

MINUTES of EWBA MEETING at CARDIFF BRIDGE CLUB on 16th JANUARY 2020

Present: Geoff Evans - Chair, Simon Gottschalk - Treasurer

Helen Houston - Tournament Organizer, Richard Welsford - Western League Organizer

Sarah Amos - CBC, Laurie Delmonte - GBA, Mike Best - Secretary

1. Apologies: Mieke Deschepper - Web, Adrian Trickey - EWBA League Organizer
Leighton Williams - GBA, Steve Webb - CBC, Gill O'Keeffe - Rhiwbina BC

2. Treasurer's Report

Simon Gottschalk wishes to resign as treasurer after the AGM on 26th April

Laurie Delmonte also wishes to pass on the job of auditor at the same time.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE POSITIONS SHOULD INFORM THE SECRETARY

Funds currently stand at ~ £21 K

3. Tournament Organizer's Report

Unavailability of information from the WBU is making progressing of events more difficult.

We will request faster coordination.

Graded Masters Section 1. fielded 7.5 tables but was played only in East Wales.

The winners were Adrian Thomas and Tony Disley, runners-up Diane and Filip Kurbalija.

Three other sections were played simultaneously at four WBU area venues, entry from our area being sparse.

Richard Welsford and Michael Jones won Section 4.

Prizes will be provided by the WBU.

The EWBA Mixed Pairs fielded 7.5 tables and was won by Susan Ingham and Gwynn Davis, runners-up Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan.

See web for teams of 8 qualifier on 1st March at GBA and WBU Mixed Pairs on 23rd February at CBC which will be a simultaneous event across four areas

4. February Congress

There remains doubt whether lift modifications at the Lysaght Institute will accommodate all types of wheelchair.

There are difficulties for duplication when entry is unclear.

There will be wine prizes and cash prizes and free entry to the teams event in our August congress for the winners of the secondary final.

There will be a carry-over score from the qualifying event.

5. Western League

At this time there is not anyone available to provide hospitality beyond coffee, tea, and biscuits for our home matches at GBA.

6. EWBA League

If we can find two more teams this will provide three divisions of seven teams for next season.

7. Website

We will advertise events for western counties and they will reciprocate.

8. Tollemache Qualifier

Our team gave a creditable performance in this high standard event, quite close to qualifying.

9. Restricted Teams

After this event had been cancelled last year due to insufficient entries this time it was hosted and successfully promoted (on a weekday) by CBC.

The winners were Greg Howell, Richard Stevenson, Jean Chuter and John Mayo.

NB. A similar opportunity will be a restricted pairs event at GBA on 18th February.

10. Bridge teaching

Ref. minutes for 3/10/19, item 11. As only six of the ten required to attend have been found the course will not be viable.

11. Cardiff University Freshers Fair Stall

This initiative has led to a regular two tables of young learners whose development has been much assisted by becoming members of CBC at a much reduced subscription and, most importantly and generously, by tutoring without charge by Gilly Clench, Mel Thomas, Sooz Nesom and Sarah Amos.

We wish their teams competing in the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer events at Newport University on 14-16 February an enjoyable and stimulating experience.

As the cost has been £1500+ the much recommended repetition will encompass various aspects of sustainability.

12. Perry, Spickett, President's Cup

Players interested in being selected should inform the secretary before 1st April

13. August Congress Profits

Ref. minutes for 3/10/19, item 3. We await a response/proposal from WWBA

14. Date and venue of next meeting

This will be a premeeting at 1015 am on 26th April before the Arthur James pairs and AGM at CBC. Rachel Oliver will provide refreshments at the AGM.