

Minutes of WBU Management Meeting on 7th May 2013
Skype Meeting from 1400 to 1550hrs

Attendees

Paddy Murphy:	President
Neville Richards:	CEO
Fiona Noyce:	Treasurer
Jean Hand	NTO
Mike Tedd:	MWBA Representative
Jill Knights	NWBA Representative
Geoff Evans:	EWBA Representative
Bob Alderdice:	WWBA Representative

1. Review of Actions from Previous Meeting

- 1.1 ***Insurance:*** The new WBU Insurance on renewal this month will provide liability cover for all WBU, Area and Club Officials
- 1.2 ***EBU Reciprocity.*** At the recent meeting the EBU refused to recognise the Celtic Sims and will not accept MPs gained by English club participation in Celtic Simultaneous Pairs. The also intimated that unless WBU MP allocations are consistent with the EBU scales they may refuse all reciprocity. Since the WBU policy is to be consistent with the EBU this is not seen as a problem.

Action. MP Secretary

- 1.3 ***WBU MP Book Re-write.*** This is taking time but in meantime the scales of the EBU will continue to be the basis for all allocations.
- 1.4 ***Advertising.*** The Yearbook/Journal could have a full back page advert. Discussions to establish the appropriate contributor are taking place.
- 1.5 ***Seniors Home International.*** It was agreed by the Home Unions that in future the trophy will be called the Teltscher Trophy as proposed by the WBU
- 1.6 ***Competition Rules:*** the re-write is on-going

Action: Mike/Laura

- 1.7 ***Newsletter:*** Jill and Laura were thanked for their excellent work in getting the Newsletter out.
The NTO's report was omitted but will be included on the web-site.

Action: Mike

2. CEO's Report

- 2.1 Training:*** The booklet for Judgement Rules has been prepared for issuing at the training course on 18th May.
- 2.2 Welsh Foursomes:*** Due to the failure to get an appropriate venue in E. Wales the 2013 event will be held in the Commodore Hotel in Llandrindod Wells

2.3 Welcome Pack: New members should receive a welcome pack from the WBU etc. This will be put on the Web-site such that all clubs can run copies off for their new members.

3. Treasurer's Report

3.1 Credit cards. This will be pursued if not received in the next two weeks

Action: Fiona

3.2 Seniors Teltscher Trophy. After considerable discussion and concern about the potential expenditure of this event it was agreed that the WBU will set a limit of its contribution to a maximum of £250 above the £4000 sponsorship received. This will be communicated to the match manager.

Action: Mike

3.3 Treasurers Sub-Committee. Only two areas were represented (EWBA and NWBA). Their views for the MC to consider ahead of the AGM:

- Subscriptions/Affiliation Fees. It is recommended that there be no change in 2013/14 subscription. It is suggested that all areas adopt a common Area subscription of £2 from 2014 and that at this years AGM the WBU propose an increase an appropriate subscription from 2014/15 which will include the £2 for each Area. But that be no more than £10.

Current rules for joining during the year remains as present.

- a) Lapsed members pay full fees
 - b) Full membership fee before 1st Oct.
 - c) 50% fee after 1st Oct. or option to pay full fee for the following 18 months
- Congress Fees: Remain at 12%
 - New clubs: All clubs should be self sufficient. The WBU should only consider matched funding of such things as IT requirements for new clubs.

3.4 Selectors/Team Monies: It was agreed that the current policy continue

- Player expenses. Reasonable accommodation and travel expenses to be paid for those nights/days specific to the competition. Car rental only allowed where proven that it is cheaper than train/air e.g. likely when a number travel by car together.
- Selectors Monies. They have an allowance of £1K annually for Training. Any Training involving participation on a Congress should be focussed on WBU events. Trials and other costs should be self financing by the appropriate table monies. :

4. NTO Report

- a) **Webber Cup:** There was considerable upset caused by two teams failing to turn up for the final. This is unacceptable and the areas concerned will ensure that the players concerned are made fully aware of the problems associated with their lack of communication.
The 2014 event will be a Direct Entry event with no Area qualifiers.

- b) **Graded Masters.** Details to be determined
Action Jean/Paddy

5. **Internationals** No report

6. **Selectors Report** No report

7. **Master Points Secretary's Report.** Nothing to report

8. Yearbook/Newsletter

The Newsletter has been issued and Jill Knights was thanked for her excellent work as editor.

The Yearbook/Journal. Dates for last submission of the Annual Financial report etc. is required. **Action: Neville**

9. Chairman's Report

Junior Bridge: The Chairman will be reviewing this and come forward with proposals for training in schools. He is still looking for names of volunteers to carry out such training in the different areas and potential schools.

Recognising previous attempts at such training he would welcome experiences and ideas on how to overcome issues that have arisen in the past which detracted from succeeding in such training

Discussions with the SBU suggested that they had only succeeded in getting enthusiasm for such training in private/public schools

Laws and Ethics: The President has referred an issue to the Laws & Ethics Committee.

Next Meeting: 4th June 2013 at 1400hrs