

## Minutes of MC 26 Nov 2020 @ 10am

Present: Marie Topp, Jean Hand, Gareth Jones, Simon Gottschalk, Ceri Pierce, Neville Richards, Paddy Murphy, Alan Screen

1. Apologies – Steve Webb, Fiona Noyce, Paddy Murphy (for late start)

2. Minutes of 12 Nov accepted. No matters arising.

3. Online Bridge

The Online bridge charging document circulated yesterday was discussed at length. It was felt that we should consult the clubs regarding the proposal and proceed if the general feeling was positive, as there is no wish to alienate clubs or their members.

The general view was that the concept was sound, but the practicalities could be difficult.

For clubs that have no web-site, it was felt that email could be used (not relevant for BBO).

Ceri to amend the document and circulate to clubs. The views of the clubs will be taken into account before proceeding.

4. CEO Report

Covered in item 3. Neville has been in touch with Stepbridge regarding charging.

5. Web-group Report

The implementation of bridge charging has been considered for the websites. Substantial development would be required for a robust seamless solution.

6. Selectors' Report

Camrose teams have been selected.

A combined Teltscher and Lady Milne trial needs to be organised next. (BGB are running these events on the same weekend).

The selectors have requested financial support for the entry fees for a 2<sup>nd</sup> team to enter the European Championships in Madeira in June 2021, if there is a team worth entering. **Agreed.**

Historically the WBU has supported up to 3 teams.

The selectors were reminded that a training budget is also available and has not been used.

7. Masterpoints and Membership Report

Nothing to report that was not covered by the online bridge charging discussion.

8. NTO Report

Jean is planning a Ladies event online. This was supported by the MC. Jean to organise.

#### 9. Any Other Business

Gareth reported that following up from discussions regarding uploading BBO results to the Masterpoints database. This has been tested using a third-party program and it works.

Anna Gudge (Ecats) has been in touch regarding whether we wish to participate in the Celtic Sim Pairs which has proved popular in the past. Agreed that this should proceed.

**Agreed**

A letter has been received from the Nordic Bridge Union calling for a more cohesive and formal approach to online cheating and have asked for support of the WBU by publishing it on the website.

**Agreed**

#### 10. Next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.