

Draft Minutes of MC 13 Aug 2020 @ 10am

Present: Marie Topp, Alan Screen, Fiona Noyce, Jean Hand, Gareth Jones, Simon Gottschalk, Ceri Pierce, Neville Richards.

1. Apologies – Steve Webb, Paddy Murphy (and Fiona Noyce for late arrival)
2. Minutes of 30 July confirmed with no matters arising.
3. Chief Officer – Ceri Pierce was welcomed to the MC. A handover from Neville will commence over the next 6 months. Neville will copy Ceri into emails from now on and she can call at any time for help.
4. Budget Report – Fiona circulated her report in advance by email.

An invoice sent by the Metropole Hotel for the Champion of Champions event has been received even though the event was cancelled by us due to Covid. Fiona and Jean pursuing this with the Metropole.

Fiona confirmed that a budget of £2,000 a year exists for the development and training of International players.

5. Website sub-group – Simon circulated his report in advance by email and summarised its recommendations. Longer term future website development options have been approved, with membership and masterpoints possibly the focus of Phase 1. Fiona welcomed the plans for competition entry and payment in the future.

Improving the Website continues to be the priority.

Discussion arose regarding direct membership and a more centralised management model for the WBU in order to avoid unnecessary admin – agreed to place on agenda for the next meeting.

Concerns raised regarding data security if other NBOs access our database to validate WBU Numbers (which is a reciprocal arrangement). Simon confirmed appropriate security would be in place.

6. Selectors' Report – Report circulated in advance by Email. Simon summarised the report. The selectors, Paul Denning, Paul Gagne, Simon Gottschalk, Jean Hand and Simon Richards met earlier this month by Zoom.

The Lady Milne and Teltscher Trophy may be held later in Coventry in late October. Paul D is contacting the EBU to see if it is going ahead.

Expenses for the Lady Milne and Teltscher are to remain unchanged at present. Travel expenses up to a maximum of £100 will be permitted, upon presentation of receipts.

Wales are hosting the Camrose in March 2021 and will need at least 6 pairs plus a reserve.

The Premier League will be cancelled this year due to Covid.

An on-line Camrose trial is being considered by the Selectors, possibly on the weekend of 7th Nov.

7. AGM – The delayed AGM is scheduled for Sunday 11 October at midday by Zoom. Information and reports for the AGM to be placed on the website.

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Discussion held about whether to email members and club secretaries with the zoom link for the AGM, or if it is possible for members to register on the WBU website if they wish to attend, providing their name, an email address and their WBU number. Members must have been a WBU member on the 31st March 2020. Once registered on the website, a Zoom link will be sent to them by Ceri.

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8. Online Stepbridge post Covid – as time was running short, this was postponed until the next meeting.
9. Date of next meeting – Thursday 3rd September at 10.00. Ceri to host using the WBU Zoom account.