

WBU Management Committee

Minutes of Meeting 10th January 2012

Meeting held by telephone conference, 2pm to 3.30pm

Present

BA: Bob Alderdice (West Wales nominee)
LG: Linda Greenland (Treasurer)
JH: Jean Hand (National Tournament Organiser), acting Chairman
JK: Jill Knight (North Wales nominee)
PM: Paddy Murphy (President-elect), in attendance
KR: Ken Richardson (East Wales nominee)
NR: Neville Richards (Chief Executive)
MT: Mike Tedd (Mid Wales nominee), Minutes Secretary

1 Apologies

AT: Adrian Thomas (President)

2 Review of Actions from Previous Meetings

November 7 Investigating Celtic Sims

Ongoing. Note the EBU have another free Sim on 27 February.

Action: NR

December 3.3 Masterpoint Awards

The meeting with the EBU has not yet been arranged. We will consider our awards for national events after the meeting.

Action: JH, MT

The GP awards for the Cambria Cup were agreed as : 1 for round 1, 2 for round 2, and then in the final 2 for each match won, plus two for the winners and 1 for the runners-up.

3 Contracts for National Directors

There have been some issues relating to making results available promptly for publication of websites etc, and with registering master point awards. NR will make directors more aware of what we require in these areas, with a written statement at the time of their appointment.

Action: NR

4 Arrangements for the National Open Pairs Area Qualifiers

NR is sending the hand files to the area organisers. Jeff Smith has agreed to consolidate the results. A total entry of over 30 tables is already anticipated, with more to come, we expect.

5 Journal

Peter Hand has given us some useful comments.

We will look at how the quality of the pictures in the printed version can be improved. This may well mean that we need improved greyscale images for the printed copy, as well as the nice colour ones in the on-line version.

Competition rules etc. It was felt that to remove these from the Journal and only have them online could cause problems for some members. However it was suggested that these pages could be condensed to remove repetition and unnecessary detail. It is essential that the Journal and the website be consistent, and to that end we should set a deadline (after the Cambria final?) beyond which there should be no changes to the competitions and their rules.

Different formats for the master point listings all have advantages, but the extra cost of multiple listings is quite significant. The favoured option is to have a full listing by clubs, with a one-page list for the Grand Masters. The other formats would be made available on the website.

6 Online Submission of Master Points

Peter Goodman (who wrote the first software used to manage WBU master points) has been looking at what still needs to be done, with helpful input from Noelle & her husband. The online submission is working well. However, there is quite a bit of work needed on some of the reporting issues.

The MC would like Peter to continue his work. If he needs help with some of the coding we will see how this support can be found.

7 Lightweight Club Sims

AT's suggestion that this be trialled for a week in March was approved.

8 Competition Review Group

The latest minutes from this group were discussed, and we were pleased that they are making progress. Our comments will be passed back to the group (action **MT**), and we await their final recommendations.

9 Newsletter

The next edition has gone to the printers and can now be posted on the WBU website. Attendees at the Lady Milne trials will be asked to help with distribution of the printed copies.

10 Any Other Business

10.1 The proposed timing for the Perry, involving a morning start on the Saturday, was approved.

10.2 The EBU have made us an offer relating to the licensing of bridge holidays held in Wales. NR will take this forward, consulting with LG.

Action: NR

11 Items carried forward

Some agenda items could not be progressed due to AT's indisposition. They will be considered at the next meeting:

- Feedback from AT's visits
- Possible input to revision of the laws
- Bad behaviour working group

12 Next Meeting

This will be on Tuesday February 7th 2012, between 2 and 4pm.

MT 12/1/12