

# **WBU Management Committee**

## **Minutes of Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011**

Meeting held by telephone conference, 2pm to 4pm

### **Present**

AT: Adrian Thomas (President), Chairman

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 Apologies**

Bob Alderdice (BA) (West Wales nominee)

### **2 Review of Actions from Previous Meetings**

March 8 The needs of club players

The analysis of the questionnaires from AT's tour of Welsh clubs should be done soon.

August 5 Bad Behaviour Working Group

A revised report will be circulated to the MC. The aim is to have a policy in place for the next Journal.

*Action: AT*

September 5 Sims

Alan Screen organised the Mid-Wales graded pairs as a lightweight 'Sim' involving seven clubs using standard scoring software to merge the results. This experience can be used by other groups of clubs.

September 9.4 Fishguard congress and Ireland event

It was agreed to license this congress on the normal GP basis.

### **3 Matters Arising from Council Meeting 30/10/11**

#### **3.1 Reports to Council**

The MC will prepare six-monthly reports for Council.

*Action: MT*

#### **3.2 MC Chairman**

In the light of discussion at Council, AT agreed to continue as Chairman.

### **3.3 Seniors Camrose and Junior Home Internationals**

The MC accepts Council's recommendation that we continue to participate in the Seniors Camrose when this has to be funded by home nations rather than a sponsor as currently, with the implication that we have to host the event every 5 years.

To help in funding this, the MC supported Council's decision to withdraw from the Junior Home Internationals, noting particularly the current lack of junior members of sufficient standard to compete at this level. As a matter of urgency we understand the selectors are seeking a new junior co-ordinator to help develop this pool and identify new young people. {Subsequent to our meeting, we understand Mark Roderick has agreed to fulfil this home based role.}

## **4 Competitions**

### **4.1 The Current Season**

An awkward number of teams (19) have entered the Welsh Cup. It was agreed that there would be one seeded team, who will be joined in the second round by the winners of the six triples, and the best second placed team from the triples.

The Cambria has 15 teams, who will be reduced to 4 by two knockout rounds for the final in May. The Crossgates hall is being booked for the final.

In August the MC decided that the qualification for the Open Pairs should be from Area events, scored across Wales as a Sim; unfortunately this decision didn't reach the Journal. Council considered this and different people have different impressions as to what Council recommended. Recognising that a document as large as the Journal cannot be expected to be free of mistakes, the MC believes that we should not be bound by such mistakes. So the MC reaffirmed its August decision to score the qualifying events as a Sim.

Areas have asked for more guidance on the President's Cup, particularly on what would be appropriate teams. AT will write a paper.

**Action: AT**

### **4.2 The Future**

We should start now on the competition programme for 2012-13. AT will reconvene a working group to look at this with a view to making recommendations by the end of February. Some suggestions made in June/July which could not have been implemented in the current season should be considered for future years.

**Action: AT**

## **5 Online Submission of Masterpoints**

Even more clubs are submitting points online, and feedback from them has been very positive. Peter Goodman has volunteered to help with technical issues like the preparation of reports.

## **6 Finance**

The Finance Committee should meet.

*Action: LG*

## **7 BGB Negotiations**

The British Sims agreement is now signed by Wales and Scotland. It means our income from this source will drop after 2013-14. We will check with Ireland and Scotland that they are interested in a Celtic Sims and ask Anna Gudge to see what could be done.

*Action: NR, AT*

## **8 Journal**

We must try to ensure that the 2012-13 Journal is published in good time. Involving more people would help; for example the competition review group should try to prepare the competitions section. A deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> July for material would be appropriate.

## **9 Next Meeting**

This will be on *Thursday* December 1<sup>st</sup>, between 2 and 4pm.

MT 3/11/11, revised 8/11/11