

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION
Council Meeting

The inaugural meeting of NIBU Council was held at Kelvin & Malone on Monday 11 June 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present: C Burns (Chairperson), L Scott (Secretary), R Burns (Masterpoints Secretary). D Cannell, P Johnston, J Bergin, R Connolly, I Lindsay, S Cairns.

Apologies: A Sharp, N Irwin, E McNicholl.

Minutes

The minutes of the GP meeting held on 25th April 2012 were passed and signed by the Chairperson.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

Report of Chair/President – C Burns/A Sharp

There was nothing to report.

Secretary's Report – L Scott

There was nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report – N Irwin

There was nothing to report.

Masterpoint Secretary's Report – R Burns

The Masterpoints Secretary said that under the new Constitution there were to be no private affiliations and that there were, at present, a number of these. He asked how this should be addressed. S Cairns asked what advantage or disadvantage there whether a person affiliated or not. It was explained that unless affiliated through a club a person could not play in representative matches and would not get masterpoints from any competition they played in. R Burns to let the Secretary know the names of people who had privately affiliated and she will write to them and tell them of the change within the new Constitution.

Election of Sub-Committees

Selection Committee – R Plunkett (Convenor), I Lindsay, S McCaughan, G Mackenzie, D Leeman, R Hill, J Murchan,

Laws & Ethics Committee – A Hill (Convenor), I Lindsay, J Spiers, S Sloan, R Anderson, I Hamilton

Tournament & Play Committee – J Murchan (Convenor), M Murray, C Byrne, C Jeffries

Finance Committee – N Irwin (Convenor), M McFaul, G Mackenzie, A Hassan, R Anderson

International Match Manager – B McDowell with A Hassan as Deputy

BGB Representative – B McDowell

IBU Delegates – H Curran (Jt Hon Secretary), C Burns, A Fitzpatrick, N Irwin, T O'Gallagher, I Lindsay, J Murchan, L Scott

AOB

It was decided that the Union Computer should be held by the Competitions Secretary, J Murchan. L Scott said that we needed to check if we required to update our licence for Scorebridge and it was agreed that this should be done and updated if necessary.

C Burns to write to Donegal to encourage them to play in our Interclub Competitions.

P Johnston asked about BGB competitions and C Burns informed her that SBU were intending to run a Celtic Pairs competition in conjunction with WBU, CBAI and NIBU with profits being shared equally. P Johnston said she would like to know the proposed dates so that she could arrange the diary for her club. She was advised that SBU website would probably be the best solution as they were the organisers.

C Burns said that there were a few grammatical errors in the new Constitution and that she had organised a sub-committee to look into this.

Date of next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 18 October 2012 at Maghera at 7.30pm.

Signed _____ Dated _____