

Minutes MC Skype meeting 11.30 – 1.30 Tuesday 30th August 2016

Present Neville Richards (NR), Jean Hand (JH), Paddy Murphy (PM), Geoff Evans (GE), Gareth Jones (GJ)

ACTION

- 1 Apologies for absence
Fiona Noyce (FN), Phil Bowers (PB), Gwynn Davies (GD), Paul Denning (PD)
- 2 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th July 2016 (circulated previously)
- 3 Matters arising thereon
 - a) No rep from NWBA:- still ongoing **PJM**
 - b) Survey: PJM to speak to Judith **NR**
 - c) OPEN PAIRS JH to talk to MA **JH/MA**
 - d) PJM to continue mailing lists
 - e) PM/JH to discuss a date for proposed graded masters **PM/JH**
 - f) Selectors agreed that if a selector is a possible candidate for selection then they must stand down from the committee at the point where discussion is to be made.
- 4 Reports:
 - a) NTO:

REPORT:-

Ladies event: in problems pairs and teams not good, JH and GC to check viability and make a decision ASAP; **JH/GC**

Welsh and Cambria numbers are low, some confusion over closing date which was agreed as the 19th September and NR will correct website. ¼ green to remain for first round of Welsh **NR**

Monies: PJM to send copy of email sent to FN re prize money in the Welsh and Cambria to JH **PJM**

Open pairs still waiting to speak to MA **JH**

b) Treasurer

REPORT:-

Bank stands at £51,510.48 on 29/08/16

The Wrexham Lady Milne accommodation @ the Ramada Plaza was £3,687.50
Richard Plackett's sponsorship for one Euro Team has been received - £2,335.00
(which includes sharing the expenses of the NPC with the WBU)

All European participants who requested reimbursement have received their expenses up to the limit set - all supplied receipts.

The WBU is due £190.87 from the EBU for the British Spring Sims Pairs.

I have had no contact from the winners of the Welsh Cup and I have not issued any prize monies relating to this event: *PJM is in discussion with FN to clarify this as he vaguely remembers getting paid £200*

Unfortunately HMRC no longer offer online filing support for Corporation Tax – so I will have to use a commercial package, I plan to purchase a single license from Andica Software – I use them regularly for CT600 and Partnerships and they are relatively inexpensive. I will of course check with them beforehand that the program is suitable for clubs and associations.

NR to check this

NR

The total expenses for Cheltenham Youth Event have not come in yet I have not been approached by any club requesting support to purchase bridge equipment

I intend to contact all regional treasurers next month and set a date sometime in mid-October for our finance meeting (by Skype)

c) Membership & Master points Secretary

No report

d) CEO

REPORT:-

The Selectors have requested that we purchase dedicated screen tables for the Premier league and I have asked for quotations from two suppliers. I have the first quotation at £300 per table. I have asked Tony Haworth to report on the condition of our six screen tables currently stored at Porthcawl. Usable and refurbished as of the moment. Some possibility of old EBU Equipment, NR to check

NR

I will be attending the EBU Youth camp this weekend along with twenty youngsters from Wales.

The Welsh Foursomes is struggling with low entries and heavy administration costs. There is a poor participation from our international representative players although the chairman of the EBU and a vice-chairman are amongst the competitors! Entries are almost 50/50 Welsh and English for the 20 tables.

Sadly we have recently lost three stalwarts of the WBU, namely Isobel Evans, followed by Patrick Jourdain and more recently Peter Hand, and several other members are known to be not in the best of health. With Margaret, my wife, I was able to attend the funeral of Peter Hand a representative of the WBU.

The Laws & Ethics Committee are now once again up to three members with Mike Tedd and Mike Amos joining Alan Screen.

Despite promotional work from Jean Hand, Gilly Clench and featured prominence on the website the Ladies weekend is in danger of not taking place due to low entries. *See earlier comments*

One so far deadline October end

- 6 Calendar/newsletter
Newsletter to be 32 pages and a range of topics to be covered
- 7 Junior/Youth bridge
Junior Camrose/Peggy Bayer
Around Feb time: Mark Roderick and Sophie Cunningham to be
Consulted PM to speak to them re plans **PM**
- 8 Webpage
- 9 Selectors Reports and comments

Selectors withdraw from discussion where their own interest is involved - this is a long-established principle.

For the 2018 Europeans in Ostende, we hope to send THREE teams - Open, Ladies, and Seniors. We regard this as a priority. Selection to be made well in advance of the event (late autumn of 2017), and to be based on the totality of Pairs' performances.

We have dates for this season's Ladies and Seniors trials. Specifically on the Telscher Trophy, we accept that expenses need to be kept under review, but we wish to maintain our participation. This is the principal annual competitive target for our Senior players.

The following is apparent

Venue 19-21st May Northern Ireland

*Expenses to be agreed, selectors need to consider costs etc **GD/PD/JH***
£295 per person hotel + travel etc

NINE teams applied to play in this season's Premier League. Six have been accepted, and the other three are engaged in a play-off for the final two places. More information is available on the selectors blog. Sarah Amos will direct both PL weekends.

At our meeting on 15 August we discussed the provision of screens, and Mike Amos was going to speak to Neville. It is our view that the present canvas screens are inadequate. We request the purchase of a more robust set of screens. **NR**

Our next meeting is set for Monday 12 September at 1pm.

- 10 Lady Milne

PJM To consult MA re arrangements **PM**
- 11 Letters to the president (see attached for comments)

12 AOB
Cardiff bridge club report a 1000+ increase in attendance to bridge sessions
A 27% increase. This is largely down to teaching sessions

13 Date of next meeting

Skype 10th October 11-30

F2F 21/22/23 November NR to organise

NR