

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

COUNCIL

(Draft) Minutes of a meeting held on Sunday June 25th, 2023, at Kelvin & Malone from 3.15 pm.

Present: Brian Mullan, Michael McFaul, Anne Fitzpatrick, Helen Hall, Toni Sproule, Liz Thomas, Lesley Agar, Ian Lindsay, Michael Stevenson, Heather Hill, Diane Greenwood.

1. Annual Calendar

Michael McFaul spoke of the urgent need for the fixture list to be compiled and in particular for trial dates to be confirmed. It was agreed that Camrose trial weekend would be September 29th – October 1st and October 13th-15th. It was confirmed that should only one weekend be required; the first weekend would be the nominated dates.

Action: MMcF to check on progress (if any) with Ian Hamilton in Norman Lacey's absence

2. Selection Committee 2023-24

Nuala Mooney, Michael Stevenson, Michael Coffey, John Lavery, Ruth Connolly, Michael McFaul (ex-officio)

3. Laws & Ethics Committee

Ian Lindsay, Michael Stevenson, John Ferguson, Shelagh McCaughan, Michael McFaul (ex-officio)

4. Tournament Committee

Not elected. Suggested members to include Sam Barr/Christine Byrne, Brian McDowell, Ian Hamilton, Anne Hassan, Elbha Walmsley.

Action: MMcF to sound out possible contenders.

5. Dealing Machine

It was agreed to repair (or replace) the faulty machine at whatever cost.

6. Ciara Burns Pairs

Lesley Agar spoke of the disappointment in 2022 when the online event was open to players throughout the Home Nations. It was agreed that the 2023 event would be restricted to all-Ireland and played 'live' at La Mon if possible.

Action: Helen Hall to contact La Mon to see if hotel was available for either 30th July or 6 August 2023.

7. Date of next meeting

Monday September 4th, 2023, from 11am.

The meeting ended at 4.00pm.

Michael McFaul

Hon. Secretary.