

DECISION AND ACTION LOG

West of England Billiards & Snooker Foundation Annual Meeting

Held on: 18th July 2015, 2.00pm Held at: The Belgrave, Plymouth

Objective of Meeting: Review previous Season & Plan for the future.

Attendance: Steve Canniford (Chair), Dale Branton, Deborah Branton, Wayne Branton, Steve Brookshaw, Chris Coumbe, Darren Hall.

#	Action / Message / Decision	Who?	By When?
1.	Apologies:	INFO	
	None received.	11110	
	The previous year's minutes:		
	Minutes agreed as a true and accurate record.		
	Review of non agenda items from the previous year's minutes:		
	The following actions have been fulfilled since the last meeting:-		
2.	WEBSF Ambassadors Sam Baird, Dale Branton and Chris Coumbe were appointed. It was decided not to appoint any more Ambassadors at this current time.	INFO	
	The new website is now up and running and old news items are currently being transferred to the new website.		
	Review the previous season's activities and plan for the future:		
	The following was realised during the past season:-		
	The Gold Waistcoat was very successful and well supported.		
	Communication to members is improving with the regular use of Facebook and Twitter.		
3.	• The West of England Open and '147' tournaments were successful.	INFO	
Э.	• The Saturday morning coaching is going well with steady numbers of male and female players attending. Coaching lesson plans are being applied to structure these sessions.		
	Outline of the plan for the future:		
	The Bronze Waistcoat Championship unfortunately had to be cancelled due to lack of interest and the competition details could perhaps be made available further in advance.	INFO	

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	The Silver Waistcoat unfortunately did not take place this season due to lack of interest. This will be addressed for the forthcoming season.	SC/WB	
	 A Gold Masters competition at the end of the season for the top 16 players in the Gold rankings to be implemented. 	SC/WB	
	The billiards side of the WEBSF is going to be focussed on. Billiards has been introduced to the coaching school and a billiards certification scheme will be developed.	SC/DebB/SB/CC	
	A ladies tournament to be developed.	SC/WB	ASAP
	Transferring the player profiles to the new website is going to be worked on.	SC	
	A new Referees Scheme is currently in the early stages of development.	DebB/SB/CC	
	Contact with the Paul Hunter Foundation is ongoing.	DebB	
	Review the Statement of Accounts:		
4.	The accounts are in the process of being prepared.	SC	ASAP
	• At the end of June there was £656.36 in the bank and approximately £100 in cash.	INFO	
_	Review of WEBSF Officers:		
5.	All Management Team members to remain in post, no new members coming forward.	INFO	
	Review of Membership Subscriptions:		
6.	No changes.	INFO	
7.	Other Business:		
	Review amendments and proposed changes to WEBSF documents:		
	i) Policy & Structure Documents – No changes.		
	ii) Coaching Documents – No changes.		
a)	iii) Child Protection Policy Documents – Has been updated to cover cyber-bullying.	INFO	
	Adult Safeguarding will be looked in to.	SC/DebB	

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	Tournaments:		
	Calendar of Tournaments and Events for 2015/16:-	INFO	
	• 6 Gold Waistcoat one day events limited to 32 players each. The venues available are Belgrave Plymouth and Jesters Swindon, other venues in Gloucester (not SWSA), Yeovil and Torquay to be considered. Plaza may also be considered for events but this venue was not used as much this season due to the table conditions.	SC	
	• Matthew Hulatt has offered to provide £1000 sponsorship to a 'Gold Masters' one day event at the end of the season. This will be a knockout format played over best of 7 matches for the top 16 in the Gold ranking list at the end of the season. This could be a great incentive for players.	INFO	
	• A Silver Waistcoat tournament to be played over one day. Possible venue Jesters in Swindon or Gloucester. The age limit was agreed to be reduced to under 21.	SC/WB	ASAP
b)	A Bronze Waistcoat tournament to be played over one day. Possible venue Jesters in Swindon. The age limit was agreed to be reduced to under 16.	SC/WB	
	The West of England Open.		
	• A '147 tournament.	SC/WB	
	• Billiards competitions will be considered. Contact will be made with Alan Lovegrove and Geoff Setter who currently organise events at the Belgrave to establish what tournaments they are planning to run this season.	CC	
	A ladies tournament will be developed if we can reach a minimum of 6 players.	SC/WB	
	A team tournament will be considered if it can be fitted into the calendar.	SC/WB	
	Tournament Fees & Trophies:-		
	No changes.		
	Coaching Strategy for 2014/15:		
c)	• A billiards certification scheme is to be developed alongside the existing billiards lesson plans. It was identified that the well known amateur player Martin Goodwill has developed his own coaching scheme on his website englishBilliards.org. Contact will be made with Martin to see if we can use some of his material and see if it would be possible to arrange for Martin to attend a Saturday morning coaching session and give a billiards demonstration.	SC/DebB/SB/CC	Ongoing

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	Nick Dart has offered to attend Saturday morning coaching sessions and offer a mentoring service to our coaches. Nick has had coaching experience in a variety of sports. This is to be arranged.	SC	
	 We will try to spread the WEBSF coaching to attend three other venues during the season to gain exposure. 	SC	
	 Chris Coumbe will assist with coaching during billiards lessons on Saturday mornings with a view to obtaining a Bronze Level coaching certificate for billiards. 	CC	
	Funding Initiatives and Sponsorship:		
d)	• World Billiards funding – it was recently announced that World Billiards have secured a budget to be used for the development of the game for up to £250 per organisation. An application will be put together to apply for this funding to assist with our plans for billiards.	CC	ASAP
	Educational and Player Development:		
e)	• It was agreed that progressing into schools was not a realistic objective. Educational and player development to continue in-line with our coaching schemes, this could also be extending to aspects such as using the scoreboard, mental calculation of remaining points etc. etc	INFO	
	Submitted Proposals for consideration:		
	The proposals below were submitted by Nick Kenny. These were discussed as follows:		
8.	• Make all matches 2 frames, three points for a win and one point for a draw: this proposal was declined.	INFO	
	 Make knockout events seeded: current system to remain due to the fact that seeding is already applied. 		
	• Open the Gold Waistcoat entries only to 'local' players within the West of England first and then offer places to affiliate members if all 32 places have not been filled: this proposal was declined as all members should have the same opportunity to enter as per our current system.		

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	Have more 'open' events: it was agreed that the proposed calendar is full and more events would not be possible due to the resources and weekends available. The Saturday morning coaching also takes place when there are no tournaments.		
	• Try to implement a 5 or 6 inter county league: if there is enough space in the calendar, the team event identified above may be considered along these lines.		
	Maybe a Masters over 40's Gold Waistcoat: this would unfortunately not be possible, again due to the resources and weekends available.		
	• Simplify and condense the points system to make the Gold events more competitive: this proposal was agreed and a new points system will be drawn up.	WB/DB/SC	
	Proposal – Bronze Waistcoat. Reimbursement of expenses.		
	• A player paid for train tickets and a hotel for the Bronze Waistcoat in Swindon which was cancelled. He was able to get his hotel fees refunded but lost money on train tickets which he was not refundable. It was agreed that, on this occasion the Management Team's late publication of the event contributed to the lack of entries and that partial compensation would be made available in the form of free entry/membership to WEBSF events.	INFO	
	Proposal from Steve Canniford – WEBSF mission statement:		
	• It was proposed by Steve to amend our mission statement to "Billiards and Snooker for all". This was agreed.		
	The WEBSF Management Team were thanked for their contribution this season.		
	The meeting then closed at 4.00 pm.		