

WBU Management Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 21 May 2020  
By Zoom video

Minutes

Present: David Newman (President & Chair)  
Neville Richards (Acting Chief Executive)  
Fiona Noyce (Treasurer)  
Marie Topp (President elect)  
Alan Screen (MWBA)  
Jean Hand (NTO)  
Gareth Jones (WWBA, minutes)  
Simon Gottschalk (EWBA)  
Apologies: Geoff Evans (EWBA); Paddy Murphy (NWBA)  
Meeting commenced 2pm.

The President welcomed Marie Topp to her first zoom meeting

### **Appeal regarding a determination by the WBU Laws and Ethics Committee**

Two members wished to appeal.

There was considerable discussion and the majority agreed there is no provision for an appeal against the decision by the WBU Laws and ethics Committee.

So the caution to the other person stands.

### **Porthcawl Congress**

An email concerning the Porthcawl congress concerning whether an online event could be played. It was decided to leave it up to the West Wales and that when it was clearer as to whether a normal congress could be held a final decision could be made. Please refer to AOB

### **Webmaster**

An application had been received from Guy Mortensen for the position and it was agreed he should start with an initial agreement for a review after three months when the contract will hopefully be extended.

### **AOB**

NR brought to the attention of the meeting an offer from Stepbridge for use of their online bridge engine customised for UK use. The provision would be free of charge for the first six months. The application is similar to BBO and would allow Clubs to have their own online sessions and hopefully also allow us to trial a virtual Mid Wales Congress in July; and if successful might facilitate the Porthcawl Congress to be run on similar lines.

The meeting closed at 3pm