

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

COUNCIL

(Draft) Minutes of the meeting held at Kelvin & Malone on Monday September 4th, 2023.

Present: Harold Curran (President), Brian Mullan (Chair), Michael McFaul (Secretary), Anne Fitzpatrick (Treasurer), Heather Hill (Immediate Past Chair), Helen Hall (Webmaster and Match Manager), Nuala Mooney (Chair of Selectors), Diane Greenwood (Vice-Chair), Toni Sproule, Liz Thomas, Leslie McCorkell (Councillors)

1. Apologies

Ian Hamilton (Masterpoints Secretary), Ian Lindsay, Michael Stevenson.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on June 5th, 2023.

Item 3: It was confirmed that the tables on loan to the CBAI had now been returned.

Item 4: Business transacted at the inquorate AGM was now deemed to be valid.

Item 6: Plans for a league run in conjunction with the CBAI had not been agreed although teams from both jurisdictions would be invited to play in the NIBU league(s)

Item 11. Helen Hall emphasised the need to devise a comprehensive training programme for new TD's.

Diane Greenwood agreed to retrieve the NIBU computer from Norman Lacey.

Action: DG

The Minutes were agreed on a proposal by Helen Hall, seconded by Anne Fitzpatrick.

The 2023 AGM Minutes including transacted business were agreed on a proposal by Harold Curran, seconded by Nuala Mooney.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on June 25th, 2023.

Item 6: Leslie Agar thanked Helen Hall for organising the Ciara Burns Pairs and making it a very enjoyable event.

The Minutes were agreed on a proposal by Toni Sproule, seconded by Nuala Mooney.

4. Selection Committee

Nuala Mooney spoke emphatically of the need for full autonomy to be restored to the Committee and its members. This was agreed following discussion. Membership was confirmed as Nuala Mooney(Chair), John Lavery, Fearghal O'Shea, Michael Coffey, Michael Stevenson with Michael McFaul (ex-officio)

5. Tournament Committee

Anne Fitzpatrick agreed to contact Anne Hassan regarding the role of recruiting a Competitions Secretary and committee members.

Action: AF

6. Members database.

It was hoped that a full and updated members database would be compiled as part of the imminent affiliation process. It was agreed to make the membership base compatible with the CBAI one by preceding all NIBU numbers with a 9.

7. Masterpoints Harmonisation

It was hoped that the NIBU scheme could be harmonised with the CBAI. Michael McFaul agreed to contact Ian Hamilton and arrange a meeting between both along with Brian Mullan and Harold Curran.

Action: MMcF

8. SWOT Analysis

It was agreed to contact NIBU clubs and members and send details of the exercise results among Council members. Views of the wider membership now to be canvassed.

Action: MMcF

9. Robots

Toni Sproule spoke in favour of allowing robots to play as under previous arrangements. After discussion it was agreed that the status quo would continue i.e. restrictions on Thursday only.

10. Date of Next meeting

December 4th, 2023, from 11am at Kelvin & Malone.

Michael McFaul
Hon. Secretary