

WBU Management Committee

Minutes of Meeting 5th April 2011

Meeting held by telephone conference, 2pm to 4:45pm

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

36 people have now expressed interest in TD training courses. Based on material from Scotland, with input from Ted Hill and Tony Haworth, NR has put together a good handbook and teaching materials. A course is being organised for East Wales later this month, then one will be held in West Wales, and another in Brecon.

Action ongoing: NR

Feb.3 Bridge Great Britain

We have just received an unwelcome letter from the EBU in which they appear to renege on the agreement reached in January. The next BGB meeting is on 26th April which NR will chair. Before then we will liaise closely with the SBU on the way forward. The MC expressed support for the continuation of the BGB after the end of the present agreement.

March 2 Job Descriptions for Key Roles

Neville was asked to coordinate the creation and future revision of these. Some drafts already exist and the rest will be progressed, asking incumbents to prepare the first draft. When approved, the job descriptions will be put on the website, so that responsibilities are clearer, and future post-holders will know what is expected of them.

Action ongoing: NR

March 3 Vacant Posts

Council has now appointed the L&E and Selection Committees for next year: Tim Rees will join the L&E following Anne Jones retirement; Alan Jones has become a selector, with LG's role there now concentrating on finance and liaison with MC.

Notices have been put in the newsletter and on the website regarding the NTO and Masterpoint Secretary roles. AT was asked to sound out some people about the NTO role.

Action: AT

March 6 Bad Behaviour

A working group has been recruited by AT, which will hold its first meeting on April 12th. It would be a good idea if a working paper, explaining the problems perceived and possible measures to address them, could be made widely available for comments.

Action: AT

March 7 On-line Submission of Master Points

NR will prepare a paper on this, with dates for the main stages of the implementation, from pilot use through dual working to full switchover. Clubs should be reassured that help and support will be available, if they need it, as they move to on-line submission.

Action ongoing: NR

March 8 The Needs of Club Players

AT's tour of our clubs will largely complete this month. We look forward to the analysis of the questionnaires.

Action: AT

2 Council Meeting of March 20th

We reviewed actions arising from the Council meeting.

Minutes. We should not wait 12 months for the next Council meeting before confirming these. JG-J has written a good draft. One or two additions and improvements were discussed. MT was asked to liaise with JG-J and then circulate the improved draft to Council for comments and approval.

Action: MT

Council approved the proposed selectors Terms of Reference, with the change requested by Mike Close. The approved version should go on the website.

Action: MT

There was some discussion of the proposed paper on Players' Responsibilities, with various suggestions for improvement. MT was asked to liaise with Mike Close on this.

Action: MT

The Honoraria paper was approved, with the addition of notional honoraria for the Newsletter Editor and Web Manager. A final version can be published on the website.

Action: MT

Council members should be told whenever a new set of MC minutes are available.

Action: NR

3 Attracting New Members

We discussed the idea of having a publicity and recruitment person, operating at national level. It was felt however that these activities were best handled by clubs at the local level. We are aware of a number of clubs who are very active in this way, and it would be good to disseminate ideas to other clubs. JK was asked to approach people to write up such activities for the newsletter.

Action: JK

4 Mid-Week Holiday Congress

AT has been working with Lee Collier on this. Planning for a mid-week holiday congress in Aberaeron in October is virtually complete.

Action: AT

5 AOB

The MC had been asked to rule on an expense claim where a member was not happy to accept the Treasurer's judgement on what should be paid. This was discussed and a decision made.

A complaint had been received about the behaviour of a WBU member. The MC endorsed the action already taken by AT in contacting the member concerned about this, and asked AT to ensure that the behaviour policy should include a strong statement about the unacceptability of abuse directed at the organisers of bridge in Wales.

Action: AT

6 Other Topics for Future Discussion

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

7 Next Meeting

This will be on May 10th, between 2 and 4pm, by telephone conference.

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