

# NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at the Belfast Boat Club from 4.30pm on Tuesday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Present: Paul Tranmer(PT Chair), Nuala Mooney(NM),John Murchan(JM),Harold Curran(HC), Clare Watson(CW),Rex Anderson(RA),Norma Irwin(NI)

In Attendance: Michael McFaul (MMcF) ex-officio, John Ferguson (JF)

**1. Apologies**

Toni Sproule

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2016**

Item 3: 'NM' should read 'NI'

**3. Matters Arising**

As per agenda

On a proposal by JM, seconded by CW, the Minutes were agreed.

**4. Camrose 1<sup>st</sup> weekend – NPC report**

JM and RA were absent for this item and item 5.

JF expanded on his report, previously circulated to non-conflicted members. Results had been disappointing but he spoke of how difficult it is for the NIBU to compete against world class professional players. If things were to improve, serious coaching would be required and representative players would be expected to play much more frequently against top opposition.

JF was congratulated on his report and was thanked for his work carried out during difficult personal circumstances.

MMcF said that the problems with the BBO presentation would be taken up with Bridge Great Britain.

**5. Camrose 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend.**

PT and HC withdrew.

After considerable discussion the remaining members agreed to replace the team in its entirety. Selected were: Ian Hamilton & John Ferguson, Paul Tranmer & Tyrone Currie, Wayne Sommerville & Ruth Connolly with reserve pair Greer Mackenzie & Hastings Campbell.

Michael O'Kane was appointed NPC.

**6. Lady Milne – Appointment of NPC.**

It was agreed to appoint Sandie Millership following Alan Hill's withdrawal.

**7. Teltscher Trophy – selection format**

MMcF circulated the list of entrants – 8 pairs in total.

HC,PT,RA,MMcF withdrew.

Remaining members agreed a 1 weekend trial on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Rex Anderson & David Greenwood were granted an exemption from the trial. The first team will be Rex

Anderson & David Greenwood plus those pairs finishing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. If required, the second team would be comprised of those pairs finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Alan Hill to direct.

**8. Peggy Bayer / Junior Camrose**

NI outlined the current position. No team would be entered for the Peggy Bayer but it was still hoped a team would be raised for the Junior Camrose. Diane Greenwood & Sandie Millership were thanked for their tireless efforts in encouraging and developing junior bridge players from the province.

**9. Coaching Lady Milne players**

JM outlined the present position. It was confirmed that Council had agreed in principle to fund 50% of the coaching costs up to £2000 but that a clear, costed proposal would be required.

**10. Response to Ciara Burns statement**

Some discussion took place but due to time restraints a proposed response was deferred.

**11. Selection Committee Manual**

It was agreed to defer this item as it was expected to involve a lengthy and detailed discussion. It was agreed to set a date for a single-issue meeting so that the revised manual could be finalised.

The meeting ended at 7.10pm.

Michael McFaul

Hon. Sec.