

February 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

01 – Additional Statute to transfer admin of Mac to WCF: approved by 13 votes to nil. New version of Statutes (v11.1) published including the additional statute required to formalise this.

06 – Consultation and approval of new GC Rules: proposal from CA (ENG) – initial cycle yielded generally positive comments – S-G to move onto next step.

07 – Application from Portugal to join as an Observer Member: approved '*nem con*'.

2012 AC World Championship

Entries list now largely complete and stable. Player info received from all but about 10 people – still being chased. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]

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

2012 Women's AC World Championship

Event bid now signed off with ACA, for 21st to 28th October at Cairnlea, Melbourne. Allocations and calls for wild card nominations issued – however, poor communication from the S-G meant that we didn't have unambiguous answers to which Members required places – so most Members allocated a place even though they might return it un-used. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]

2012 GC World Team Championship

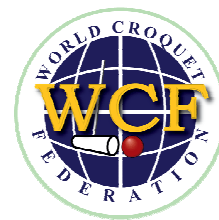
Entries closed at the end of February, and world team rankings revised with latest data to divide the 16 entries into two divisions of 8. The 1st Division will be held in Johannesburg from 26th November to 2nd December in Johannesburg, with the 2nd Division will be in Egypt two weeks later. We're working on format and other details, and hope to send out more news soon. [Ian Burridge is WCF event lead]

What have we been doing in February?

It looks unlikely now the initial contact with Corfu will lead to the formation of a Greek Federation; however, we received first contact from Nepal and have requested further information as to their stage of development.

Coaching support has so far been requested for 2012 by Portugal, India, Russia, Scotland and Latvia. Other developing Members are welcome to make a request too.

The working drafts of the new Sports and Event Regulations have been further reviewed and are moving towards being completed.



MC Topics completed/ closed this month

161 – Scope of GC Ranking Review – a committee under James Hopgood's chairmanship has been set up to look at the system and algorithm; a smaller study of how to improve the way both AC and GC rankings are presented is also being formed.

169 – Wimbledon Cup –the high value and fragility of the Cup requires more careful looking-after than others. New protocol agreed for its shipping and care.

175 – Women's ACWC bid – finalised and signed-off with ACA. Cairnlea, October 2012.

178 – Allocations for Women's ACWC – agreed and published to Members.

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.

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.

173 – Individual awards for team events – some consensus, needs closing off.

176 – Refereeing Regs – comments received, needs progressing to publication.

177 – Format proposal for 2013 GCWC – MC considering a request from the likely organiser for a novel format.

Outlook for March

1. Chasing through several MC topics which have been lingering for too long and closing them off.
2. Resolving some issues with hosting of 2nd Division of GC WTC and publishing to entrants.

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