

**Minutes of the WBU Council Meeting**  
**6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 @ 11.00am**  
**Held by Zoom**

**Present:** Marie Topp (Chairman), Irene Delahunty, Alan Screen, Ceri Pierce, Bill Parkinson, Jean Hand, Gareth Jones, Neville Richards, Fiona Noyce, Tony Disley, Jean Cufley, Helen Houston, Gwynn Davis

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Paddy Murphy, Rita Lawrence, Steve Webb.  
New members were welcomed to the meeting by the President.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**  
Accepted.

3. **Matters Arising**  
The complaint made at the last meeting by David Newman was dealt with by the Laws and Ethics Committee and brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

4. **AGM Matters**  
The date of the AGM was set for 6th June @10.00am.  
The AGM Agenda was shared and approved.

5. **Nomination of Committees and Officers**

**Finance Committee**

WBU Treasurer and Area Treasurers or their delegates.

**Laws and Ethics Committee**

Paddy Murphy and Alan Screen. The President invited Tony Disley to stand, who accepted.

**Selection Committee**

No new nominations - to remain as is:

Simon Richards, Simon Gottschalk, Paul Gagne, Jean hand, Paul Denning, Paddy Murphy.

**Tournament Committee**

National Tournament Organiser plus Area Tournament Organisers.

**Membership and Masterpoints Secretary** – No new nominations – to remain as is: Steve Webb

**National Tournament Organiser** – No new nominations – to remain as is: Jean Hand

**Treasurer** – No new nominations – to remain as is: Fiona Noyce

**President** – if no nomination is forthcoming following the Mid Wales AGM on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May, NR and AS (from Mid Wales) recommended that Marie Topp be nominated to serve as President for another year.

6. **Approval of Honoraria**

No change to honoraria which will remain as follows:

Treasurer	£1,500
Masterpoints Secretary	£1,000
Membership Secretary	£1,000
NTO	£1,000
Webmaster	£500

Newsletter

£500 (Note this has since corrected to £150/per issue, 4 issues per year)

Note – Payments totalling £1,500 have been declined by the officers in these posts. The Treasurer will assume that if she is not contacted by these officers who have already declined their honoraria, that they will not wish to receive payment this year. The CEO will make enquiries of those affected and confirm their wishes.

It was clarified that the webmaster is only one person.

**7. Honorary Life Membership**

The President thanked Neville Richards who has worked ceaselessly for the WBU since joining 15 years ago. The Council thank him for all he has done, and also for the support of his wife, Margaret. The President expressed that it was an honour and a privilege to bestow honorary life member upon him.

Neville thanked the WBU.

**8. AOB**

It was noted that the Management Committee reports to the Council and a report from the Management Committee to the Council should be provided. Noted that this has been an unusual year due to Covid, but that such a report will be provided by the CEO on behalf of the Management Committee next year.

Llandrindod Wells and Rhayader bridge clubs have amalgamated with Knighton and the WBU equipment stored at Crossgates has been moved into an outbuilding. The Treasurer has an inventory of the equipment and it is quite urgent that the equipment is stored in a secure and dry environment.

NR to enquire if the equipment can be moved back and will report back by email. CP will make enquiries for costs of alternative storage facilities as a backup if this is not possible.

East Wales has the use of a lock-up garage in Porthcawl. GD to investigate if this can be used, although the location is not ideal as most WBU events are in Mid Wales.

**Action NR/CP/GD**

NR reported that Mike Tedd ran the website until 2015. Requests for archive a material have been made and he has now imported the entire website into the current website. It can be accessed via the members and masterpoints menu, where there is now an archive option.

The latest list of club officials has also been uploaded.

It was confirmed that the Patrick Jourdain bequest to the WBU had no conditions attached as to its use.

Teams of Eight entry fee agreed at £10 per person (Clubs to pay).

Champion of Champions entry fee agreed at £10 per person.

The NTO confirmed that the National Mixed Pairs will be going ahead.

**9. Date of next meeting.**

In 12 months' time, prior to the AGM.