Minutes of WBU Management Meeting on 12th Mar. 2013 Skype Meeting from 1400 to 1610hrs

Attendees

Paddy Murphy: President Neville Richards: CEO Fiona Noyce: Treasurer

Jean Hand NTO

Mike Tedd: MWBA Representative
Jill Knights NWBA Representative

Phil Bowers: EWBA Representative & NMP Secretary

Bob Alderdice: WWBA Representative

1. Review of Actions from Previous Meeting

The Behaviour Paper and Policy. The paper will be published and 1 copy issued to each club. A short, preferably 1 page summary, will be prepared and a number of copies made available for each club to distribute to individual members with an anticipated cost of $\sim £150$.

Action: Mike and Laura

2. CEO's Report

- a) Insurance. The WBU are in discussions with their insurance providers ahead of renewal in May in order to obtain public liability cover for member clubs and office-bearers and provide added value.
- b) *EBU* The proposed meeting to resolve issues between the EBU and the SBU/WBU has not taken place. A letter has been received from the EBU outlining their implementation policy for allocation of monies to the SBU and WBU from the former BGB Simultaneous Pairs and also refusing reciprocation of MPs for the Celtic Simultaneous Pairs or to consider licencing such events.
- c) *Celtic Simultaneous*. These are proving successful and we should encourage greater participation within Wales.
- d) "Blue MPs". It was agreed that we will adopt the issuing of Blue MPs. In spite of the current issues:
 - It is important to be consistent with the EBU in relation to issuing MPs
 - Recognise the best interests of Welsh players who register in EBU clubs.
 - Continue to encourage English players to participate in Welsh events.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a) **Seniors Camrose.** The £2500 invoice paid has been forwarded to Bernard Telscher as sponsor.
- b) *Credit cards*. The form for issuing a credit card to the CEO is to be forwarded to the President for signature. The MC approved this....

4. NTO Report

- a) **Webber Cup**: It is suggested that in 2014 this should be a Direct Entry Final, with no club or Area qualification. This is being considered and details will be confirmed before the issuing of the Journal and AGM.
- b) **Graded Masters.** Final details for discussion and implementation during 2013/14 season will be submitted to the MC.

Action Jean/Paddy

c) *Competition Rules*. It was agreed that all competition rules should be reviewed for consideration for changes for the 2013/14 season

Action: Mike/Laura

- 5. **Internationals** No report
- 6. **Selectors Report** No report

7. Master Points Secretaries Report

a) *Direct Debit.* The MP Secretary and Treasurer will investigate the viability of having a Direct Debit system for payment of Master Points

Action: Phil/Fiona

8. Journal/Newsletter

Those who have reviewed progress produced by Laura are very happy with the proposed concepts.

9. Presidents Report

There is concern that we are not making progress with encouraging Junior Bridge:

- a) Volunteers are being sought from all areas to go into schools
- b) Observations sought on how best to implement a teaching programme within the schools, particularly recognising any difficulties/obstacles which have to be overcome recognising previous initiatives

Action: MC/All WBU members

10. AOB. Members are encouraged to enter the N. Wales Swiss Teams Congress on 6th/7th April Entries are low

Next Meeting: 2nd April 2013 at 1400hrs