North Wales Bridge Association

Minutes of Council Meeting held at Colwyn Bay Cricket Club on TUESDAY 31 OCTOBER 2017

**Present:**

Chairman/ Llanfairfechan Dr P Murphy

Secretary/Llandudno Mrs M Clare

Treasurer: Mrs J Hand

ATO/ Garden Village : Mr R Sheard

Mold: Mr M Davies

Colwyn Bay: Mr W Williams

Ynys Mon/ ABC: Mr C Whitaker

Llandudno: Mrs S Shea Mr D Cartlidge

Llanfairfechan: Ms Knox

Apologies were received from Mr W Robyns

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 August 2017 were proposed as a true record by Mrs S Shea and seconded by Mr W Williams and accepted.

**Matters Arising**:

Ms Knox and the Chairman had visited two clubs.

Club Sims Pairs: This needed someone to co ordinate it.

Mr Cartlidge to ask Llandudno members again, if they would be interested in a Sims Pairs.

It was suggested that Llandudno chose the charity.

It would be held after Christmas and cost would be £2 per head. **DC**

Free Entry for Congress newbies had been a good idea

The Chairman to speak to Mr A Thomas again re a Dolgellau type Bridge day. **PJM**

Mr Sheard had used Mr Amos as director.

Venue Cymru: The big room would probably not be available for the July Congress but

there would be space available

Winter League: Some matches had been played but MS Knox had not had any results in yet. She intended to put a spreadsheet on the website when more teams had played. **AK BLJ**

**Calendar**: Mrs Shea asked if it would be possible for the Harold Griffiths and the Lancashire Congress not to clash. Mrs Hand said producing a calendar was a nightmare .

**Treasurer’s Report**:

Mrs Hand had still not heard from Barclays and was not happy about the situation. The Chairman said he would visit Barclays and see what could be done.

It was suggested that when all was sorted , it may be possible to change the bank.

**ATO’s Report:**

There had been 9 tables at the Laszlo and 10 teams at the Harold Griffiths. From October2016 to October 2017 there was a profit of £4.00

Mr Amos had agreed to direct North Wales events.

**Player of the Year**:

Results would be added from AGM teams to AGM.

It was agreed that the weighting for Harold Griffiths and AGM Teams stay the same.

Results to be put on web page. **PJM/BLJ**

**Northern League**.

Mr Sheard said he had to struggle at times to get a team and had had to cancel at a cost of £80.

Ms Knox proposed and Mrs Shea seconded that NWBA reimbursed Mr Sheard. Unanimously approved.

The ideal was to have a pool of players keen to play in the event someone dropped out.

Mr Sheard said he disapproved of N Wales Players opting to play for Merseyside

Mrs Shea asked if Council could rethink entering a team in the President’s Cup . It was agreed with one abstension that a grant of £150 be given to fund a team.

**Duplimate Machine**

It was agreed to refurbish both machines.

The question as to what system they would run on should be asked from the firm. **RS/ WWW**

**Playing Cards**:

Mr Sheard said NWBA needed new cards. The CEO had asked Mr Richards to purchase cards to be available to clubs. It was agreed to purchase 1000 packs. **RS**

**Perry/Spickett/ President’s Cup**

Secretary to send application forms to Barry Jones to put on website. **MC/BLJ**

**Congresses:**

The October One Day had made a profit of c£275. Mrs Hand had booked the Holiday Inn for 7th October 2018.

April Congress: Mr Sheard said he had some misgivings about running it as the effort organising it did not get the attendance . It was agreed that April was the wrong time of year.

After much discussion it was suggested that it be a one day Teams event with October being a Pairs event. Mr Sheard to check other events and decide on a Saturday or Sunday **RS**

**Matters Arising**:

A letter from Mold regarding a NWBA Disciplinary Committee was discussed.

After advice from Ms Knox , Mr Davis was advised to discuss this further with WBU as not in the remit of NWBA .

Mrs Barnes had asked if NWBA could have their own mugs as the ones available in the Tea Pavillion were not clean. Ms Knox said she could provide a box of mugs. Mrs Barnes also said that the toilet had been grim. Mr Sheard to have a word with Mr Wallace. **AK/RS**

Date of next meeting was fixed for WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2018