

**WBU AGM Sunday 9th July 2023 @10.15am
at Gwent Bridge Academy, Newport and by Zoom**

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. WBU Accounts
 - b. StepBridge Accounts
5. Appointment of Independent Examiner for 2023-24
6. National Tournament Organiser's Report
7. President's Report
8. Membership and Master Points Report
9. Stepbridge Report
10. Investiture of our new President
11. Nomination and Election of Officers –
 - a. Treasurer
 - b. Membership and Masterpoints Secretary
 - c. National Tournament Organiser
12. Constitution amendments / Motions
 - a. Change to eligibility for Area events
 - b. Change to length of Presidency
 - c. Change to International Funding
13. Any Other Business
 - a. Proposed : When running a face-to-face national pairs event, in order to encourage participation from the whole of Wales, the WBU should endeavour to run North and South sections with duplimated boards (on the same day).
 - b. Proposed : Prize Money should be offered at face to face events.
14. Date of Next Meeting

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Constitutional Changes / Motions

a. Amendment of rule 20.2 Eligibility for Area events

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In representative matches between areas or parts of Wales, only persons of Welsh birth or Welsh parentage or who are domiciled in Wales shall be eligible to play.

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In representative matches between areas or parts of Wales, only persons who are members of the WBU and an Area shall be eligible to play.

Also - update the competition journal to reflect this amendment.

b. Amendment of rule 8.2.2.1 President

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President - who is elected at the Annual General Meeting and who will serve for one year, but shall be eligible for re-election for one further year at the next ensuing Annual General Meeting of the Union. The office of President shall be filled successively by a member of each Area Association in rotation. The rota would now continue ... East, West, North, Mid Wales.

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President - who is elected at the Annual General Meeting and who will serve for one year, but shall be eligible for re-election for two further years at the next ensuing Annual General Meetings of the Union. The office of President shall be filled successively by a member of each Area Association in rotation. The rota continues as follows: East, West, North, Mid Wales.

c. Motion from the Management Committee

Because of the crisis in WBU funding, the Management Committee recommend that players in the Camrose and Lady Milne will from January 2024, pay 50% of the BGB entry fee (the BGB entry fee for 2024 is currently £340) and will receive no travelling expenses. A hardship fund will be available if players experience difficulty with this.

This will not apply to NPCs.

This will not apply to the Juniors.

Note - the Teltcher is already 100% paid for by the players.