

## Minutes of the Management Committee

1 April 2021 @ 10am by Zoom

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

1. **Apologies** – Steve Webb
2. **Minutes of last meeting** - accepted.

### 3. **Cardiff Bridge Club**

Ceri has spoken with CBC and is working with them to issue a joint statement regarding subscriptions/grants. CBC will be collecting subscriptions in the near future.

### 4. **Treasurers Report** – Fiona Noyce

Fiona reviewed the IR35 regulations with the committee as this could affect the status of the WBU as an employer. Agreed that the IR35 criteria has been met. Administrative and other services are outsourced and that the tax liability is the responsibility of the company or person providing the services.

Clarification of the match funding statement was provided.

EBL Membership subscriptions will be based on last year's numbers (2228 members and 17 juniors. However, as these numbers are based on the year before the pandemic, they are likely to be much smaller now. Fiona to write to EBL and ask for an extension to the deadline for payment and to discuss membership estimates with Steve.

#### **Action FN**

Membership – it was confirmed that if an individual wants to enter a WBU competition, they have to be members of the UBU. All existing members will be in good standing until June as there is a 3-month grace period after the subscriptions are due. The website membership facility is now operational.

Reserves and budget discussed. There is much uncertainty due to covid- 19 what income the WBU will have in 21/22. In order to predict expenditure/budget Fiona will need information from the selectors on what events are being entered / hosted etc. The 2019 accounts showed a deficit of 9K.

Fiona to compare this year and the last 2 years. and report back.

#### **Action FN**

### 5. **Competitions**

A new TD for the mixed pairs has been identified. Charges will be £42/session.

**Open Pairs** - made a £200 profit. 10 tables entered.

**Teams of 8** - Clubs may enter pre- qualified teams or new ones.

Jean to ask for entries from the ATOS as follows-

East-3  
West-3  
Mid-1  
North-2

The event will be held on Real Bridge.

#### **Action JH**

**Mixed pairs**-only 1 entry so far. More advertising required. Ceri to talk to the webmaster to make the banner larger. NTO should promote,

Areas should be asked to advertise by the NTO Mail chimp to be used. Agreed 3 times per event - 6 weeks, 3 weeks and 1 week before. Ceri to work on a poster. Action Cp.

Champion of Champions- ATO meeting needed to identify entrants.

ATOs are as follows:

West - Gareth Jones and Anthony Stevens

East - Helen Houston.

Mid - Eros (interim)

North- Rod Sheard.

Competitions have been reviewed by working group (Ceri, Jean and Gwynn). Paper submitted for approval with recommendations for the coming year. **Accepted.**

#### **6. AOB**

President for 2021/22 to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Alan to discuss with Mid Wales as they are next in rotation to appoint a President.

#### **Action AS**

The Community centre at Cross gates is now run by the council. Eros has keys. Neville is in the process of negotiating terms for continuing to store WBU equipment there.

#### **Action NR**

Fiona queried the BGB refund, but BGB have not met yet.

The Laws and Ethics Committee have been asked to review the Appeals and Disciplinary procedures to make them more suitable for online bridge.

#### **7. Date of next meeting**

15 April @10am. Note – Jean is not available.