

NORTHERN IRLEAND BRIDGE UNION

COUNCIL

Summary of a meeting of Council members held at Corrs Corner on Wednesday September 25th, 2019.

The meeting was called to address urgent business matters related to the NIBU Leagues.

Present: John Murchan (President), Harold Curran (Chairman), Michael McFaul (Hon. Secretary), Anne Fitzpatrick (Hon. Treasurer), Liz Scott (Hon. Competitions Secretary), Ken Hammond, John Ferguson, Norma Irwin, Norman Lacey, Patrick Rice, Helen Hall, Anne Hassan,

Observers: Rex Anderson, Toni Sproule.

Apologies: Ian Hamilton (Hon. Masterpoints Secretary), Heather Hill, Pat Johnston, Eric Lesage, Christine Crockett.

1. League Organiser.

It was agreed that Ian Hamilton would continue to administer the Leagues. He would be assisted by Norman Lacey who would deal with any issues arising.

2. Tournament Directors

Difficulties in appointing TD's for League nights was recognised. Ian Hamilton had agreed to ensure all League nights were covered.

3. Eligibility of entry to Premier 1.

KH said he felt the rules as they stood were too harsh in the matter of right of entry to any vacancy. JF spoke in support of the need to follow rule 5.8 which clearly set out entry rights in sequential order.

RA spoke in support of his entry submission to P1.

Following discussion, it was agreed that a panel of non-conflicted members would deliberate on the matter.

HC vacated the Chair in favour of JM. Other Panel members were KH, NI, NL, PR and HH.

Following deliberations, it was agreed:

- a) October League fixtures would be postponed until May 2020
- b) Teams would be asked to re-submit entries under the 'new' rules.
- c) Complaints from teams contesting the right of entry for Team Anderson to fill the P1 vacancy would be referred to LEC.

4. Novice League

JF stated that he and Hilary Ferguson, currently organising lessons for beginners, would be happy to run a Novice League. It was agreed that the entry fee would be £10 per player to encourage entry.

5. Crown Plaza

NI referred to negative feedback on catering issues, from players contesting the recent event held at this hotel.

The meeting ended at 8pm.

Michael McFaul
Hon. Secretary.