



## **January 2012 Newsletter**

A monthly summary to the WCF Members of what the Management Committee has been doing during the past month and what is on the agenda for the coming month. Your comments always very welcome.

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Secretary-General*

### **Council debates and decisions**

- 01 – Additional Statute to transfer admin of Mac to WCF: proposal discussed and now into a formal vote, due to end on 13<sup>th</sup> February
- 02 – Ratification of Admin Regs v4: substantial new version - approved by 15 votes to nil.
- 03 – Ratification of Finance Regs v1.1: small changes to Investment Policy appendix to deal with changes to how banks handle accounts of clubs and charities - approved by 12 votes to nil.
- 04 – Ratification of Equipment Regs v6: updates to current approved hoops and balls, and streamlining the rest of the document. Approved by 11 votes to nil, but CA proposed an editorial re-structuring which will be applied to produce the published version (as v6.1).
- 05 – Demand for Under21 ACWC: 8 Members responded they had no or few eligible players, only 1 thought they did. 4 Members supported the idea of the event should there be sufficient demand, although 2 wanted another event to be dropped if the new event was to be approved, so the calendar did not become more crowded. Consequently, it was decided to close this topic until and unless there is sufficient demand.
- 06 – Consultation and approval of new GC Rules: proposal from CA (ENG) – initial debate ends on 14<sup>th</sup> February
- 07 – Application from Portugal to join as an Observer Member: formal vote ends on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### **2012 AC World Championship**

Tony Hall has unfortunately had to withdraw, first as Tournament Director and now as Tournament Referee – the MC has approved replacements. This event starts in Adelaide on 28<sup>th</sup> April. As the Wild Card Closing Date came and went (end of January), a few withdrawals emerged for which replacements have been found by inviting further wild card nominees. Overdue player info is being chased up by S-G. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]  
<http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/acwc2012.html>

### **2012 Women's AC World Championship**

The MC has finalised a bid with the ACA to hold the event from 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October at Cairnlea, Melbourne. More details will emerge shortly. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]

### **2012 GC World Team Championship**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Division of the inaugural GC WTC will be held in Johannesburg from 26<sup>th</sup> November to 2<sup>nd</sup> December in Johannesburg, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division will be in Egypt two weeks later. Entries please by the end of February. [Ian Burrige is WCF event lead]

### **What have we been doing in January?**

Getting started with the new email decision-making process for Council. Working with Portugal to get them ready to apply to join – we have also had some initial contact with Corfu which might lead to the formation of a Greek Federation.



The working drafts of the new Sports and Event Regulations have been further refined and are now being considered by the MC. The existing AC refereeing regulations have been removed from the draft and the ILC & GC RC's combined text on refereeing has been turned into "WCF Refereeing Regulations" which we hope will be up for approval shortly.

Our new website is nearing completion; we are beginning a process to consider what James Hawkins has produced and check it will form a good basis for the WCF web presence over the new few years. James has said he wished to stand down as webmaster, so we will look for someone to take the role shortly.

### **MC Topics completed/ closed this month**

- 163 – Extending the bid process – being written into the revised Event Regs, so closed.
- 165 – MC organisation – an annual review of how we are now operating. Closed now that new MC members have joined specific groups or taken on particular roles.
- 171 – GC WTC bid and budget. Only a few details remain to be finalised through normal process.
- 174 – Application from Portugal – reviewed their information and recommended approval to Council.
- 175 – Bid for 2012 Women's ACWC – after a further round of comments, bid now agreed.

### **Open topics**

- 152 – Trustees – looking at whether all the MC or only specific members should be formal trustees.
- 154 – Handicap/ Refereeing/ Coaching Co-ordination – examining whether we should reinvigorate or abandon past attempts to co-ordinate handicapping, refereeing and coaching.
- 161 – Scope of GC Ranking Review – defining the Terms of Reference for a review of the GC Ranking system. Moves are already afoot to move it onto the same technology as the AC World Rankings.
- 169 – Wimbledon Cup – considering the options given the high value and fragility of the Cup. Needs closing off.
- 172 – Membership Categories – reviewing the responses to the Membership survey and looking at how we could better make the categories fit the facts.
- 173 – Individual awards for team events – some consensus, needs closing off.
- 176 – Refereeing Regs – out for comment.

### **Outlook for February**

1. Formally signing off the bid for the 2012 Women's ACWC
2. Receiving further entries for the 2012 GC WTC
3. Chasing through several MC topics which have been lingering for too long and closing them off.

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