

WBU Management Committee

Minutes of Meeting on 6th November 2012

Meeting held “face to face” in Newtown, 12noon to 4pm

Present

PM: Paddy Murphy (President), Chairman
NR: Neville Richards (Chief Executive)
JH: Jean Hand (National Tournament Organiser)
MT: Mike Tedd (Mid Wales nominee),
BA: Bob Alderdice (West Wales nominee)
FN: Fiona Noyce (Treasurer)
JK: Jill Knight (North Wales nominee)
Mr. P Bowers (Master Points Secretary, attendee)

No formal EWBA nominee appointed yet.

3 Review of Actions from Previous Meetings

- April 7 Behaviour Paper. MT has discussed developing paper with a potential editor and this will be pursued. **Action: MT**
- May 8 No response from 3 written to, Admiral, Principality, Tata..
Anyone with personal contacts in potential sponsors contact BA
Action BA
- 24th July: Final Document on team sponsorship to be prepared by FN for discussion. .See Treasurers Report **Action FN**

4 Chief Executive's Report

4.1 Trophies. After discussion the MC agreed that the Welsh Cup, Cambria Cup, Perry & Spickett trophies should be engraved and costs borne by WBU. Other National trophy winners would be recorded in our web-site only and no future engraving take place as no-one seem interested in collecting them.

Welsh Cup Winners to be told and engrave trophy up-to-date **Action:NR**

Cambria, Perry, Spickett and Presidents Cup engraving ***Action: BA***

We must try to get major competitions complete by AGM to allow their presentation at that event

4.2 *EBU*. The EBL have asked the home unions to resolve all issues between themselves although have indicated that the Celtic nations are not in any breach of rules re. organising Celtic Sims etc.

The SBU President (Mike Ash) has written to EBU requesting such a meeting together with the WBU; however to date the EBU do not wish such a meeting. This will be pursued further

We have asked the EBU for a copy of their letter to the EBL but have not received it.

Action: NR

4.3 *EWBA*. There is concern that the EWBA have still to appoint a representative to the MC and we would encourage them to appoint their officials in their vacant positions

Action. EWBA

Mr. P. Bowers who was in attendance as MP Secretary will try to provide appropriate MC information to EWBA

The WBU is awaiting a copy of the EWBA proposals for TD fees for >27 board competitions as we wish to adopt the same policy across the WBU

Action: EWBA

5 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer submitted a summary of the WBU finances which showed the vulnerability of the WBU international team sponsorship from 2014 unless additional sources of income are obtained to replace the BBL simultaneous income.

The Celtic Simultaneous Pairs income needs to be monitored closely over the next year, and all clubs encouraged to participate as this is the only additional income in the pipeline, and the WBU income is likely to be in proportion to its members participation.

The transition in Treasurers has meant some “gaps” in understanding of previous transactions and allocations and a detailed management review of Finances will take place in early 2013. The reserves are in line with reported monies, though there may be a slight surplus which is being studied.

It was agreed that discussion will take place with the newly appointed auditor with a view to perhaps asking an alternative auditor from 2013/14 who would be more conveniently located for the Treasurer ***Action: NR***

Recognising that there seem to be some difficulty identifying specific Tournament Costs a copy of the WWBA Tournament Accounts is to be submitted for consideration ***Action: BA***

6. NTO Report

6.1 National Mixed Pairs Final. The Commodore Hotel has been inspected and has been confirmed as an appropriate venue for the final. The playing room is good and the rooms are gradually being revamped.

6.2 Teams of Eight. Final Confirmed as being held in Llanidloes on 23rd June 2013.

6.3 Graded Masters. We should decide in Dec. whether we will run a “club simultaneous” competition for Sections 3-5 in ~Mar 2013 as a template for

potential Area simultaneous events for these Sections and a central Grades 1 & 2 event in 2013/14. Issues to be resolved are:

- The “rules” of qualification for each section.
- Can players of different standards play in the “Club simultaneous events” and it still be fair to the lower Graded Masters sections?
- Would it be appropriate to have Area simultaneous lower sections in 2013/14 at the same time as a centralised national Sections 1 and 2 since many of the organisers/TDs of the Area events may be playing in the National Sections

Action: MC

6.4 Welsh Cup and Cambria Cup. The fixture lists have been circulated.

7. Selectors Report

There was no report.

8 MP Secretary’s Report

New Master Point Handbook. The MP secretary has been reviewing this but is having some difficulties with different versions/interpretations in previous practices. Mike Tedd agreed to assist in this review

Action: PB/MT

On-line MP Improvements. Partly completed ahead of a meeting with the software/system developer.

Club Computer Capability. Letter of intent re. timescales of elimination of paper MPs agreed by MC for circulation and responses still awaited from 4 clubs indicating their computer capability to assess how WBU may assist in implementing a totally on-line MP registration system

9 AOB

A small group will establish new recommendations for the CEO honoraria

Action: PM/FN ongoing

10 Next Meeting

Tuesday 4th Dec. 2012 Skye Meeting

BA 03/12/12

Other Actions to be reviewed at later date

| Logged | Action | Review |
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| Mar.'12 | University Contacts: Some made review again | Jan |
| Sept'12 | Review New Master Book with PB | Nov |
| Sept12 | On-line MP registration. Scope Software developments PB | |
| Sept'12 | Club Computer Capability. Audit and report PB | |
| Nov'12 | Financial Reports for MC Review in Jan/Feb 2013 FN | Jan/Feb |
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