

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

COUNCIL

(Draft) Minutes of a meeting of the NIBU Council held at La Mon House on Saturday April 30th 2016 from 10.30am.

Present: Ian Hamilton (President), John Bergin (JB) - Chairman, Anne Hassan (AH)-President/Chair-Elect, Michael McFaul (MMcF) - Hon. Secretary, Liz Scott (LS)-Hon. Competitions Secretary, Robin Burns (RB), Hon. Masterpoints Secretary, Harold Curran (HC) Eric McNicholl (EMcN), Ian Lindsay (IL),

In attendance as Observer: Derek Cannell (DC)

1. Apologies:

Pat Coull, Anne Fitzpatrick, Valerie Von Hof, Sinead McNicholl, Pat Johnston.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the meeting held on April 5th 2016

On a proposal by IL and seconded by EMcN, the minutes were agreed.

4. Matters Arising

Item 4/11: Results Website

Agreed that Greer Mackenzie would be asked if a more prominent link to the new 'Results' page could be made on the front page.

Action: MMcF

Item 6/8: Playing TD's

EMcN stated that his request was for the terms of remuneration to be made clear to potential TD's only.

Item 11: Selection Committee Manual

It was agreed to defer the issue regarding the disclaimer, to the incoming committee.

5. Ladies European Championship

IL spoke strongly against a proposal to provide supplementary funding in support of the Irish Ladies team. He reminded the meeting that the NIBU already part-funded the IBU on a formal basis and it was felt that should additional monies be needed the cost should be met through an increase in the official contribution. This was agreed by all present. It was further agreed that Council would readily support funds being raised by clubs to support NIBU members on Irish teams.

Action: MMcF to notify B.J O'Brien (NPC) of Council's decision

6. AGM 2016

AH confirmed that the forthcoming AGM would be held in the Riverview Room at La Mon House on Sunday June 5th from 6.30pm.

7. Nominations for incoming Council

MMcF stated that there were currently 11 nominations for Councillor places on the 2016-17 Council. It was subsequently agreed that nominations would be accepted by the Hon. Secretary up until the date of the AGM.

It was agreed that, should the amended Constitution be accepted, an NIBU member would be nominated as President. The nominee was proposed by JB and seconded by AH.

Action: MMcF to notify clubs of extension to deadline for nominations and to notify the website.

8. Constitution

The position regarding the Vice-Chair/ Past-Chair was clarified. The Vice-Chair would sit on Council for one year pending election as Chair and a further year as Immediate Past-Chair. It was confirmed that the Management Committee would consist of the four Officers with the President and Chair as ex-officio members without voting rights. The full Council would consist of the four Officers, President, Chair and twelve Councilors one of whom would be the Vice Chair or Immediate Past Chair. The President and Officers would have no voting rights on Council.

It was agreed to carry out a number of minor changes to the proposed text.

Action: MMcF to draft final version to be submitted to members.

MMcF to draft 'Pros & Cons' factsheet on alternative Clause 4.1

9. Red Point Events

Concern was expressed by some members that red-points had not been awarded for two events despite them being flagged as such in the calendar. RB stated that the Northern Pairs had not been an active competition when the Masterpoints Committee last reviewed the situation. It was agreed that re-points would be awarded retrospectively for both the Northern Pairs and the Provincial Mixed Pairs.

Action: RB.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12.20pm.

Michael McFaul
Hon. Sec.

