

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

(Emergency) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

(Draft) Minutes of a meeting held on Zoom at 11am on Monday May 17th, 2021.

Present: Heather Hill (Chair), Michael McFaul, Anne Fitzpatrick, John Murchan, Harold Curran, Ian Hamilton.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on April 24th, 2021**

MMcF agreed to circulate the amended version, naming Team Tranmer as the top NIBU placed team from the NI Teams event.

2. **Matters Arising**

Item 7: MMcF said that 2 members of Council had expressed a willingness to partake in the Competitions Committee.

3. **Input to BGB meeting pending**

The NIBU agree that the Lady Milne and Teltscher should be held separately and that we would be happy to host the latter event live should we be allowed to do so.

Action: MMcF to notify HH

4. **RealBridge Duplicate trial**

Brian McDowell's offer to run a Tuesday event was accepted as worth trialling. A potential problem would be the methods of payment by participants.

Action: MMcF to notify BMcD.

5. **Draft Calendar**

It was agreed to defer circulation until the AGM when it was hoped a Competitions Committee would be set up to take over events planning. A member of Council would be approached with the offer of Chairing the incoming committee.

Action: MMcF

6. **Gala Pairs**

It was agreed to hold a one-session event online on Sunday August 1st. To run from 11.30am with a 45-minute break after 12 boards. There will be 3 sections – Intermediate A, B and Novice. Alan Hill to direct. Details will be posted on the website.

Action: MMcF

7. **Sonya Britton Trophy**

It was felt that there was insufficient motivation to proceed with this year's event and it was agreed to cancel for another season. HH agreed to Inform Paul Porteous

Action: HH.

8. **Selection Committee Manual**

HH asked JM to revise appropriate section(s) of the Manual by the end of June 2022. MMcF to send JM the current version. JM agreed to circulate proposed changes highlighted in red.

Action: MMcF / JM.

9. **AGM**

HC confirmed that La Mon could not facilitate the Union AGM on June 13th due to COVID regulations. It was agreed to postpone the AGM until June 27th at 2.30pm, confirmed by La Mon.

Action: Website to be updated.

10. **Accounts.**

AF referred to the Accounts, previously circulated. A surplus of c. £6.5k was recorded.

11. **Date of Next meeting.**

Monday June 7th at 11.00am on Zoom.

Michael McFaul

Hon. Secretary.