

WBC Committee Meeting. 6pm 24th Septmber 2024 – held on Zoom

Present: Mike, Mark, George, Ian, Steve, John, Richard, Tim, Dev

Apologies: Alan, David

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** are on the website (from May!) Since then we have had a few sub-team meetings to deal with the practicalities of the Summer Special (Wed) and the Summer Extravaganza, which were great successes.

2. **Roland's passing** has been a shock to all, not just the many roles he covered, but the good humour and kindness he showed to all. We welcomed Dev onto the Cttee, co-opted – Proposed by MV, seconded by MA. Ian and Mike have been covering some of his admin work, and continue to do so. Mark agreed (for the time being) to take on the minutes work, liaising with Mike.

3. **Sharing of other roles:**

Post-AGM, Mike set out to get more roles spread so that no one person would be missed too much! Unfortunately, Roland took on quite a few of these, so more work to be done, but:

- **-Steve** took on Calendar, TD Rota and website work, and has quickly got up to speed
- **-Ian** has taken on the weekly “Pianola messages” job, which also entails match-making and pairing up.
- **-George** has now taken on the “play-list” ie Table money billings, which fits well with treasurer role.
- **-As an ever-present**, for almost all Tue/Wed sessions, Roland was very good at joining everything up, esp ensuring that equipment needed at both venues was in the right place. Tuesday tea things, for example, need to be co-ordinated, and ideally Mike requested that it should not be the default that things are passed back up to him! So team-members need to liaise with each other.

4. **General spread of roles**

- We should conduct an annual audit of who is doing what to ensure there are no gaps. Tuesday directing: we do now have Mick fully trained, and doing great work; we have discovered that Paul Bryant is also a trained TD, but not that regular in attendance. Ian has expressed a willingness to learn the ropes/basic rulings by cascade training, as Mike did with Mick. A full TD course, if Ian were to do one, would be fully funded by Club or WCBA.

5. Steve has set up a full **TD rota for Wednesdays**, which works well. John D asked to be rotated into scoring, so as to keep his hand in. Steve agreed to put a **Wed scoring rota** into the Calendar.
6. Events: **Christmas parties**: the dates are in place; (Tuesday (Dev?)
Robson seminar – 2025 - MV to ask him as a first step and then decide; either Spring or Autumn. Then establish a sub committee.
7. **Stratification** – Dev had asked whether this (used widely in Sussex) might work for us on Tuesdays. (This means awarding ‘points’ towards Master Points by spreading MPs across more positions. Top ranked, eg National/Life/Grand masters would get slightly fewer for finishing top six/seven/eight; awards of 3/6/10/12 would kick in for some lower ranked, eg Local/District masters). We looked (by screen-share) at a Patcham session, and tried to envisage pros and cons. Hard to know how it would work in practice without running a trial. So we agreed to give it a trial (six to eight weeks?), with experiments on stratification levels, and feedback from players. (We studied this in 2011 when Stratification was first set up, and decided on balance that it was not appropriate for us then.)
8. **Payments** etc
Marcle have switched to a cashless payment system which engages with BridgeWeb somehow. WBC sees very little cash, but still some pay cheques etc. George happy for the time being with our set-up, which is working.
9. **Treasurer** - Outstanding money from May to Aug is beginning to flow in, balance had been quite low, but now healthy.
10. **AOB**:
 - George: Do we need to keep treasurer back records across the years? Dev undertook to look into the requirements
 - Mike: (similar theme): Andy O’Hare presented him with large boxes of Club archives on departure. OK for Mike to go through and pick out some key historical docs, digitise these and then destroy? Agreed
11. Next meeting, need one in November esp re Parties etc. Date TBA