

WELSH BRIDGE UNION

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2013

AT THE NOVA CENTRE PRESTATYN

Present:

President: Dr P Murphy

Hon Treasurer: Mrs F Noyce

NTO: Mrs J Hand

CEO: Mr N Richards

Minutes: Mrs M Clare

There were 43 members present

Apologies for absence from J Graham-Jones, A Martin and D Raw Rees

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 20th May 2012 were received and unanimously approved.
2. There were no Matters Arising

3. Treasurer's Report:

Fiona Noyce presented her report which was circulated before the meeting and can also be read on line. Mr J Morris queried the yield on the money. The Treasurer explained how the money was allocated between the Monmouthshire Building Society and a banking account. Mr P Jourdain said that £37,000 of the money was ring fenced for the World Fund and in the future income would go down and expenditure would increase. At the present time there were no Junior Teams. The Management Committee were going to look into this. It was agreed that the lack of young people playing Bridge needed to be addressed. Mr Gwynn Davis said we needed to invest in youth and suggested that a person – he stressed the correct person - be paid to encourage schools etc to promote the game. The President urged all members to support the Celtic SIMS and those promoted by Anna Gudge.

L Woodruff proposed that the accounts be adopted. This was seconded by Mrs M Topp, unanimously agreed and the Treasurer thanked.

4. NTO's Report:

This was on line. Mrs Hand said as always venues were a problem with better venues being expensive. She said there had been a problem with no show teams which caused problems for the director. Mr K Shuttleworth suggested that an e mail be sent to everyone asking if they were going to play. Mrs Hand said she already sent an e mail to ATOs. The President said it should be emphasized how important it was that the NTO should be notified it unable to play.

Mrs Hand said the Ladies Event was to be re instated on 28/29th September 2013

The format of the Graded masters to be discussed.

5 Masterpoint Secretary's Report:

On line

It was unanimously agreed that Phil Bowers was doing a very good job.

6. CEO Report

Online

The CEO said he would like to stress that the database was secure.

The CEO also said that the WBU had been very fortunate to secure sponsorship from 'First for Bridge'

He thanked Mr P Jourdain and his volunteers for successfully organising The Teltscher Trophy

Jill Knight and Laura Woodruff for the Newsletters

Jean Hand for her organisation of competitions

Paddy Murphy for his year as President

7. Election of Officers:

President: Herbert Rowley

Treasurer: Fiona Noyes

MP & Membership Secretary: Phil Bowers

NTO: Jean Hand

Auditors Andrew Kirkwood Proposed by Laura Woodruff and seconded by Mrs S Shea

8. President's Report:

Dr Murphy thanked everyone who had supported him in his year as president. He said all organisers of events local area and national were volunteers who gave up their time and came in for unfair criticism and he asked that they were given support.

His one disappointment had been that Wales had not been represented in the Junior Camrose or Peggy Bayer and hoped this would be addressed.

He then invested the new President with the chain of office

The new President took the chair and thanked Dr Murphy.

He said he was very proud to become President

He said his aim was to begin and end with participation. The more participation the stronger the WBU would become.

He intended to visit as many clubs in Wales as was possible and to attend all Congresses

He promised to do his best for bridge in Wales

He thanked everyone for their support and everyone present at the meeting