

WBU Management Committee meeting

2nd August 2018

Crossgates Community Hall

Meeting started at 11:30

Present: Paddy Murphy (Chair), Neville Richards, Geoff Evans, Jean Hand, Sarah Amos

ITEM		ACTION
1	Apologies for absence Fiona Noyce, Phil Bowers, Gareth Jones, Alan Screen, Alan Stephenson	
2	Minutes of meeting 24 th April were approved	
3	<p>Officers reports</p> <p>Treasurer FN had sent a report read by SA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of meetings at MRC • Deposit paid for Camrose at Beaufort Park – £1,500.00 • Venue for teams of 8 costs £275 – issues with venue • Request for confirmation from areas re: entry fees • CEO advert costs • Bank balance £34,533.93 • Recall of WBU debit card <p>NTO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welsh & Cambria Cups still ongoing, Cambria final set for 27th Aug • Open Pairs was curtailed by the weather, a complaint has been made that the leaders should not have been declared the winners. Some players thought that refunding £12.50 was insulting. • There were serious problems at the Teams of 8 final– booking was made for 1 day which the hall consider to be 9-5. Poor attitude of hall management caused problems and they were unwilling to stay later than 5:00. In future all bookings and timings to be confirmed in writing (email). Very negative impact on players who don't normally play in WBU events. The Pavilion is not a suitable venue for bridge events. <p>Membership and master points sec</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report received 	FN
4	<p>CEO applications</p> <p>Two applications received</p> <p>It was agreed that both candidates should be interviewed once a definitive job description has been finalised and HMRC consulted SA to contact both and ask about availability early September.</p> <p>Interview panel JH, NR, ASC</p>	SA PM

5	<p>Calendar and Competitions Recommendation of Tournament Review group accepted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Mixed Pairs Sunday 24th Feb 2 sessions in areas scored across the field • Webber Cup 9/10th March Open entry circulating every 3 years East, West, North • National Champion of Champions NEW COMP Sunday 17th March All WBU Clubs invited to send winners or runners up of Club Championship to 2 session one day event at Metropole, Llandrindod Wells. Sponsorship possibilities being explored. • Teams of Eight Sunday 16th June – alternative venues being explored. • Seniors Trials – Cardiff Bridge Club has offered to host with a view to increasing participation. MC recommend to selectors that this offer should be accepted. • Welsh and Cambria Cups – David Stevenson has taken over running for 18/19 and fixed the finals weekend for 17/18 August 2019 • Ranked Masters Sunday 9th December Areas with top flight on East • Welsh Foursomes not happening this year – explore restructuring to a knockout with consolation event (Spring 4s style) • WBU Midweek Congress NEW EVENT 8-10th October 2019 Hotel in South Wales. • Event(s) for non- tournament players restricted to less than 10 Greens restricted systems. One day event in mid-South. 2 sessions with food? 	<p>JH NR</p> <p>SA</p> <p>SA</p> <p>SA</p> <p>SA</p>
6	<p>WBU Website and IT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of complaints about it being difficult to find things on the website • Start times for events not always accurate • Information on the front page about the organisation – does not need to be there • NR happy to continue to run website and to sort out the layout to make it more user friendly • If NR unavailable Mike Tedd, PB and SA have admin rights • Website and Masterpoint/membership database on separate servers • NR to send SA a site map to help work out what should go where • Calendar needs updating 	<p>NR SA</p> <p>JH NR</p>
7	<p>Meeting Venue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to hold future meetings at Crossgates 	

8	<p><u>Junior Bridge</u></p> <p>Two Wrexham youngsters played in the NWBA President's Cup team. It was agreed that they should be supported and encouraged with a view to possible future Junior Camrose selection.</p> <p>SA running mini bridge taster sessions in Cardiff over Summer and investigating attending University Freshers fair.</p> <p><u>Camrose 2019</u></p> <p>Venue is booked but we need to begin planning as there is a clash with Manchester Congress and the Midland Counties Congress. Need to recruit BBO operators and a Match Manager. PM to approach a NWBA member about taking on the match manager role.</p> <p><u>President's Cup</u></p> <p>GE Raised the fact that the Mid President's Cup team were very experienced players and it was against the spirit of the competition to field such a team.</p> <p>It was agreed that the regulations need to be clear and to be enforced.</p>	PM
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Meeting closed at 3:00 pm

Next meeting Tuesday 4th September 2018