

# WBU Management Committee

## Minutes of Meeting 1st March 2011

Meeting held by telephone conference, 2pm to 3:40pm

### 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

Oct.6.2 TD training

24 people have expressed interest in TD training courses. NR will look at arranging multiple courses to cope with different needs of course level and geography.

*Action ongoing: NR*

Feb.3 Bridge Great Britain

We still await detailed proposals from the EBU for the new agreement.

Feb.8 Council meeting March 20<sup>th</sup>

MT has prepared a short paper for Council on our work. This can now go to Council, with any additions arising from this meeting.

### 2 Honoraria

The sub-group's paper was discussed and will now go to the Council meeting. Some MC members are unhappy with some aspects of the conclusions. Everyone agrees that it is important that WBU volunteers are fully reimbursed for any expenses they incur. We recommend the paper to Council with the qualification that, in general, implementation of any reductions to honoraria take effect in 2011-12.

The importance of creating job description for the major volunteer roles was agreed, and Neville was asked to coordinate their creation and future revision.

*Action: NR*

### **3 Vacant Posts**

SS is retiring as NTO at the end of the season (after the Teams of 8 Final), and Noelle Bond is retiring as Master Point Secretary. These posts are appointed by the AGM. MT will put a notice on the website inviting expressions of interest.

*Action: MT*

Council will be appointing the L&E and Selection Committees for next year. Anne Jones is retiring as Chairman of L&E. NR was asked to contact other members of both committees to know whether they would like to be re-appointed.

*Action: NR*

### **4 Presidency for 2011-12**

At the AGM, WWBA intend to nominate AT for re-election for a second year as President, which is expressly permitted by the constitution. The MC is pleased to support this.

### **5 Bad Behaviour at WBU Events**

LG has prepared a useful paper on this, including information on the initiatives that have been taken by the ACBL and EBU, who are both taking strong lines in the hope of improving conduct. It was agreed that we should consider our own initiative and noted that it would be very important to have general consent from our members for the measures proposed. Accordingly we agreed to have a working party, to include people from all levels of the game, to consider exactly what we should do. AT was asked to set up this WP.

*Action: AT*

### **6 Competitions**

It was noted that the Perry Cup and Spickett Bowl have had to be moved, to April 9-10, to avoid a clash with the Heineken Cup which meant all hotel rooms in South Wales has been booked. The third event, for club players representing each area, will be called the President's Cup, and NR was asked to arrange a suitable trophy.

*Action: NR*

### **7 Online Submission of Master Points**

NR explained more about the implementation of this. He was asked to prepare a paper on this, with dates for the main stages of the implementation, from pilot use through dual working to full switchover.

*Action: NR*

## **8 The Needs of Club Players**

We should try to include more items aimed at club players in the Newsletter. It would be good if clubs could send in items about their activities, social as well as just bridge.

Ideas for things that the WBU could do to support our players and their clubs would be very welcome to inform the MC, in addition to what we will learn from AT's programme of visits and analysing the questionnaires.

## **9 AOB**

It was reported that a Welsh bridge web domain had been misused to display offensive material about one of our members. NR was asked to investigate.

*Action: NR*

## **10 Other Topics for Future Discussion**

- Funding of teams in the home internationals
- Sponsored teams in the Senior Camrose

## **11 Next Meeting**

This will be on April 5<sup>th</sup>, between 2 and 4pm, by telephone conference.

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