

Minutes of WBU Management Meeting on 26th Nov. 2013
Commodore Hotel, Llandrindod Wells from 1430 to 1600hrs

Attendees

Herbie Rowley	President
Neville Richards:	CEO
Fiona Noyce:	Treasurer
Jean Hand	NTO
Geof Evans	EWBA Representative
Bob Alderdice:	WWBA Representative

Apologies:

Paddy Murphy. Phil Bowers, Richard Hill

This meeting was short focussed on progressing actions from the meeting with the selectors

1. Outstanding Actions from Previous Meeting

- (i) ***EBU Reciprocity.*** Proposals required on compatibility with EBU including those where WBU and EBU are outside guidelines to ensure we maintain reciprocity **Action: Phil**
- (ii) ***“Training Group” Members.*** Proposals of how “training groups” will be incorporated/administered within the WBU membership and MP system. **Action: Phil**
Assess how to ensure that clubs do not abuse the “free membership” proposals for new members in training groups
Action: MC
- (iii) ***Education Officer:*** There have been no volunteers for the advert this position. The advert will be retained on the web-site and candidates sought. **Action: MC/CEO.**
- (iv) ***CEO’s Credit Card.*** The bank has refused this as obtaining credit was not written into our constitution. The MC agreed that it will now apply for a debit card. **Action: Fiona**
- (v) ***International Playing Expenses.*** Clear guidelines will be discussed and agreed with the selectors based on fairness and indicative **Action: Neville**
- (vi) ***Graded Masters.*** Proposals on organising a Graded Masters competition awaited **Action: Jean/Paddy**
- (vii) ***Webber Cup:*** Recognising the larger venue, guidelines desired on maximum entries consistent with playing rules to be agreed with the TD **Action: Jean**

2. Discussions and Decisions relating to the meeting with Selectors

- (i) ***Commonwealth Games:*** It was agreed that the WBU would pay £2000 for entries and £100/person expenses.

- (ii) **Selectors Budget:** We agreed that this should be £5000 per annum to cover training and an honorarium for a Training Development Officer.

3. CEO's Report

- 3.1 ***Celtic Simultaneous Pairs.*** This has been a successful innovation and raised ~£3K for the WBU.
The WBU are organising the events this season and we need to encourage all clubs to support this venture as it will be our major source of future income for supporting International Bridge, recognising that we will lose £10K/annum from the former BGB simultaneous events.

- 3.2 ***WBU Bridge Playing Standards.***
A very fruitful meeting was held with the selectors earlier discussing how we improve the competitive standards of Welsh Bridge and increase the potential international playing pool. This will be reported later elsewhere
Computer based training and playing packages to develop Junior Bridge will be investigated.

- 3.3 ***Current Playing Standards Assessment.*** The MC are continuing to investigate ideas on assessing current individual playing standards to supplement our Ranking system. Studies are taking place using the on-line performance of players within their clubs. Area and simultaneous pairs events will be used to investigate scope for these indicating a “standard scratch” for clubs similar to golf club handicaps.

4. Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 Credit Card. See above. We are now applying for a debit card instead.

5. NTO Report

- 5.1 **Ladies Welsh Cup.** This was very successfully re-introduced and hopefully will be the basis for increased numbers and possibly a 2 day event including a Ladies Pairs next year.
Some participants considered that additional stronger teams need to be encouraged to participate. .

Next Meeting:

10th Jan 2014 at 11am in Commodore Hotel, Llandindod Wells