

Minutes of MC 10th March

2022@10.30am

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

1. Apologies: Steve Webb

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – accepted.

3. Vacancies

Gilly Clench from East Wales was nominated as the next President. The MC agreed the nomination.

A possible NTO has been found. More discussions required to firm up.

No Treasurer has been found yet.

4. Proposals for the future of the WBU

A number of proposals were submitted by Gwynn. No others were forthcoming.

This was discussed at length. General consensus was that we should run for another year to give the incoming President / NTO a chance to improve things and for the WBU to have a clearer idea of where we are post-covid as bridge clubs are only slowly starting back up again

5. AGM and Council Meeting arrangements

Agreed to reschedule the AGM for July 10th before the Perry/Sickett/Presidents Cups. This will be a hybrid event so that people can attend at the venue (Mid Wales) or by Zoom. A large TV screen will be required for this.

Council Meeting to be held beforehand. Dates to be confirmed. Areas will be asked for their representatives.

6. Constitutional Changes at AGM

Changes to constitution needed to accommodate Stepbridge and Operations during exceptional times (eg Covid).

7. AOB

NTO Report

The teams of 8 was discussed. A heat is being held in East Wales but nowhere else. Other Areas may enter a team in the final which will have to be 7 or 9 teams if face to face and 6 or 8 If online.

The Mixed Pairs will be held online.

CEO Report

This was circulated online prior to the meeting. In summary:

Main focus at the moment is on organisation of the Lady Milne which will be held in Newport, Holiday Inn.

Club Insurance is now being administered by the WBU not Marsh in order to keep costs down. Ceri to email clubs with the renewal details.

Stepbridge go live date may slip slightly – waiting on Epko to provide access. Everything else in place

Anna Gudge is planning to run a Sim Pairs to raise funds for Ukraine Refugees – she is inviting countries across the world to take part. It will be 11 – 15 April. There will be no overall master points, no prizes, not even an entry fee, just play the hands for fun and donate through ECats to raise as much as we can .

A complaint has been received but will be rescheduled to be discussed at a future meeting as too late to place on the agenda for today.

Steve W reported that a few more clubs are issuing masterpoints. It appears a trend starting of mixing F2F and online events for clubs. Steve asked that areas remind their clubs that membership is due from 1st April.

Steve W held a demo of the Masterpoints system which Ceri and Tony attended. Changes to the system are required but likely to be difficult to do.

8. Next Meeting

24th March 2022 at 10.00am by Zoom.

9. Next meeting

10th March at 10.00 by Zoom.