

Minutes of WBU Management Meeting on 10th Jan 2014
Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells from 1530 to 1630hrs

Attendees

Herbie Rowley:	President
Neville Richards:	CEO
Fiona Noyce:	Treasurer
Geoff Evans:	EWBA Representative
Bob Alderdice:	WWBA Representative
Paul Denning:	Selector (by invitation)

Apologies:

Paddy Murphy, Phil Bowers, Richard Hill

This meeting was short and essentially called to review proposals for a Welsh Team League and progress matters ahead of the Camrose Trophy matches. Most outstanding actions were held in abeyance until the next meeting.

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. CEO's Report

2.1 ***Commonwealth Games.*** It was confirmed that WBU would pay £2000 for entry to the competition and players would receive £100/person

2.2 ***Overseas Congress.*** This will be held in Oct 2014 and the CBAI have asked and it has been agreed that they can participate jointly in the event. The cost of bridge sessions has to be determined

Action: CEO.

2.3 ***Bridgefest.*** All members are asked to encourage participation in this event on 16th/17th May in the Commodore Hotel, Llandrindod Wells. There will be two 16 board sessions of bridge each day with parallel lectures by Drina Vanner and Tony Howarth on bridge tips, rulings and overcoming bridgemate and computer problems. Participants can choose to play in all or any bridge and lecture sessions and need not attend both days. Details would appear on the web-site.

The maximum attendee capacity for the venue is 120.

3. Competitions

3.1 ***Welsh Teams League.*** A proposal from Paul Denning which originated from the discussions with the selectors on 26th Nov 2013 was agreed in principle for implementation in 2014/15 session. Details have still to be finalised but the aim will be to seek entries by June 2014 with the aim of participation in Sept and Oct at dates pencilled in for the Open Team Trials.

Subsequent to the meeting Paul Denning, Geoff Evans and Bob Alderdice agreed to suggest an implementation proposal for the MC. That meeting will be held on 4th/5th March. **Action: GE, BA, PD**

3.2 ***Competitions:*** Recognising the discussions with the selectors it was felt appropriate that a paper be prepared for discussion by the management committee on ideas for our future competition structure.

Action: BA, GE

Next Meeting:

12th Feb 2014 at 11am in Commodore Hotel, Llandrindod Wells
(subsequently moved to 28th Feb)