



WBU MC 6th Jan 2015 at Crossgates Community Centre

Present: Herbie Rowley (HR), Neville Richards (NR), Dr Gareth Jones (GJ), Jean Hand (JH), Dr Paddy Murphy (PM, via skype). M Thorne to take minutes.

Quorum of 5 met.

NB. Due to a mail server glitch a final email confirming the meeting, agenda and other papers were not received by any member resulting in the non attendance of Phil Bowers, Geoff Evans & Fiona Noyce.

1. Apologies: Alan Screen (AS), Fiona Noyce (Treasurer)
2. The minutes of the last meeting were circulated, read and approved (proposed JH and seconded GJ). E-mail problems meant they were unseen previously. Arising from the minutes, it was noted that Alan Screen had booked Newtown F.C. (point 14, last minutes).
3. L&E - A matter raised by Bill Parkinson is still to be resolved; Patrick Jourdain having withdrawn and AS on holiday. A committee of 5 was suggested with PM agreeing to be co-opted if necessary in the meantime; Constitution change required.
4. Honoraria - the following approved for submission to Council;

NTO - £675 (p.a.), back-dated, Welsh & Cambria Cups included.

Membership & MP Sec £1000 ea., to be reduced to £1000 total when database set up: *NR to speak to Phil Bowers.*

Yearbook - £500; JH & NR. Online and up to date. Copies sent to all club secretaries; observed that not all members are aware of this.

Newsletter - £50/issue + expenses. Position vacant. Online, contributions welcome.

Education - £500 + reasonable agreed expenses. Keith Butler, EBU registered teacher, up to improver level. Also does Newsletter, last 3 online, hard copies available on request. *HR & NR to see him during a lesson.*

Not part of the honoraria, it was also noted by HR at this point P Jourdain had helped bring bridge to one school's curriculum.

5. Area matters - an NWBA letter was considered. PM also observed that it was important that MC actions not be perceived as unilateral but as a result of consensus. *HR to visit North Wales with hard copies of Journal if requested.*

It was agreed that a simple guide to show people how to access Master Points would be a useful circulation.

Mixed Pairs/Junior Camrose clash now resolved. The principle that calendar dates should *not* be changed unless absolutely unavoidable was agreed. A draft calendar, produced by JH, would be finalised after any conflicts were settled. Minutes of meetings were to be published quickly in draft for AGM/Exec council.

6. Seniors congress in May: EWBA to relinquish responsibility to WBU; put it to NWBA if they wish to run it on behalf of the WBU (agreed, proposed PM, seconded GJ), perhaps at Holiday Inn, Northop - *PM to speak to Sheila Shea (Deputy Chair NWBA) ASAP.*

7. Hire of WBU equipment - the return of damaged bridgemates was reported by NR. Fee of £1/unit agreed (proposed PM, seconded GJ).

8. Junior Camrose - HR looking for two teams; at Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl. Possible NPCs; Yuan Chen, Mike Tedd and David Birt. *HR to speak to Mark Roderick.*

9. Area Chairpersons for coming year:

West - GJ (to be confirmed, only candidate at the moment)

North - Marie Topp (?)

East - Geoff Evans

Mid - HR

10. Competition Programme - letter from Gwynn Davis considered.

Concern expressed at low number of entries generally. Agreed:

There will be a fixed day for Welsh/Cambria not same day as Seniors.

31st July end of competition year date.

Straight draw for Welsh Cup, same as Cambria.

JH to reply to Gwynn.

Aiming for 9 table final for T of 8. No inter-teams subs allowed.

Only 3 tables for Open Pairs, North. *JH to contact Mike Amos about previous Master Points.*

Meaning of 'WBU Club Teams Final' unclear.
Mixed Pairs final - 11 tables from total of 20 only.
Presidents Cup - still emphatically supported (HR/NR).
Letter of support to Camrose players. (HR/NR)

11. AOB – Bridgemate use with Jeff Smith's Pairscorer's book on web; authored by Tony Haworth .

12. Next Meeting - Exec council; 11.30, 24th March at Crossgates
MC - 11.30, 10th Feb at Crossgates.