

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on Thursday August 6th, 2020 at the residence of Anne Fitzpatrick.

Present: John Murchan (President), Harold Curran (Chairman), Michael McFaul (Hon. Secretary), Anne Fitzpatrick (Hon. Treasurer), Ian Hamilton (Hon. Masterpoints Secretary), Heather Hill (Vice-Chair)

In Attendance: Alan Hill

As all recent meetings held during the present pandemic had been 'virtual' via Zoom, there were no minutes recorded.

1. **University of Stirling.**

AF referred to an invoice for £1000 in lieu of NIBU support to the BAMSA project. It was unclear whether the £500 grant was to be an annual contribution.

Action: MMcF to check.

2. **Annual General Meeting.**

It was agreed that the AGM should follow standard procedure as closely as possible. The meeting to be held at La Mon on Sunday August 23rd from 2.30pm.

Action: MMcF to notify all clubs and prepare notice for the website.

3. **Trustees**

AH and JM agreed to act as trustees if required. MMcF to check if Ian Lindsay was prepared to continue in the role.

4. **Masterpoints Report**

The report was ratified and would be presented at the AGM.

5. **Affiliation Fees**

Following discussion, it was agreed to levy fees as usual for the incoming season, given the continuing service and advice being provided by Union Officers. MMcF agreed that the requisitioning letter to clubs would set out in detail the ongoing advantages of continuing affiliation.

6. **Trials**

It was agreed not to hold trials. However, it was noted that, as things stand, BGB were planning to hold the Camrose at the normal time. If this remains the case, a decision would be taken whether to hold trials later in the year.

7. **Fixture list**

It was agreed that, as far as possible, the normal round of competitions would be held online but without prize money or trophies. The need to appoint a Competitions Secretary was noted

though it was thought that Kevin Hinds might undertake to run the main events. IH stated that he was hoping to run the normal Inter-Club sessions online.

8. **Payment to TD's for online supervision.**

HH asked that payment be granted given the amount of time and commitment involved. It was agreed to pay Sandie Millership £50 and Diane Greenwood £25 for their recent work which had been greatly appreciated. AH said he would not accept payment for the Gala Pairs as he had originally been asked to direct as a personal favour to Ciara Burns.

9. **League**

HC proposed that an online league be set up for the incoming season. JM asked that it be made clear it would not be the normal NIBU competition but a general event open to all levels and run on a Swiss basis – the exact format to be determined.

The meeting ended at 12.10pm.

Michael McFaul

Hon. Secretary.