

WBU Management Committee

Minutes of Meeting 4th January 2011

Meeting held by telephone conference, 2pm to 4:15pm

Present

AT: Adrian Thomas (President), Chairman
MB: Mike Best (East Wales nominee)
CD: Chris Davies (West Wales nominee)
LG: Linda Greenland (Treasurer)
JK: Jill Knight (North Wales nominee)
NR: Neville Richards (Chief Executive)
SS: Sheila Shea (National Tournament Organiser)
MT: Mike Tedd (Mid Wales nominee), Minutes Secretary

1 Review of Actions from Previous Meetings

1.1 Items from October meeting

6.2 TD training

Neville will try to arrange one or more courses in February or March ~~next year~~.

Action ongoing: NR

10.4 Calendar 2011-12

A few revisions have been made in response to comments received. The MC approved this version, which can now be considered fairly firm and marked as such on the website.

Action: MT

10.5 Camrose 2011 Arrangements

Jean Cufley is well in control, and Neville will ensure she gets any needed support.

Action ongoing: NR

10.6 Lady Milne 2012

We still need to book a venue urgently. NR has identified two possible venues and will visit them shortly.

Action ongoing: NR

1.2 Items from November meeting

2 Honoraria

MT is consulting with other disinterested members and will bring recommendations for appropriate honoraria to the MC.

Action ongoing: MT

6 **BGB meeting on January 18th 2011**

We now have the EBU's proposals and a paper from the SBU explaining their position, as well as various background information. It was agreed that we would support the SBU's approach on the BGB Sims. With regard to the issue of licensing overseas holidays, it was noted that the largest operator is located in Wales.

1.3 Items from December meeting

2 **Third event at the Perry & Spickett**

For the first year at least there will be no constraints on the ranks for members of the teams of each area, but it was emphasised that areas should send teams of social players, not picked from those who narrowly miss qualification for the Perry and Spickett events.

3 **L&E & Level 5 Systems Permissions**

LG is coordinating a paper to send to the L&E explaining our concerns.

Action ongoing: LG

NR reported that arrangements for Llangollen 2011 are well in hand, and that this will be Level 5.

4 **Bad Behaviour at WBU Events**

LG is preparing a discussion paper on what the WBU might do about this.

Action ongoing: LG

5 **Increasing Income**

In discussion (partly by email beforehand) two different issues were identified. One is the concern often expressed that too much of ordinary members funds might be being applied to the funding of representative teams; this is best discussed when the BGB situation is resolved. The second is the concern that at some stage we might need to increase our income generally. We agreed that it was much better to raise the number of members than to raise fee rates, and the way to do this is to deliver more benefits to our members.

2 Welsh Cup

The increased entries, and the revised format, are very praiseworthy, and MB is doing a great job on the two cups. Some questions have been raised about the regulations associated with the new format of the Welsh Cup. Constructive comments on how the regulations might be improved will be welcomed by MB when he reviews this towards the end of the season.

3 Ladies Trials

Some concern has been expressed about the format of the rearranged trials. This is a matter for the selectors to decide, and individual players should address constructive comments to them.

4 Ruffit Cup

A request has been received for support for this event. The MC agreed to offer a trophy for the winner.

Action: NR

5 Questionnaires

AT has quite a collection of these from his visits to clubs. He was encouraged to find a willing volunteer to help with the analysis, preferably someone IT-literate.

6 Other Topics for Future Discussion

- Funding of International Teams
- Sponsored teams in Senior Camrose, Commonwealth Nations etc

7 Next Meeting

This will be on February 1st, between 2 and 4pm, by telephone conference.

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