

NORTH WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Council meeting held at Colwyn Bay Cricket Club on
THURSDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2017

Present:

Chairman: Mrs M Topp
Mrs S Shea Vice Chairman/ Llandudno
Mrs M Clare Secretary/Llandudno
Mr R Sheard Wrexham Garden Village/ATO
Mr W Williams Colwyn Bay
Mr D Spalding Caernarvon
Mr M Spalding Ynys Mon
Dr P Murphy Llanfairfechan
Mr M Clare Prestatyn

Apologies were received from Mrs J Hand, Mr G Shaw, Mrs C Spalding Mr M Thorne, Mr W Robyns

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2016 were proposed a true record by Mr Sheard, seconded by Dr Murphy and adopted.

There were no matters arising

The Treasurer had reported that there was £23,019 in the bank.

Perry ,Spickett and President's Cup :

Dr Murphy passed round details of the competition which he would be sending to other areas.

Players from North Wales did not receive expenses.

The teams were:

Perry

Mrs Shea, Mr Williams, Dr Murphy, Mr B Jones, Mr and Mrs Wennell. Reserves Mrs Barnes and Mr E Jones

Spickett:

Mrs Hand Mrs Lee Ms Knox Mrs Amos

The team for the President's Cup had not been chosen but as there could be twelve in the team, it was hoped to have people play for one day at least.

WBU:

Alan Stephenson had been appointed as CEO. The NWBA agreed to his appointment.

ATO's Report:

The ATO said that organising the Vallance cup had been difficult. He asked at what point did he stop persuading people to play who didn't want to play so that those who wanted to play could play.

It was agreed to see what changes a new CEO would bring

The Graded masters had gone well with a profit of £26.

Portland Pairs:

Mrs Shea said that it was now costing £30 to play and she had five pairs wanting to play. If she did not have 6 pairs by 1st March she was not going to run the competition.

A letter from Mrs Hand re October One Day Event was read. Costs had gone up slightly but she was not intending to increase entry money. This was agreed and Mrs Hand to be thanked for her efforts.

John Wain:

There had been a misunderstanding re booking a director but Mr M Spalding had undertook the job himself.

The Chairman thanked Mr Spalding.

Future of NWBA

Dr Murphy said that if WBU was better run the NWBA could improve. Personally he was thinking of afternoon bridge and education. The WBU had been given a 3000 euro grant to be spent by end of May and nothing had been done with it

Mr Clare asked who did the money in NWBA account belong to.

Mr Sheard said non affiliated clubs still need to be involved in North Wales bridge

The AGM would be on 14th May 2017 and a condition of entry was membership to NWBA

It was decided that there would be no need for a paid director. In view of electronic masterpoints there would be no further need for a Masterpoints Secretary

As the Chairman and Vice Chairman were resigning it was agreed that in accordance with the Constitution a notice be sent out for a new Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The NWBA would be happy to have Dr Murphy as Chairman, Mr W Williams as vice Chairman. It was unanimously agreed that Mrs Hand be asked to become the new Treasurer.

Proposed by Mrs Shea and seconded by Mrs Topp

Mr Spalding asked if final accounts could be had by the AGM. He also said as Dr L Murphy had helped out when no one would take on being Treasurer, she be given a small token

AOB

Mr Spalding said that Caernarvon and Benllech were struggling to be viable.

He also wished to pay tribute to Dr P Murphy for his running of Llanfairfechan Bridge Club

There being no further business the meeting closed

Next meeting is the AGM on 14th MAY 2017