

WBU Management Committee

Minutes of Meeting 24th July 2012

Meeting held by telephone conference, 2pm to 3.30pm

Present

FN: Fiona Noyce (Treasurer)
JH: Jean Hand (National Tournament Organiser)
JK: Jill Knight (North Wales nominee)
KR: Ken Richardson (East Wales nominee)
NR: Neville Richards (Chief Executive)
MT: Mike Tedd (Mid Wales nominee), Minutes Secretary
PM: Paddy Murphy (President), Chairman

1 Apologies

BA: Bob Alderdice (West Wales nominee).

2 Appointment of Minutes Secretary

MT agreed to take the minutes for this meeting.

3 Review of Actions from Previous Meetings

March 10 Contacting Universities

Action ongoing: AT

April 7 Behaviour Paper

Comments have been fed back to the working group. North Wales are very unhappy with the paper published for discussion. It was agreed to let the working group revise the paper in the light of comments received – addressing the NW concerns – and then decide whether to adopt it as WBU policy.

April 9 Eligibility for events such as the Perry Shield

We agreed to continue the discussion by email.

Action ongoing: All

May 8 Seeking sponsorship

Action ongoing: BA

4 Chief Executive's Report

The WBU Journal for 2012-13 has been printed and distribution is starting. KR was thanked for his work on this.

The first Celtic Sims will be held on December 3-6, prepared by Scotland. Northern Ireland will prepare one in the Spring of 2013 and Wales one later in the year. The proceeds will be shared between the three countries to support representative teams.

Phil Bowers has asked us to set a date when on-line submission of master points will be required.

He also suggests that points should not be credited and shown online for those players who have not paid their current year's subscription. Such points would be credited when the subscription was renewed, or when a new member joins. The MC agreed to this suggestion.

5 Treasurer's Report

FN is tackling the inevitable learning curve. She would like to clarify the ways in which players are supported by the WBU when representing Wales, and to identify the Council and/or MC decisions behind this. MT will help.

Action: MT

6 NTO's Report

Following the difficulties with the Llanidloes hall for the Webber, JH has talked to the management there; new windows are to be installed, the toilet arrangements improved, and heating put on (if necessary) well in advance. It was agreed that we should use the venue again, as in other respects it had been good.

The National Open Pairs will be in Builth Wells as this year.

The Metropole is increasing its prices again next year. It was agreed to use Rhayader Leisure centre instead for appropriate events.

The Celtic congress is likely to be in Wales again next year. To move it further away from the Swiss Pairs weekend may mean holding it on June 15-16 which would mean moving the Teams of 8 to the following weekend. We should know soon if this is necessary. We should also investigate whether it could be held in North Wales in some years.

The NTO's brief does not include congresses. It was noted that each congress should apply to the WBU for a licence before making its arrangements. While this can be relaxed for well established events on effectively the same dates, it is important that this is done properly for new congresses, and when the dates are changed. We should remind congress organisers of this.

Action: NR

7 Internationals

Wales will be hosting the Seniors Camrose in 2013. It was agreed to appoint Patrick Jourdain as Match Manager for a match in the Cardiff area, with the WBU support already agreed (should appropriate sponsorship not be forthcoming).

Having lost LG, our link to the Selectors, it was agreed to ask them to provide reports to the MC every few months especially when finance matters need to be addressed.

8 AOB

8.1 Looking for new members

PM suggested that we should be looking to recruit young professionals in the 35-45 age range. Ideas of how to do this would be welcomed.

8.2 Thanks

This was Ken Richardson's last meeting. He was thanked profusely for all the contributions he has made over the years to the WBU, East Wales, and many facets of Welsh bridge.

9 Next Meeting

Tuesday September 4th 2012. We will investigate whether this could be a face-to-face meeting.

MT 31/7/12