

WBU Management Committee

Minutes of Meeting 5th July 2011

Meeting held by telephone conference, 1.30pm to 4:30pm

Present

AT: Adrian Thomas (President), Chairman
CD: Chris Davies (West Wales nominee) (had to leave after item 6 below)
LG: Linda Greenland (Treasurer)
JH: Jean Hand (National Tournament Organiser)
JK: Jill Knight (North Wales nominee)
NR: Neville Richards (Chief Executive)
KR: Ken Richardson (East Wales nominee)
MT: Mike Tedd (Mid Wales nominee), Minutes Secretary

1 New Members

A warm welcome was extended to our two new members: Jean Hand (the new NTO) and Ken Richardson (nominee from East Wales).

2 Election of Chairman & Minutes Secretary

This being the first meeting after the AGM, it was appropriate to re-elect to these functions. AT and MT agreed to continue and were re-appointed.

3 Review of Actions from Previous Meetings

Oct 6.2 TD training

The first course in Penarth on June 4/5 went well. Another course will take place in Brecon on July 30-31. There will be more to come.

Action ongoing: NR

Feb 3 Bridge Great Britain

We heard an update on the negotiations. NR and LG will continue to negotiate on our behalf. NR was asked to investigate the possibility of a Celtic Sims.

Action: NR

March 6 Bad Behaviour

The working group has made good progress and a paper will now come to the MC and then be made available on the website for comments. It was noted that a plea for good behaviour at the Llandudno Swiss Pairs was very well received.

March 8 The Needs of Club Players

The analysis of the questionnaires from AT's tour of Welsh clubs is underway.

Action ongoing: AT

April 2 Council meeting

MT has still to progress the Council minutes (with JG-J) and the Honoraria paper.

Action ongoing: MT

4 Schedule of Meetings

We experimented with skipping the June meeting (because two members were on holiday), but a lot of issues appeared which would have been addressed then, leading to a very long meeting this time (indeed in the event some matters had to be held over to later meetings).

It was resolved that the monthly meeting should only be cancelled in exceptional circumstances.

5 Items from the AGM

Now that Council meets less often, its minutes should be finalised and published as soon as possible after the meeting, rather than waiting for the next meeting. MT was asked to organise this for the last meeting (in March). KR will help, using his notes from that meeting.

Action: MT, KR

Draft minutes from the AGM can go on the web now.

Action: MT

6 On-line Submission of Master Points

NR has the system up; it is tested and working. It can even do Simultaneous Pairs events.

There have been some strained relationships between the key figures in making this happen. NR left the meeting while the rest of the committee discussed these issues (NR objected to not being involved in this discussion).

The committee reaffirmed its determination that on-line submission of points should be brought in as soon as reasonably possible. There are some clubs known to be ready to submit points in this way. A target date of 1st August was set for when they should do this, with other clubs to follow when they are comfortable in doing so.

LG was asked to help NR and the MP Secretary with a particular interest in making sure that suitable documentation was available for clubs and to ensure that she is happy with the payment aspects.

Action: LG

The committee decided that a response should be made to one specific communication which had come to us, and CD was asked to respond on our behalf.

Action: CD

7 Review of WBU Competitions

AT has convened a group consisting of Alan Screen (from MW), Sheila Shea (NW), Geoff Evans (EW), Mary Moore (WW), Jean Hand (NTO) and himself. Their report is nearly ready and will now come to the MC for consideration.

In discussion, it was noted that while the WBU as a body can make suggestions to areas concerning events run by the areas, each area has full authority over its events. The WBU cannot tell areas what to do!

The undesirability of having two Welsh events (congresses in particular) on adjacent weekends was raised. This should be avoided where possible, but sometimes it has to happen.

MT was asked to finish his work on detailed rules for the Welsh Cup.

Action: MT

The group will consider masterpoint awards which need some revision.

Action: AT

8 Bridge Overseas

NR and AT reported on their visit to this company. A few areas of possible cooperation had been identified. The MC asked them to continue these discussions.

Action: NR, AT

9 Newsletter

The latest one is out. JK has made several suggestions for the future. She was complimented on her work, and her suggestions approved.

10 Matters for Future Discussion

- Should the Perry, Spickett & President's Cup still rotate round the areas? (See May item 2, where areas were asked to consider this.) Planning is well underway for 2012 in West Wales, so this is only an issue for 2013 on.
- Future involvement in the Seniors Camrose (see May minute 3.2, and subsequent email discussion)
- A suggestion from Maggie Pierce

11 Next Meeting

This will be on August 2nd, between 2 and 4pm, by telephone conference. AT will be away.

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