

Minutes of the Management Committee

15 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 and matters arising**

Accepted – one typo noted – ‘WBU’

3. **CEO Report**

The draft joint statement with Cardiff Bridge Club was reviewed and comments invited. Agreed in principle. Will be circulated for further comments before finalising with Cardiff.

Action CP

It was noted that the Treasurer has the full support of the Management Committee.

Andrew Robson mini seminars have been taking place on RealBridge. Average attendance has been about 30 people.

The next newsletter is due out this week. To be circulated via email and published on the website. Laura Woodruff (editor) was thanked for her work.

4. **Treasurers Report**

The Accounts have almost been completed. It was noted that the amount allocated for the accountant has been increased by £100, as there is more auditing to do with inline bridge events and BBO financial administration. Charges for future accounts may increase again as a new examiner will be needed.

Stripe charges have also increased our costs.

5. **NTO Report**

A meeting with the ATOs was held yesterday. The competition review document was agreed and a suggestion made to retain the Welsh Fours as an online only event, open to all NBOs.

The mixed pairs entry is still low and more advertising is required.

Teams of Eight and Champion of Champions are being sorted out. Conditions of Contest were reviewed and changed, due to the delay of these events. Notably, Champion of Champions will permit an entry from 2020 Champions and also 2021 Champions if a further club competition has been held.

Perry and Spickett – Sarah is sending a form out for entries. Conditions of Presidents Cup should be relaxed.

Llandudno Congress clashes with 2 other major events so thinking of moving the date.

The Mid Wales Congress is being postponed until 2022.

Llangollen scheduled for December as a Christmas Congress and will hopefully be face-to-face.

Neville to query availability and costs with the Hotel.

6. **Membership and Masterpoints Report**

No Report – Fiona and Steve in communication regarding membership numbers.

Council needs to be notified of the nomination of President. Nobody has been identified from Mid Wales, who is the next area in rotation to hold the position. Discussion was held regarding options. Agreed that Marie to be nominated for another year in post if Mid Wales cannot identify anyone.

8. Date of Council Meeting

The Charman and two delegates from each area are to be invited to the Council Meeting. Date agreed as 6th May at 11am, so as to allow 28 days for business to be submitted to the AGM on 6th June.

9. AOB

Paul Denning would like to step down and hand over to Ceri as Bridge Great Britain delegate.

Agreed

Wales is the Chair for next year. Ceri to consider whether to take the Chair or delay until she is more familiar with proceedings.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 29th April at 10am by Zoom.