

# WBU Management Committee

## Minutes of Meeting 2nd October 2012

Meeting held by telephone conference, 2pm to 3.30pm

### Present

PM: Paddy Murphy (President), Chairman

NR: Neville Richards (Chief Executive)

JH: Jean Hand (National Tournament Organiser)

MT: Mike Tedd (Mid Wales nominee),

BA: Bob Alderdice (West Wales nominee)

### 1 Apologies

FN: Fiona Noyce (Treasurer)

JK: Jill Knight (North Wales nominee)

### 3 Review of Actions from Previous Meetings

- April 7      Behaviour Paper. MT to discuss developing paper with a potential editor.      **Action: MT**
- May 8      Seeking sponsorship. 3 written to, Admiral, Principality, Tata.. Anyone with personal contacts in potential sponsors contact BA  
**Action ongoing: BA**
- 24<sup>th</sup> 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**

### 4 Chief Executive's Report

*4.1 Trials.* The selectors were contacted and explained their choice of trial venues. They are looking at holding a future Ladies or seniors trial in a mid-Wales Venue

*4.2 Trophies.* He had been contacted by Eleanor Price who had located the Cambria Trophy. It has not been engraved with winners for ~10 years and requires an additional plinth to take additional names. The total cost of a new plinth and engraving would be £200 and the MC were asked to approve the spend. Recognising that other trophies have not been presented for a number of years and are not engraved, it was decided that this be left over for next months meeting to determine our presentation policy e.g. where/when, and whether we could justify such expenditure to update engraving on all trophies.

**Action: MC**

4.3 *EBU*. There is a major concern about our relationship with EBU as they have said that in future they will not recognise MPs gained by EBU members gained in WBU organised simultaneous events. They have informed the SBU of the same. They have written to the EBL (European Bridge League ) suggesting that the WBU are breaching EBL rules by organising such events involving EBU clubs. The WBU are aware of the letter but have not received a copy. WBU discussions with the EBL suggest that we are not in breach but the issue has still to be resolved.

Recognising the desire to maintain a fruitful relationship with the EBU, and that this could have other implications on members of the WBU who also play in English clubs we will be approaching this matter in a constructive way. We will probably attend a meeting with the EBA and SBU to discuss this and other matters in early Dec.

We will be asking the EBU for a copy of their letter to the EBL

**Action: NR**

4.4 *EWBA*. No decision has been made on who will represent them on the MC. Hopefully this will be clearer for the Nov meeting. The EWBA are preparing a paper on Tournament director Fee Structures, particularly related to enhanced fees for events which may have >27 boards in a session e.g. 4 x 7 board Swiss Movements. The MC will consider their document in relation to all Welsh events.

**Action. EWBA**

## **5 Treasurer's Report**

No report was tabled.

## **6. NTO Report**

6.1 *National Mixed Pairs Final* . This event will now take place in the Commodore Hotel, Llandrindod Wells. The CEO will visit it to assess any additional facilities that may be required e.g. additional lighting.

**Action: NR**

Heats 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. The four simultaneous pairs heats are organised; however, **all areas should be aware of the potential difficulty of getting Tournament Directors** as the EBA have a training weekend for Directors on that weekend.

6.2 *Teams of 8* This will now be held in Rhayader on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2013. The hall was being used for a late night function on 15<sup>th</sup> June and would potentially be unsuitable for use on 16<sup>th</sup>.

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 ongoing*

*6.4 Welsh Cup and Cambria Cup.* The fixture list will be sent out in next 2 weeks. Final entry numbers require to be clarified; however, based on the probable entries the MC agreed that:

All teams require to pay entry fees

*Welsh Cup:* The previous winners (who also had the highest number of Green MPs) will get a bye into the quarter final. The remaining 15 teams will be put into regional sections of 3, with 2 matches in each section, the winners of each section and the two highest IMP second placed teams will go forward to the quarter final.

*Cambria Cup* This will be a straight knock-out initially on a regional basis

## 7. Selectors Report

There was no report.

## 8 MP Secretary's Report

There was no report

## 9 AOB

A small group will establish new recommendations for the CEO honoraria

*Action: PM/FN ongoing*

## 10 Next Meeting

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Face to Face with venue to be arranged in Newtown area.

BA 17/10/12

### Other Actions to be reviewed at later date

Logged	Action	Review
Mar.'12	University Contacts: Some made review again	Jan
Aug'12	Review New Master Book with PB	Nov
Aug'12	On-line MP registration. Scope Software developments	
Aug'12	Club Computer Capability. Audit and report back PB	