



## Minutes of Council by ZOOM 16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Apology: Sarah Amos

Minutes: Confirmed & no matters arising

Treasurer: Pre-submitted report accepted

BGB annual subscription proposed increase mainly due to losses on the Gold Cup to be opposed by our delegate, Paul Denning.

WBF fees reduced due to Covid-19 – surplus paid to be held as credit

President queried fees for outsourced administration. These referenced payments of £3,000 to Sarah Amos and Neville Richards and another £3000 to Neville as Acting CEO for the current year. The President observed that although this latter payment had been agreed, this had not been minuted. Council confirmed the authorisation of the payments.

NTO: Reported various difficulties had arisen at the Graded Masters Sim.

Sarah Amos and David Stevenson had emailed updates of their events. It was noted that prize monies were due to the winners of the Mixed Pairs. The Treasurer agreed to pay when she had the necessary information.

Master Points and Membership Secretary:

MPs could be awarded for On Line Events provided kibbitzing is not allowed.

Member's subscriptions continue to be suspended. MC to review.

On Line Bridge:

Council was asked by Sarah Amos to agree and sign a contract with BBO. Agreed subject to removal of an exclusivity paragraph.

Sarah Amos offered to train on-line TDs. StepBridge are currently providing directors for their events at no charge.

Selectors:

At present only one volunteer.

Laws & Ethics:

The committee had considered complaints relating to offensive emails. Council questioned whether this is a role for L&E – deferred to later meeting.

AGM

Deferred until pandemic resolved

Sponsorship:

No report

Website:

Agreed to request from review sub-committee for £500 fund availability.

Working Party:

A proposal that our Acting CEO be stood down was rejected. The final report would be forthcoming for MC.

Education & Training:

No report

Publicity:

Newsletter – no progress to report

AOB:

The President, aware that his term had expired and in the absence of an AGM assisted Council by resigning. David Newman was thanked for his service and Marie Topp, the North Wales nominee, was elected. The incoming President thanked Council for bestowing on her the honour of the Presidency and assured Council that she, in line with tradition, would not be expecting to claim or be paid expenses other than for travel to meetings.