

NORTHERN IRELAND

BRIDGE UNION

Present – N Irwin (Convenor), C Burns, G MacKenzie, R Anderson, A Hassan & M McFaul

Apologies – A Sharp

1. **Election of Chairman** N. Irwin was elected Chairman on a proposal by M Mc Faul and seconded by C. Burns.
2. **Report on cash flow and estimate for income/expenditure for year.** N Irwin provided cash flow statement from May – August 2012 which showed an income of £4340 and a total expenditure of £6030. The balance in the current account was £4000 and in the reserve account the balance was £15000. The 5 year budget was available.
3. **Honoraria** – it was felt the honoraria for the officers of the Union should remain unchanged
4. **Representative match expenses** – at present the NIBU fund players for the Lady Milne and Camrose trophies by paying travel expense. Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer players have both their travel and hotel expenses paid.
5. **Master point fees/TD fees/Prizes** - The Committee agreed to recommend to Council that the entry fees to events be increased £15 for 2 sessions and £8 for one session events and that congress entry fees be increased to £20 and £10. 40% of gross income is paid out in prizes and in the event of an increase in entry fees these will increase accordingly. The committee felt that TD fees should be reviewed and the TD and his partner if the TD is playing should have their meal paid for in the half time interval in two session events. Fees for dealing of boards were discussed. At present, £2 is paid by the Union for the dealing of a set of boards which can take approximately one hour. It was agreed by the committee to recommend to Council that this payment be increased to £5 per set.
6. **Election of sub committees.** R. Anderson and M.McFaul to form a subcommittee to formulate a business plan for the NIBU and following on from that to investigate the purchase of premises. They were provided with a list of members who had expressed an interest in assisting for possible co-option onto the subcommittee. M.McFaul was appointed as Chairman of the subcommittee. A subcommittee of C burns, G MacKenzie and N. Irwin (Chairman) was formed to deal with the day to day expenses incurred in the running of the NIBU.
7. **Sponsorship.**- it was agreed to take active steps to secure sponsorship on behalf of the NIBU. C. Burns is to investigate the possibility of obtaining sponsorship for stationery and for at least one of the NIBU competitions.
8. **Lottery per Harold Curran.** It was confirmed by N. Irwin that H. Curran had done a great deal of work in investigating the possibility of organising an internal lottery to generate funds. He was finalising his report and he hoped that he would be able to make a presentation to the Committee in the near future.
9. **Proposals for trustees to be appointed at next AGM.** Matter discussed by the Committee. Trustees will be necessary if premises are to be purchased and lottery funding secured. The Committee will make recommendations to Council before the next AGM.
10. **Insurance.** C Burns agreed to make enquiries with Paul Porteous of the CBAI with regards to insurance. C Burns confirmed that through Allianz, they offer insurance to the clubs at a reduced rate to encourage affiliation.
11. **Standing Orders to be submitted for ratification before 14/09/2012.** N. Irwin to forward these to the Hon. Sec. for Council approval. See attachment below.
12. **AOB** – date of next meeting confirmed as 28th November 2012

