

NORTHERN IRELAND BRIDGE UNION

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at Derryvolgie on Friday November 30th 2018 at 11.00am.

Present: Ken Hammond (Chair), Paul Tranmer, Nuala Mooney, Eric Lesage.

In Attendance: Michael McFaul (Hon. Secretary)

1. Apologies

Sam Hall

2. Minutes of the meeting on October 14th 2018.

The Minutes were agreed on a show of hands.

3. Matters Arising

Item 5: KH pointed out that it had previously been agreed that potential NPC's would not be named in the Minutes. In future the term 'preferred candidate' would be used.

4. Camrose NPC

MMcF confirmed that Ian Lindsay had accepted the role and was fulfilling the responsibilities of the post.

PT suggested the committee may consider appointing a Playing Captain in future years.

5. Lady Milne

Following the recent trial, it was confirmed that the top 3 pairs would form the team i.e.:

Toni Sproule & Dymphna Friel

Norma Irwin & Sheila Sharkey

Anne Fitzpatrick & Mary Kelly-Rogers

1st Reserves – Clare Watson & Heather Hill

2nd Reserves – Helen Hall & Rosarie Heatherington.

It was agreed that the preferred candidate for the role of NPC would be approached in the first instance

Action MMcF

KH referred to concern expressed by some LM triallists over the lack of notice given on the order of sitting out and also on the absence of the named team on the front page of the website.

However it was felt by all that the circumstances around the late withdrawal of a pair was most unfortunate and that little could be done to ameliorate the situation. It was confirmed that the team could not be named until officially appointed by the Selection Committee.

However PT recommended that in future, the Committee should meet immediately after the Lady Milne trial and this was agreed by all.

Members were pleased to hear that Florence Boyd had left hospital and all sent their best wishes.

Action: MMcF to contact Greer Mackenzie.

6. Inter-Provincials

The poor performance of the Ulster teams was noted with regret, the Open teams having performed particularly badly. One of the Intermediate teams had performed strongly and NM agreed to contact the individuals and congratulate them on behalf of the Committee. It was noted with approval that Donegal had expressed an interest in sending a 'Masters' team but that the contact had come too late for this year. However it was agreed to approach Donegal in June 2019 with an offer of places in next year's event.

Action: NM

7. Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer

PT said that Wayne Somerville was still very keen to coach and captain Junior Camrose players. It was confirmed that the Youth Committee remained fully responsible for these events but that a report on plans and progress would be welcome.

Action: MMcF

8. Date of next meeting

Friday January 11th 2019 at Derryvolgie from 11.00am.

The meeting ended at 11.50am.

Michael McFaul
Hon. Secretary.