competition.

Action: LS to send list of trophies to MMcF. MMcF to seek identification. IH to store those that cannot be awarded to current winners.

5. Competition Results

It was felt that the NIBU should have a link on the website to its own results page.

Action: BMcD to draft paper after confirming parameters for retaining a results archive on Bridgewebs. MMcF to take to Council.

The meeting ended at 3.50pm. The next meeting to be at Kelvin-Malone on Wednesday February 24th from 1.45pm.

Michael McFaul
Hon. Secretary.