

## **Minutes of MC 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Present: Jean Hand, Fiona Noyce, Gwynn Davis, Ceri Pierce, Paddy Murphy, Alan Screen

Apologies: Marie Topp, Tony Disley, Steve Webb

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – accepted.**

#### **Matters Arising**

Simon G to travel to Crossgates on 21<sup>st</sup> April to meet Alan at 5pm and he will hopefully be accompanied by another helper.

Fiona confirmed Lady Milne expenses at accommodation plus up to £100 travel

Teltscher – no expenses available apart from NPC who will be reimbursed for full expenses for travel and accommodation. This has been the arrangement since 2019.

### **3. Selectors Report**

The Lady Milne will be going ahead face to face at the Holiday Inn, Newport. Entries for the European events has been extended until 31 March. There is an Open Team entered.

### **4. CEO Report**

Time has mainly been spent organising the Lady Milne. Helpers are still required, but a match manager for the weekend itself has now been identified.

### **5. NTO Report**

#### **Welsh and Cambria Cups**

Several results have been submitted and will be reported to the Webmaster for the website to be updated.

#### **Teams of 8**

We need a venue for the final if face to face but may happen online instead. The final is to be held on June 26<sup>th</sup>. If face to face will be held at Crossgates which can be booked through Alan. An even number of teams will be required if online and an odd number if face to face.

As there was only 1 qualifying heat held (in East Wales), the decision was made that the 'final' be open to all clubs in Wales. It was also decided that the final would be face to face, venue at Crossgates, subject to entries.

#### **Action JH**

### **6. Treasurers Report**

The Stepbridge bank account has been set up and £1,000+ has been deposited by players purchasing participation points. £50 compensation has been received from the Bank due to the delays setting it up.

15K has been transferred from the building society account to the bank account to pay for the Lady Milne bills, some of which will be recovered from the other participating countries for hotel accommodation.

The EBL have been paid the subs of £1,325. No bill has been received yet from the WBF.

West Wales have been repaid their congress and competitions as they used the WBU Stripe account as they do not have one.

It was confirmed that the way Stripe works is by direct debit between the 2 accounts (Stripe and WBU). It was confirmed that the WBU accounts are monitored by Jean Cuffley to ensure that the accounts are operated properly.

Fiona will soon be retiring and will do a handover to Ceri as an interim measure until a replacement is found.

Card readers to be considered for payments of table money at face-to-face bridge congresses.

## **7. BESS**

Following an email from Simon G, BESS was discussed for use in future events. It has been used previously but now that charges will be introduced, it may not be suitable for small events.

It is up to the Areas if they use BESS or not.

Ceri to invite Simon to market the benefits of BESS to the MC. Alternatives include setting up online entry on the WBU website, or using bridgewebs.

## **8. AOB**

Another Email from Simon G regarding the use of BESS in East Wales was briefly discussed, but it was felt that it was a matter for East Wales to resolve.

A breakdown of the Lady Milne costs was requested for the next meeting.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 10.00 by Zoom.