

# NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

## (Emergency) MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Kelvin & Malone Club on Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, from 11am.

Present: Heather Hill (Chair), Michael McFaul (Secretary), John Murchan (President), Ian Hamilton (Masterpoints Secretary), Brian Mullan (Vice-Chairman)

1. **Apologies**

Anne Fitzpatrick (Treasurer)

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Agreed.

3. **Matters Arising**

Item 1: MMcF informed members that BGB had agreed to refund £500 to both the NIBU and WBA in lieu of them being the only two Unions hosting 'live' Home International events in the current season. It was confirmed that Alan Hill would act as NPC for the Teltscher Northern Ireland team and Harold Curran would act as NPC for the NIBU team.

Item 6: It was agreed to amend the heading to 'Referral to Laws & Ethics Committee'.

4. **Annual General Meeting**

Following discussion it was agreed to hold the AGM on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Kelvin & Malone from 2.30pm. The format would be the same as the last 2 years.

***Action: MMcF to circulate details to clubs & players Also confirm booking with K&M.***

5. **Autumn Congress**

There was some uncertainty as to whether a 'live' event would attract enough support. It was decided to canvass members views before making a final decision.

***Action: MMcF***

6. **Competition entry fees**

It was agreed that future NIBU events on BBO would cost \$2 per player i.e. similar to the standard weekly duplicate entry fee.

7. **Fixture list 2022-23**

It was agreed that online events would follow a different format following evidence that players disliked having to play more than one session on any given day. It was decided to hold events over a sequence of Friday evenings with various scoring options being tried e.g. 'Best 3 scores from 5' etc.

***Action: HH agreed to work on a revised draft calendar***

8. **League 2022-23**

It was agreed to run a single league during the forthcoming season with views on format, likely support etc to be garnered. The 2019-20 league matches for Premier 1 and 2 would be played live. Should any team decline the opportunity to play, the match result will be recorded as a draw.

***Action: MMcF to notify team captains. Also canvas views on holding a single league next season.***

9. **Council meeting**

It was decided to hold a full Council meeting on Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> at Kelvin & Malone from 11am. Agenda to include Congress / Competitions / Entry Fees / Restructuring proposals.

***Action: MMcF to notify all Council members.***

10. **Publication**

MMcF referred to correspondence from Rex Anderson regarding publication of his book. A decision on whether to offer financial support was deferred pending circulation of the draft text.

The meeting ended at 1.20pm.

Michael McFaul

Hon. Sec.