

WBU Management Committee

Minutes of Meeting 7th February 2012

Meeting held by telephone conference, 2pm to 3.40pm

Present

AT: Adrian Thomas (President), Chairman
LG: Linda Greenland (Treasurer)
JH: Jean Hand (National Tournament Organiser)
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

BA: Bob Alderdice (West Wales nominee)

2 Review of Actions from Previous Meetings

November 7 Investigating Celtic Sims

Ongoing.

Action: NR

January 3.3 Licensing of Bridge Holidays

We have responded to the EBU with our proposals and await their response. NR and LG are handling this.

January 7 Lightweight Sims in March

Tony Howarth has agreed to coordinate this.

3 Relationships with Clubs and Members

We discussed how more clubs could be encouraged to affiliate, and how more members of affiliated clubs could be encouraged to become WBU members. In our next meeting we will be discussing the feedback from AT's visit programme. It would be desirable to articulate the reasons why clubs and players should join, and (if we can) do more for clubs and their members who do not play in tournaments. Our expectation is that all members of affiliated clubs should be WBU members, and we might voice that expectation at some point.

4 Vacant Posts

The AGM needs to appoint a new Treasurer and a new Master Points Secretary. In each case there has been a good individual who has been recommended to us, and the Management Committee agreed to nominate them for the posts.

It is probable that we will need to appoint a new auditor, and AT agreed to approach people about this.
Action: AT

5 Competitions

The feedback from the qualifying events for the National Open Pairs has been very largely positive. It was agreed to use this format again next year, for the Mixed Pairs as well as the Open Pairs.

It was agreed that we should try to revive the Ladies Pairs this year.

The working group will be reporting soon.

6 World Mind Sports Games

This will be held this August in Strasbourg or Cardiff, the decision to be taken this month.

We are not budgeting to send any teams to this but clearly if the event were in Cardiff, it would be odd if Wales had no representation. We will revisit this if Cardiff is chosen. The entry fees are large, but presumably we would not offer any expenses support to any players.

7 Online Submission of Master Points

More and more clubs are submitting points online. Swansea are next.

8 Council Meeting

A meeting for 18 March 2012 was provisionally scheduled at the Council meeting last March and is shown in the online calendar (but not in the Journal). There should be a meeting in the two months or so before the AGM, so this meeting on 18 March will presumably go ahead. MT will prepare a report for this meeting which NR can send out with the notice of meeting.

Actions: MT, NR

9 Bad Behaviour Working Group

We have now received from the EBU a draft of their work on penalties for bad behaviour – guidance for TDs. This looks promising and it would be desirable for us to have a common approach with them. It only addresses issues in tournaments, while the WP draft covers mainly club issues. It was agreed that our draft should be revised to complement the EBU work and come back to the MC to decide whether it should be published. MT and AT will work with Alan Lightbody on this.

Actions: AT, MT

10 Next Meeting

This will be on Tuesday March 6th 2012, between 2 and 4pm.

MT 9/2/12