



## **July 2011 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*

### **2011 Council Meeting**

The main management activity was the WCF Council Meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July at Surbiton. It was attended by 20 people including 6 members of the MC. Headlines were:

- Latvian Croquet Federation & Croquet Federation of India joined as Observer Members
- New email-based decision-making process approved
- A rolling 10 Year Schedule of events approved
- New Finance Regs and Investment Policy approved
- It was agreed to change the World Ranking system for AC from 1<sup>st</sup> October

### **2011 Under 21 GC World Championship**

Congratulations to Moustafa Nezar (EGY) for winning the Under 21s, and to Hunstanton Croquet Club and the CA for staging a very successful event. Simon Gagnon (CAN) won the Plate.

### **2011 Golf Croquet World Championship**

Congratulations to Mark McInerney (IRE) - our new World Champion - and to Ben Rothman (USA), winner of the Plate. Thanks to the CA, Surbiton and the Hurlingham Club – and the local organising committee for all their hard work in staging this excellent event.

### **2011 Women's GC World Championship**

To be held in New Zealand in November 2011, the MC has issued the Wild Card invitations for the 56 player event. Player info has been requested by the end of August (photos and bios).

[Gordon Smith is WCF event lead]

<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/ClubSite.asp?SiteID=17424&PageTypeID=1&PageID=63181>

### **2012 AC World Championship**

Scheduled for end April/ early May 2012, this 80 player event will be held in Adelaide, South Australia. The allocations are currently being voted upon by the MC and should be published very soon. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]

<http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/acwc2012.html>

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

The Council meeting went well and the MC was thanked for its level of organisation. That and the two world championships in July consumed a great deal of effort. Since then, minutes, actions and follow-ups have been the main focus.



## MC Topics completed/ closed this month

- 142 - GC WTC formats and principles/ priorities – now focused on possibilities of potential hosts
- 144 – Discussion of specific lateness policy requested by Organising Committee for GCWC. Complete
- 145 – Scrutineers for Council Meeting – approved and closed

## Open topics

- 126 – Wild Card selection criteria – refinements suggested for inclusion in revised Sports Regs – on hold
- 133 – Investment proposal. Further investigations have shown we need to understand how the UK's Trustees Act 2000 affects the investments of the WCF. Needs more work
- 138 – Insurance – a quote is being considered and also whether the WCF needs it
- 141 – Development Director – proposal to create new role of Dev Director, to help increase focus on development. Needs re-starting
- 146 – Handling complaints – initial discussions on how our Statutes and Regs cover the topic. No action required at this stage
- 147 – Allocations for 2012 ACWC – several attempts at finding a balance between the competing criteria in the Sports Regs which satisfy everyone. Currently out for a vote again.

## MC sub-groups

The MC has 4 groups running, as follows:

**Development Group** (Stephen Mulliner lead) – new Member Latvia has requested some coaching input on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> September and we will be sending a coach to help.

**Tournament Group** (Ian Burrige lead) – consideration of GC WTC options and beginning of work to publish the approved 10 Year Schedule details.

**Regulations Group** (Keith Aiton lead) – Finance Regs ratified by Council. Equipment Regs ready for consideration but suggestion was raised at Council of extending to cover mallet specs.

**Website Group** (James Hawkins lead) – progress is slow but James has begun loading pages into a prototype template.

## Outlook for August

1. Following up on all the actions from Council
2. Starting to implement the decisions from Council
3. Publishing the 2012 ACWC allocations

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