

Minutes of WBU Management Meeting on 2nd April 2013
Skype Meeting from 1400 to 1520hrs

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 ~£150. A summary will be in the Newsletter

Action: Mike and Laura

2. CEO's Report

- a) ***Insurance.*** The insurance providers have provided a very competitive quote for the WBU Public Liability Policy and are tailoring the amended policy to include cover all directors, WBU and club officials.
- b) ***EBU.*** There is a joint Home Union meeting in April to discuss the BGB simultaneous pairs. It is hoped to progress any disputes/misunderstandings.
- c) ***Seniors.*** At this meeting the WBU will propose that the Seniors "Camrose" be renamed The Teltscher Trophy in recognition of Bernard Teltscher's continued sponsorship of this event.

Action: Neville/WBU

- d) ***Director Training.*** There are 9 applicants for the advanced course covering judgements and rulings. The course will be one-day for 4-6 participants and the publication booklet is nearing completion.
- e) ***Advertising.*** First for Bridge have asked to advertise on the WBU Journal. Appropriate pricing will be being investigated with other publications and other previous advertisers will be approached as to their interest in advertising e.g. BridgeOverseas.
- f) ***Playing Cards.*** After initial concerns the WBU playing cards appear to now be more acceptable in the majority of duplimating applications. Prior to a new print run clubs are being asked for their comments. They are identical to those produced by the same printer for the EBU, and the alternative linen finish cards are significantly more expensive.

3. Treasurer's Report

- a) **Credit cards.** The authorisation form for the CE's card has been signed by the President and hopefully will be issued soon.
- b) **Auditing.** The annual figures will be sent to the auditor between 14th and 17th April. All monies have not been received but it is anticipated that there will be an annual surplus of £2000-2500

4. NTO Report

- a) **Webber Cup.** This will be run as a Direct Entry event in 2014. Details of the limit in entry numbers etc. will be clarified.
- b) **Graded Masters.** Final details for discussion and implementation during 2013/14 season will be submitted to the MC.

Action Jean/Paddy

- c) **Ladies Weekend.** This will be pursued again with Laura Woodruff facilitating and supporting the NTO with the event. An appropriate venue and format that is attractive to all Ladies locations is essential recognising the lack of enthusiasm/participation in previous events.
- d) **National Mixed Pairs.** There was discussion about running this as a Portland Pairs style simultaneous pairs event without a National Final. While it is attractive to reduce the number of weekend events, recognising that this is essentially the format for current area qualification it was considered that the different playing standards of the various areas would make this inappropriate for a National Final. This will be kept under review.
- e) **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 Secretary's Report

- a) **Direct Debit.** It was reported that due to additional "hidden costs" it is unlikely that we will adopt a direct debit scheme for MP's.

8. Journal/Newsletter

The final edited draft of the next newsletter will be completed next week. The lack of a contribution from the WWBA was very disappointing and the need for all areas to be more supportive of timely contributions stressed

Next Meeting: 7th May 2013 at 1400hrs