

Minutes of the Management Committee

25 Feb 2021@ 10am

Present: Marie Topp, Jean Hand, Gwynn Davis, Ceri Pierce, Neville Richards, Steve Webb, Alan Screen, Paddy Murphy, Fiona Noyce

1. **Apologies** - none

2. **Minutes of 11 Feb 2021**

Accepted.

3. **CEO Report**

Organisation of the Camrose is progressing. Nothing else to report that is not already below.

4. **Masterpoints and Membership Report – Steve Webb**

New membership form almost complete.

An issue regarding the Cambria Cup was raised as one team member was not a WBU member. He was added as a last-minute substitution. The TD has been consulted for his opinion and following discussion, as the player although should have been stopped from playing, had been permitted to enter and play, it was agreed that on this occasion, the result and master point awards should be allowed to stand subject to the player joining the WBU.

CP to write to the team to inform them.

Action CP

5. **Treasurers Report – Fiona**

Fiona presented her report which was circulated in advance.

BBO monies have been received and distributed to clubs.

Membership from Clubs who paid last year and did not have their monies refunded have been held over to next year.

It was noted that there had been 18K-19K expenditure this year with little bridge activity occurring.

Gwynn commented that other Unions are having considerable success and are reducing subs as they have generated more money from on-line bridge than normal – income from competitions is high and entry fees are not insignificant. It is clear that we need to focus on generating income from events.

The East Wales congress netted 3K income for the weekend, and the Geoff Evans League has a healthy membership, but is free. A similar event could be set up by the WBU but it would compete with this which would be undesirable. The organiser has wanted to keep it free (and fun), but the WBU could possibly offer to take over collection of entry fees and issue of master points. Ceri to contact the organiser to discuss further to see if this is acceptable.

Action CP

6. NTO's Report – Jean Hand

An ATO meeting was held earlier in the week.
Area AGMs will be scheduled for either the 25th April or 9th May.

The Perry and Spickett was discussed and will be played with screens if Real Bridge can be set up for NO screens for the Presidents Cup Section (unlikely to be able to split the screen set-up across one event).

Agreed - the pre-requisite for the Presidents Cup (less than 25 Green Points) should be adhered to.
Entry is free.

Entry fees for Teams of 8 - £10 per player
Entry fees for Champion of Champions - £10 per player

Simon G's BESS entry form is being used for the National Pairs

Publicity required for forthcoming events – there should be more prominence on the website. Ceri to discuss with the Webmaster. Event details also to be sent out via Mailchimp.

Action CP

7. Selectors Report

No report on Junior Camrose as the Selectors have not met since.
Fiona asked if the Selectors are considering any International events for which funding will be required. Paddy to take back to the Selectors.

8. AOB

Bridge Great Britain

Fiona requested that we query if it is appropriate that there is an increase of £100 for this year, given that the costs of the Camrose/Lady Milne have reduced due to being on-line.
Ceri to email Paul Denning to ask him to raise with BGB.

Action CP

Antwerp

The junior team had been planning to attend this event but it had been cancelled due to Covid. However, some expenditure had been incurred which was receipted. Agreed that the organiser should not be out of pocket. Fiona to progress.

Action FN

Competition Entry Form

NR raised concern that we are using 2 online entry forms. Simon is giving a presentation of his form tomorrow. Ceri to discuss with him.

Action CP

Bank Fraud

NR reported that some money was taken from the WBU account. Following lengthy waits on the phone with the bank, they have agreed to refund it.

Bank Access

Fiona requested that she acquire a debit card for the WBU bank account to facilitate financial transactions. **Agreed.**

Competition Review

Agreed to set up a working group to review WBU events and the competition journal consisting of Gwynn, Ceri and Jean. Others to be co-opted as necessary.

9. Next Meeting

18th March 2021 @ 10.00 by Zoom