

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

(Draft) Minutes of the meeting held at La Mon Hotel on Sunday June 16th, 2019 from 1.30pm

Present:	President	Ian Lindsay
	Chairperson	Harold Curran
	Hon. Secretary	Michael McFaul
	Hon. Treasurer	Anne Fitzpatrick
	Hon. Competitions Secretary	Liz Scott
	Hon. Masterpoints Secretary	Ian Hamilton
	Vice-Chairperson elect	Heather Hill
	Councillor	Nuala Mooney
	Councillor	Christine Crockett
	Councillor	Helen Hall
	Councillor	Norman Lacey
	Councillor	Eric Lesage
	Councillor	Ken Hammond
	Councillor	Tom McKeever
	Councillor	John Ferguson

Delegates: Dudley Marjoram, Peter Conway (Armagh), Maureen Kelly, Maeve Wylie (Downshire Hospital), Roberta Madill (Carrickfergus), Stan Lowe, Rae Seaton (Derryvolgie), Barbara Ewart, Richard Coulter, Wayne Somerville (Holywood), Jacky Marks, Geoff Booth, Heather Scott (Killyleagh), Robin Burns, Derek Cannell, Toni Sproule, Alan Hill (Kelvin & Malone), Hilary Ferguson (Quoile), Jacinta McKeown (SMCOBA), Elaine Mulvenna (Teconnaught)

Apologies: Ian Hamilton, Anne Hassan, Pat Johnston, Elbha Walmsley, Norma Irwin, Christine Byrne, James McAllister, Emmet Devlin, Rosemary Kilpatrick, Helen Lowe, Pauline Flanagan, Lynda Johnston, Rosemary O'Neill, Greer Mackenzie, Brian Hamill, John Murchan, Mark Lennon, Clare Watson

Following refreshments, the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

On a proposal by Derek Cannell, seconded by Helen Hall, the Minutes were accepted.

2. Matters Arising.

None.

3. Annual Reports

The Chairperson paid tribute to Greer Mackenzie and the work he had done over many years in setting up the NIBU website but who was now stepping down. Members showed their appreciation in the customary fashion. The Chair spoke about his first year in office, stating that the hosting of the Junior Internationals had been a highlight. He paid tribute to

all the organisers and spoke of the warm congratulations he had received on their behalf from many of the participants.

The Secretary said that, due to an oversight, the election of the office of President had been overlooked when determining business to be transacted. However, the matter would be dealt with along with the election of Officers and Councillors.

The Treasurer informed members that the Union had incurred a loss for the first time. Congress sponsorship had been lost and income from competitions was down.

The Competitions Secretary regretted the continuing downturn in entry levels to Union events, a situation reflected in comments by the Chair of the Selection Committee.

The Chairs of both the Laws & Ethics Committee and Youth Committee were not present and were thanked for their reports.

On a proposal by Nuala Mooney, seconded by Toni Sproule, all reports and related documents were accepted.

4. Financial Accounts

On a proposal by Alan Hill, seconded by Hilary Ferguson, the accounts for year ending March 31st, 2019, were accepted.

5. Chairperson's Address

The Chair paid tribute to the work and support of the Officers, Committee members and Tournament Directors.

6. President's Address

The President said his period of tenure had been a pleasure, largely derived from seeing Council, Committees and Officers working well together for the benefit of the Organisation as a whole.

7. Election of Officers

On a proposal by Nuala Mooney, seconded by Tom McKeever, the following officers were re-elected:

Honorary Secretary	Michael McFaul
Honorary Treasurer	Anne Fitzpatrick
Honorary Competitions Secretary	Liz Scott
Honorary Masterpoints Secretary	Ian Hamilton

8. Election of International Match Manager

Helen Hall was re-elected on a proposal by Liz Scott, seconded by John Ferguson

9. Election of Examining Accountant

Peter Green was re-elected on a proposal by Ian Lindsay, seconded by Alan Hill

10. Election of Councillors

Delegates voted by secret ballot to elect 11 nominees from a field of 13 candidates. The following were duly elected:

Christine Crockett (Maghera)
John Ferguson (Quoile)
Helen Hall (Belfast Boat Club)
Ken Hammond (Spa)

Anne Hassan (SMCOBA)
Norma Irwin (Kelvin & Malone)
Pat Johnston (Derryvolgie)
Norman Lacey (Carrickfergus)
Eric Lesage (Kelvin & Malone)
Tom McKeever (Coleraine)
Patrick Rice (St. Joseph's Carryduff)

11. Election of Vice-Chairperson

Heather Hill was elected on a proposal by Helen Hall, seconded by Nuala Mooney

12. Election of President

The Chairperson stated that he had asked John Murchan if he would be prepared to stand for office and he had agreed. On a proposal by Stan Lowe, seconded by Alan Hill, John Murchan was elected notwithstanding an objection voiced by a delegate.

13. Presentation of Trophies

The following trophies were presented to winners:

Premier 2	Wayne Somerville (on behalf of Team O'Kane)
Inter 'A'	Christine Crockett
Inter 'B'	Norman Lacey & Rae Seaton
Millership Cup	Tom McKeever

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.45pm.

Michael McFaul
Hon. Secretary