

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

Emergency Management Committee.

(Draft) Minutes of a meeting held via Zoom on Monday April 26th, 2021 from 11.30am.

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

Apologies: None

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on March 1st, 2021.**

The Minutes were agreed by all present.

2. **Matters Arising**

Item 8: MMcF reported that most clubs had now responded to the affiliation reminder notices and the situation was now satisfactory. IH mentioned a small number of clubs that had not responded were now almost certainly defunct.

3. **Annual General Meeting 2021**

Agreed to hold the meeting on June 13th at 2.30pm. HC to investigate availability of La Mon. HH said that she would be proposing Brian Mullan as incoming Vice- Chair. It was agreed that the meeting would be open to all members and that it would be proposed that the existing Council be re-elected en bloc.

Action: HC & MMcF

4. **Competitions.**

IH referred to the poor turnout for the Northern Pairs, generally put down to the fine weather. It was confirmed that the Egan would be played on May 29th-30th and the IBU Masters Pairs on May 8th and 15th. Teams selected for the Egan* would be 2020 League teams McDowell, Lindsay and Curran with Sandie Millership as reserve.

It was agreed that a player would be permitted to play with a robot in an official competition if the TD decided that it would facilitate the movement. Robots would not be allowed to play as a pair.

Action: MMcF

5. **NPC reports**

All had been favourably received. JM asked that a template be provided so that all reports would follow a standard reporting style. He agreed to provide a suitable draft. He also suggested that McDowell and Sharp be congratulated on their fine performance in the Teltcher prior to the last match when they were obliged to play 4 stanzas in a row.

Action: JM

6. **Finance.**

AF reported she was waiting for the final accounts.

7. **Committees**

It was agreed to circulate Council members for those willing to serve on the Competitions Committee and as Competitions Secretary.

8. **Bridge Great Britain.**

It was noted that BGB proposed to meet on May 20th. A suggested agenda had been circulated.

All members views on relevant issues (e.g., RealBridge, Home International arrangements) to be sent to MMcF as soon as possible with members to meet on May 17th to prepare a position statement.

Action: All members.

*** Supplementary note**

On May 5th 2021, the EMC agreed that an error had been made in the team selection for the Egan trophy. It was confirmed that the top NIBU team from the NI Teams (Team Tranmer) would replace the 3rd placed Premier League team. This would be consistent with the conditions laid down in the Selection Committee Manual.

Michael McFaul

Hon. Secretary.