

## **Minutes of NIBU Junior Committee Meeting**

**Online on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

In attendance :- Diane Greenwood, Norma Irwin, Pat Johnston, Norman Lacey, Sandie Millership (Chairman) & Wayne Sommerville

Norman told the Committee that he had a few extra members of his online teaching group, mainly from CGS, which would bring the squad up to 10 members. He would be asking Ian Hamilton to register them as school members of the NIBU and get them MP numbers.

Many of them are concentrating on exams at the moment so coaching has been suspended but will resume in about 2 months. It was felt important to try to keep the teaching continuous, rather than a last-minute push.

Diane suggested everyone submit a list of 20 basic rules they need to follow and Sandie agreed to co-ordinate this. All agreed.

Norman will organise a training time-table and let us know when he needs help.

Norman was also working with Anne Fitzpatrick to get Assumption Grammar, Ballynahinch teaching bridge.

Wayne said that Aileen & Andrew are playing every week but it was difficult to motivate Lucy & Xander for regular practice. Wayne suggested taking on a Peggy Bayer pair to strengthen the team as a team of 4 was hard work & Luke & Connor had many other commitments. Diane will help with this.

Norman wanted to re-jig some of the partnerships into those he felt were more appropriate. Sandie suggested teaching tables to get them thinking and so that feed back could be given during bidding & play. It was also suggested that it might help if they played regularly with Senior players who could give them advice whilst playing. Wayne & Sandie offered to help with this. Norman stated Helen Hall & Michael McFaul had also offered their help.

It was felt that Sunday afternoon might be the most popular time for training. Norman to organise this.

Sandie thanked everyone for attending and reminded them to submit their 20 points.