

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Summary of a meeting held at BakerTillyMooney offices on November 19th 2014 at 5.15pm

Present: John Bergin (JB), Ciara Burns (CB), Michael McFaul (MMcF), Robin Burns (RB), John Murchan (JM), Anne Fitzpatrick (AF).

JB chaired.

1. **Apologies** – None. All present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
3. **Action** pending from previous meeting (Items 4-11 following)
4. **Welcome Packs** – Action: Distribution to clubs to be completed by CB
5. **Amplifier** – Action: JM to purchase in January.
6. **Playing Cards** – 5000 packs now delivered. 25 clubs have received 30 packs each. Action: CB to complete distribution. MMcF to notify clubs that extra packs may be purchased @£10 per bundle of 10.
7. **Bridgemates** – RB suggested training to clubs on their use. JB reported that Eric McNicholl would be happy to advise clubs.
8. **Rules sub-committee** – JM reported revision to be presented at Council meeting on 3 December.
9. **New laptops** – Now purchased and available
10. **Trophies** – Action: CB to retrieve relevant trophy(s) before March.
11. **TD course** – Sandie Millership is running a course at KM. Action: JB to find out if future courses at KM would be open to all. JM stated that Paul McAllister had shown an interest and was shadowing Alan Hill. All agreed the need for additional TD's for NIBU events was pressing.
12. **Terms of Reference** – Accepted for referral to Council
13. **Financial report** – AF reported current balance of account and expenditure.
14. **Website** – It was noted that Greer Mackenzie was continuing to update and it was felt there was no need for temporary arrangements to be put in place.

15. **NIBU Manual** – Action: MMcF to discuss re-alignment of information on the website to bring together all Policies, Procedures, Constitution, Officers duties etc alongside the Competitions Manual. Electronic copies to be distributed to clubs on completion.

16. **Development Officer** – JB reported that a list of duties and responsibilities had been agreed with CB.

17. **Affiliation Update** – MMcF tabled a paper showing that 20 clubs had paid fees as of November 18th.

18. **Youth Committee Business Plan** – It was agreed that no payment could be made for coaching prior to Council approval of this proposal in the plan. Action: MMcF and JB to meet with members of Youth Committee prior to Council in order to clarify matters pertaining to the plan.

19. **Child Protection Policy** – MMcF confirmed the IBU paper was not a CP policy as such. Action: JB to liaise with Shelagh McCaughan and produce a policy for the NIBU.

20. **Tables and screens** – It was agreed to purchase 6 new screens for international matches Action: JM to cost and source

21. **Seniors Congress** – CB requested that all publicise this event to be held at La Mon in March. Action: CB to draft flier and send to MMcF for distribution to clubs etc.

Next meeting to be held at Clarendon Road at 5.15pm on Wednesday February 4th 2015

Michael McFaul
Hon. Secretary.