

Minutes of MC 22 July 2021 @ 10.30am

Present: Marie Topp, Jean Hand, Fiona Noyce, Gwynn Davis, Ceri Pierce, Alan Screen, Tony Disley, Paddy Murphy, Fiona Noyce

Apologies – Steve Webb

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting - accepted.

2. CEO's Report - Ceri

The EBL venue is likely to be the Copthorne. Costs were provided to the meeting. Organisation is in hand.

Prize money for online congresses was queried by a member. This was discussed.

Agreed – prize money is entirely up to the organiser. WBU events will have no prize money.

Update on GDPR issues – no further feedback has been received.

Llangollen congress – Neville is not organising the congress this year – someone will need to be identified to organise it instead. The Bryn Howell is still not open. Jean will start looking for alternative venues.

Action JH

It was queried whether equipment in Crossgates can be used by Areas and it was confirmed that this was the case. Bridgemates were discussed – several are at Crossgates but the batteries have not been removed and they have perished. It is thought that Sarah Amos currently has them (and subsequently confirmed to be the case).

3. Treasurers Report – Fiona

Bank balance is £32,841.

Bridge Great Britain subs have been paid.

May and July BBO royalties have been paid to clubs but June not received yet, although BBO have been invoiced.

Champion of Champions invoice has been received but has not paid yet as there is an amount due from October which although it has been requested has not been received yet. Agreed that Fiona will pay the difference.

Jean to send list of the clubs that participated in the Teams of eight to Fiona so that she can contact the club secretaries/treasurers for payment. There are 4 from the East, 1 from the North, 2 from the West and 1 from the Mid.

Action JH

Fiona asked that Ceri chase up the payment of any outstanding invoices for Realbridge Sessions. Agreed that the Realbridge service is available for members and their guests, even if they are non-WBU members.

Action CP

4. NTO Report - Jean

The calendar is in progress, but Jean is having IT problems which has been hampering progress. . but cannot use Word anymore. The assumption is that events will take place face to face in the coming year.

It was confirmed that the Welsh 4s is no longer to be held.

Once the calendar is ready it will be sent to Ceri to forward to the Areas so that an ATOs meeting can be held to integrate area event dates. Aim is for it to be ready by next Wednesday.

Action JH

It was confirmed that the East/West congress will not run this year (August). The East will not run it in the future. The West are considering moving it to October.

Tony to report back on secretary and ATO appointments in the West.

Action TD

5. Membership and Masterpoints Report - Steve

Steve submitted a written report prior to the meeting:

35 clubs have sent returns –awaiting payment from 2.

The total number of members is around 1172.

If the outstanding two clubs pay, then renewals will be 1200.

Money received about £12, 670 including area memberships.

Masterpoint income is about £80 per month.

6. AOB

Any spent Laws and Ethics disciplinary notices will be archived and removed from the top level L&E pages. Ceri to inform the webmaster and ask him to implement this.

Action CP

Tony suggested that all reports for the MC should be submitted in writing in advance. **Agreed.**

Marie reported that Andrea is giving up the Penguins and has offered that the WBU could take over this club. N Wales are meeting tomorrow and will discuss further.

The named substitute for Administrative Services as required by HMRC is Alan Screen.

Next meeting

2nd September 2021 on Zoom. Reports to be circulated in advance. Any other business before then to be conducted by email.