

April 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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Council debates and decisions

06 – Consultation and approval of new GC Rules: MC proposed Statute change and Terms of Ref, as the Second Cycle of discussion. The ACA have proposed a change to the wider consultation arrangements – a compromise between the CA and ACA lines is possible and will be proposed shortly.

08 – Nominations invited for “6th Member” of WCF GC Rules committee, after Garth Beresford’s resignation. A vote will be held shortly.

09 – Vote of specific investment account decision – proposal approved by 14 votes to nil. The ACA suggested investing more in the Australian market, due to better returns, but the MC concluded the WCF should not be gambling on future exchange rate movements.

2012 AC World Championship

The event ran from 28th April until 6th May. Congratulations to Reg Bamford for retaining the AC World Championship, beating Robert Fletcher in a 5 game final. Congratulations also to Aaron Westerby for winning the Bowl and to James Death for winning the Shield. By all accounts, the event was very successful and the event organisers are to be commended, especially for coping well with the complexities of a 10-venue event. The usual Player Survey will be sent out shortly. Stephen Meatheringham was WCF event lead, and is also to be congratulated for his efforts.

2012 Women’s AC World Championship

We are working with the event organising committee on specifics such as the statement of charges and the detailed timetable for all the preparations for this October event. There has not been much progress in the past month due to the focus on the current ACWC in Adelaide. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]

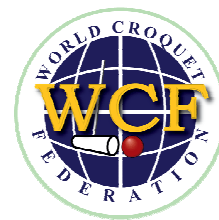
A web page has been set up - <http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Organisation/CharlesJonesTrophy> - to call for donations to the **Charles Jones Memorial Trophy** for this event. Please advertise this to any of your clubs or members who may have met Charles and wish to commemorate him.

2012 GC World Team Championship

The Event Agreement has been formally signed-off for the 1st Division to be held in Johannesburg from 26th November to 2nd December – see <http://www.gcwtcroquet.co.za/>. A draft bid document for the 2nd Division in Cairo has now been prepared. The MC is considering draft GC WTC regulations covering both divisions. [Ian Burrridge is WCF event lead]

What have we been doing in April?

The WCF Refereeing Regulations were officially trialed in Adelaide, while the formal ratification vote continued. All votes received have been in favour, but several Members didn’t



vote. CNZ submitted some detailed comments - it is likely these can be accommodated in a version 1.1 and published shortly, without the need for a further voting cycle.

During the ACWC in Adelaide, there was the first WCF Council Meeting under the new Statutes, which should provide for a more open and less formal opportunity for discussion between Members. Details will be circulated shortly.

Also during the ACWC, the WCF MacRobertson Shield Committee (MRC) met in this new guise for the first time, to progress the arrangements for the next MacRob in January 2014.

Family bereavements prevented an internal MC assessment of the new WCF website that has been developed by James Hawkins. Instead, we commissioned an external assessment which has concluded it is a suitable basis from which to go forward. So over the next few weeks, we will hopefully cut over to the new site and then begin refining it. James has unfortunately decided he must stand down as webmaster, so we will be advertising for a new webmaster shortly.

MC Topics completed/ closed this month

- 176 – Refereeing Regs – approved by MC and submitted to Council for ratification, as well as trialling in Adelaide.
- 182 – Statute change to cover Council proposals for GC Rules Committee – Statute drafted and circulated as Council Topic 06.
- 186 – Website review – approval to spend £150 – approval given.

Active open topics

- 173 – Individual awards for team events – some consensus, needs closing off.
- 180 – Security at events – consideration of issues around personal security.
- 184 – Coaching and ref training requests – half a dozen requests received from Members – this topic to track and ensure each has an owner.
- 185 – Risk, liability, indemnity, waivers – attempt to pull together the wide range of issues to do with risk (including stuck topic 152 on trustees), so we have a clear view on what we'd like to achieve before we take some formal advice.

Open topics that have got stuck

- 154 – Handicap/ Refereeing/ Coaching Co-ordination – examining whether we should reinvigorate or abandon past attempts to co-ordinate handicapping, refereeing and coaching.
- 172 – Membership Categories – several attempts to come up with a clear proposal, considering the known problems and responses to the Member Survey have failed so far to reach any clear consensus on the MC.

Outlook for May

1. Still aiming to progress the several MC topics which have been lingering for too long.
2. Kick-off the Player Survey from the AC World Championship in Adelaide.
3. Investing large amount of time needed to cut across to new website.

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