

## Minutes of MC 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 @10.00am

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

Apologies – Steve Webb, Alan Screen, Fiona Noyce

### 1. Minutes of Previous Meeting - accepted.

### 2. CEO Report

The Selectors are meeting tomorrow to discuss arrangements for the Camrose Trial along with Lady Milne and Teltscher trials. The Premier League has been cancelled due to a lack of entries and has been replaced by a one weekend Camrose trial in November.

At the moment the trial will go ahead face to face as the Camrose is intended to be face to face. A poll of potential entrants returned a majority wishing to play face to face.

The Selectors will further be considering what to do if the Camrose reverts to online and whether we can accommodate players who cannot attend a face-to-face trial.

For info, Bridge Great Britain received a request from Scotland for one player to play the Camrose from home online which was refused due to organisational problems and problems playing the event with slightly differing conditions of contest

Our international sponsor has indicated as the WBU will enter one team in the Europeans in 2022, that he is willing to support the entry fees for any additional teams that the WBU wishes to send. Our thanks go to him for this generous support.

A match manager for the Lady Milne will be required to co-ordinate the following:

- Set up of tables/equipment/boards etc
- Transport
- Accommodation
- Vu Graph
- Dinner

**Volunteers are requested.** As the event will be held in the East, could EWBA approach some likely suspects who would be willing to assist.

There is a need to review the WBU membership model.

**Agreed** Information to be collected by Ceri and an options paper circulated for consideration and discussion at the next meeting.

Tony H has run a 2-day Directors course at Old School Hall, Sully. It had 9 attendees and was able to reduce the cost as a result. It was very successful and he hopes to be able to run one in the North or Mid as well.

There has been a new initiative to get bridge into primary schools. Ceri has contacted one or two likely candidates to see if they are interested in being involved but there has been no response.

The Copthorne has been provisionally booked for the Lady Milne. The Holiday Inn in Newport are also providing a quote.

### 3. Treasurers Report – Fiona

A review of the wording in the constitution is required – to be added to a future agenda.

### 4. NTO Report - Jean

Jean confirmed that the Open and Mixed Pairs will be direct entry events and will be held online.

The Welsh and Cambria Cups will be run by Jean for the coming season until a new organiser is identified. Gwynn suggested that a simpler structure, perhaps with seeding be adopted.

## 5. Membership and Masterpoints Report – Steve

### Membership

Following a return to F2F play at several clubs there has been an increase in paid up membership

Total membership now stands at **1,310**

#### Summary

**EWBA 570 members + 32 Barrivale LG**

No returns

- Lisvane
- Mid Glamorgan
- Pencoed
- Sully

Old Hall (Cowbridge) will be combining with Vale of Glamorgan. Details of name and venue will be confirmed at later date.

**MWBA 144 members**

No returns

- Lampeter

**NWBA 255 members**

No returns

- Mold
- Menai (ABC Cymru)
- Park View (Wrexham)

**WWBA 254 members**

No returns

- Llanelli
- Port Talbot
- Carmarthen

Several Porthcawl members have joined individually. Confirmation has been received that additional members will be re-joining WBU but no details have been received yet.

Membership also includes 11 direct members and 4 Honorary Life Members.

Note to treasurer:-There is approximately £150 worth of cheques to pay in.

## **Masterpoints**

### **Licences for Area Green pointed events**

The rules on licences are laid out in the masterpoint Handbook

#### Summary

For Green pointed open events or congresses, there is a charge payable direct to the treasurer. When a licence fee is charged there is no additional payment required for masterpoints.

For closed Green point events such as area championships eg Laidlaw Murray, Stan Berger etc there is no licence fee but masterpoints are invoiced to the area by the Mpmsec.

In the event of a mistake being made, the area will be reimbursed.

Please note that the areas receive a continuous invoice every month and they are urged to check it thoroughly A.S.A.P. and if further clarification is required, please contact Steve direct via email.

Further to the membership details, clubs that have not affiliated to WBU will not be able to issue masterpoints for online or F2F events.

## **6. Area Reports**

### **West**

P Milewski has been appointed as Secretary.

David Nicklin has been appointed as ATO (until a permanent appointment is made).

A recent Area event had only 6 tables entered. Technical issues may have put people off entering again in future events.

### **East**

The EWBA congress is being held online on Realbridge.

### **North**

The Catherine Spadling event will be held in April.

## **7. Next meeting**

16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 11.00 by Zoom.