

WELSH BRIDGE UNION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 20TH MAY 2012
AT THE SEABANK HOTEL PORTHCAWL

Present: President, Adrian Thomas, Hon Treasurer Linda Greenland. National Tournament Organiser, Jean Hand, National Master Points Secretary, Noelle Bond, Members of Council: R Alderdice, J Cufley, J Knight, K Richardson, A Screen, M.Tedd, I Thomas, M Topp

C.E.O: Neville Richards, Minute Secretary: J.Graham-Jones

And 47 members.

Apologies for absence: L Collier, P Hand, P Jourdain

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Minutes of the AGM 30 May 2011. Received and approved nem.con
2. Date of the AGM 2013. The President explained that Council recommend that the AGM be held later, probably in June, which would assist the Treasurer presenting audited accounts and the Master Points Secretary with reports. In 2013 the meeting will thus be in June in North Wales to coincide with a national event. The advantages of holding the AGM on the Perry/Spickett weekend were noted, so those events will move to June with the AGM. The exact date would be decided by the MC. There was some discussion of the possibilities of changing the financial and/or master points years but no decisions taken.
3. Treasurer's Report. Linda Greenland presented her final Report which had been circulated before the meeting. It is on file and can be viewed on line. Although there were no questions on the Report Mike Tedd observed that he considered the rosy forecast to be somewhat optimistic. The adoption of the Report was proposed by Alan Screen, seconded by Sheila Shea and agreed nem.con. The Treasurer was thanked for her work.
4. Annual Subscription 2013-4 It was recommended by the Treasurer and agreed nem.con that the subscription remain at its present level viz. £6-00.
5. National Tournament Organiser's Report. On file and on-line. Jean Hand reminded members that she had given additional information in the Newsletter; she invited comments. Steve Webb suggested that the format of the Webber competition be reviewed. It was agreed that the Management Committee would consider this including the possibility of a one day event and consideration of the qualifier structure. The NTO commented that the Webber could perhaps be run as an Open event. It was also suggested that while the Graded Masters Sections 1 and 2 could continue as a two day event the lower sections could perhaps be run in the Clubs as Simultaneous Pairs. It would seem sensible to avoid travelling to Mid-Wales in January when weather could present problems. Clubs were reminded that there is an on-going Competitions Review Group to which they could feed their opinions
6. Master Points' Secretary's Report. On file and on-line. The President invited comments on the new system of registering Master Points electronically. Sheila Shea asked about the

problem of "lost points". It seems that this requires in-put by the Club Master Points Secretary. The Report was adopted nem.con .

7 President's Report. On file and on-line.

There were no questions arising.

7 Election of Officers for 2012-3.

There being no contested positions it was proposed by Bob Alderdice seconded by Mike Tedd that the following be elected en bloc :

President:	Paddy Murphy
Hon Treasurer:	Fiona Noyce
National Tournament Organiser	Jean Hand
Hon Master Points Secretary & Membership Secretary	Phil Bowers
Hon Auditor	Andrew Scott

Retiring President Adrian Thomas invested Paddy Murphy with the Chain of Office.

The new President took the Chair and thanked Adrian Thomas for his work for the WBU during the past year; he thanked members of the Council and the Management Committee. Of course very special thanks were due to Linda Greenland who had served for 16 years as Treasurer, and to Noelle Bond for her 20 years as Master Points Secretary and he presented a Royal Welsh engraved Crystal Bowl to each of them. He continued by expressing thanks to the NWBA for conferring the nomination as President upon him.

The WWBA were thanked for hosting the AGM alongside the Perry/Spickett/President's competitions.

Looking ahead he said that Internationals, Tournament players and Juniors must all be supported. He considered his mission would be to get more people playing at all levels – club, social, even casual, on-line players.

A target would be for each WBU members to bring one non member in to the fold.

Membership of the WBU is good value for money.

The President thanked those present for their attendance.

The Meeting closed at 11.45am.