

WBU Management Committee

Minutes of Meeting 4th September 2012

Meeting held by telephone conference, 2pm to 4.45pm

Present

PM: Paddy Murphy (President), Chairman
NR: Neville Richards (Chief Executive)
FN: Fiona Noyce (Treasurer)
JH: Jean Hand (National Tournament Organiser)
JK: Jill Knight (North Wales nominee)
MT: Mike Tedd (Mid Wales nominee),
BA: Bob Alderdice (West Wales nominee)
PB Phil Bowers (MP Secretary, in attendance)

1 Apologies

East Wales nominee – replacement for Ken Richardson to be announced.

2 Appointment of Minutes Secretary

BA agreed to take on the responsibility.

3 Review of Actions from Previous Meetings

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| March 10 | Contacting Universities. Some contacts have been made. This will reviewed in 3 months | |
| April 7 | Behaviour Paper. It was agreed that an abbreviated document together with an outline of the purpose of the comment would be prepared for MC approval. MT would discuss the matter with a potential editor. | Action: MT |
| May 8 | Seeking sponsorship. Potential sponsors will be approached this month. Any WBU member who has potential companies, contacts or sponsors should contact BA | Action ongoing: BA |
| 24 th July: | Financial support to WBU team representative: FN to prepare a formalised proposal essentially based on past custom and practice for MC consideration | Action FN |
| 24 th July: | Organisers of WBU based Congresses to have prior approval of MC for any significant change to congress dates | Action: NR |

4 Chief Executive's Report

The main discussions related to trials. The Selection committee have will be asked to explain the failure to hold one of the trials in mid Wales. There is concern that it may discourage N. Wales entrants particularly for Ladies and Seniors.

Action: NR

Other items will be highlighted in section 10 relating to on-line MP recording.

5 Treasurer's Report

Separate accounts for competitions will be prepared

Action: FN

6. NTO Report

6.1 National Mixed Pairs. A venue has still to be arranged for the final as Rhayader is no longer available.

The National Mixed Pairs qualifier will be run as a simultaneous pairs basis in the 4 areas similar to the National Open Pairs. This will require NWBA to revert to their qualifier being on the same date as the other 3 Areas

Action: JH/PM

6.2 Teams of 8 and Celtic Congress. It is proving difficult to re-arrange the Teams of Eight Final on a different date from that in the diary. In the likely event that it cannot be re-arranged to 23rd June 2013 we will allow both events to run on the same weekend, recognising that there may be some pairs may choose to miss the Celtic Congress Swiss Pairs on the Sunday. Provisional intended dates for 2014, should there be another Congress in Wales should be resolved before April 2013 to ensure no future clashes.

6.3 Graded Masters: The aim is to use one of the monthly WBU small club simultaneous pairs events in Feb/Mar 2013 on a specific night as the basis for a National Graded Pairs Competition for players in the lower MP categories. All clubs will be encouraged to hold the event on that night and/or allow other WBU members to play at their club event should their own club not be holding it. Subject to the success of this event, in 2013/14 programme we will provisionally arrange a date for a Graded Masters event of Grade 1 and 2 players at a central venue and 4 Area simultaneous pairs for the other grades on the same date.

Action: BA

6.4 Welsh Cup and Cambria Cup. All Area and Club Secretaries are asked to encourage increased entries to the events to re-invigorate them and create enough critical mass to ensure local matches in early rounds to minimise travelling.

Action: All

7. Selectors Report

There was no report.

Action: NR

8 MP Secretary's Report

A number of issues were discussed:

8.1 Discussions with EBU. This has been discussed before but MT reviewed these discussions which identified areas of similarity, where the WBU may be too generous and where our awards may require upgrading. In essence our Congress awards were similar but our WBU simultaneous awards perhaps a little generous. In Swiss events etc. we should adopt their decimal awards e.g. instead of 0.25 greens per match won it may vary from 0.21 to 0.28 dependant on the number of hands per match.

A proposal to revise the WBU MP handbook will be discussed with the new MP Secretary and the advice of the previous MP Secretary prior to recommendations to the MC by Nov 2012.

Action: NR/PB

8.2 On-line Master Point Registration. A number of proposals were discussed aimed at implementing a full changeover to on-line registration by all clubs and elimination of paper based systems during the period 2013 and 2014.

To meet that objective:

a) A number of improvements/weaknesses in the existing system have to be reviewed and compiled into a scope of work for discussion with the software/system designer and a commercial proposal timeline for implementation prepared. For MC approval

Action: PB

b) A survey will take place with all clubs to understand the state of their computer and scoring systems and what is required to implement on-line uploading of MP by 2013/14

Action: PB

c) It was agreed that the next 2 master point "years" will actually only be 10 months (April 2012 –Feb 2013] and Mar-Dec 2013) such that we move to a calendar year recording system by 2014.

9 AOB

A small group will establish new recommendations for the CEO honoraria

Action: PM/FN

10 Next Meeting

Tuesday Oct 2nd 2012.

BA 5/9/12