May 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.



Martin French Secretary-General

2011 Golf Croquet World Championship

Detailed preparations are well advanced. Tim King has been confirmed as Tournament Manager. The Qualifier was expanded from 16 to 32 entrants, but still over-subscribed. Two players have withdrawn from the main event – these places will be filled by extra Qualifiers going through. The GCWC draw will be published soon. [Stephen Mulliner is WCF event lead] http://www.gcworlds2011.org/.

2011 Under 21 GC World Championship

Again, detailed preparations are well advanced. [Ian Burridge is WCF event lead] http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/u21gcwc2011.html.

2011 Women's GC World Championship

Entries and wild card nominations close on 30th June, and the trickle of early entries has been gathering pace recently. [Gordon Smith is WCF event lead] http://www.sportsground.co.nz/ClubSite.asp?SiteID=17424&PageTypeID=1&PageID=63181

2012 AC World Championship

The Organising Committee and WCF event lead have now received a working document from the WCF Tournament Group covering the details of the event format (including Plate and so on), so they can consider how best to allocate the lawns at the various venues around Adelaide. Planning is progressing well. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead] http://www.wcfcroquet.org/Tournaments/acwc2012.html

New Member applications

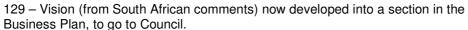
The Croquet Federation of India has completed their information pack to support their application to join. Finalising the pack for the Pakistan Croquet Federation has been interrupted by family bereavement of our main contact. A complete draft from the Latvian Croquet Federation (LKF) is awaited.

What have we been doing in May?

Much of the MC's focus has been on translating the consultations and Members' responses into Resolutions and supporting information for Council. The first major circulation of Council papers was sent out by the deadline of 17th May – Amendments and arguments for and against must be received by 7th June.

Many members of the MC have also been very busy with the preparation for our future events.





- 131 10 Year Schedule Resolutions agreed and sent out to Council
- 132 Decision-making Resolution agreed and sent out to Council
- 134 Ranking Review Committee report & recommendation report and Resolution agreed and send out to Council
- 136 Letter to 4 Governing Bodies to invite them to an informal meeting this July to discuss Mac and ACWTC alignment agreed and sent to 4GB

Open topics

- 126 Wild Card selection criteria refinements suggested for inclusion in revised Sports Regs.
- 133 Investment proposal. Suggested investments to implement the agreed Investment Policy revealed a range of attitudes to risk among the MC members. Needs more work
- 135 Plate format for 2012 ACWC. Working document agreed and passed to the ACA by WCF event lead. Not yet clear whether we can close this topic or it will need further work later
- 137 MC Report to Council. Drafted, revised and now out for a vote
- 138 Insurance a quote is being considered and also whether the WCF needs it
- 139 Business Plan drafted, reviewed and revised and out for further comment
- 140 Discussion document drafted to respond to ACA proposal to 4GB meeting

MC sub-groups

The MC now has 4 groups running, as follows:

Development Group (Stephen Mulliner lead) – nothing to report.

Tournament Group (Ian Burridge lead) - an outline format for the consolation events at the 2012 AC WC has been developed and sent to the organisers for their consideration. A good response has been received to the GC WTC format consultation (12 responses so far) and this will be discussed in June.

Regulations Group (Keith Aiton lead) – a finished revised draft of the Equipment Regulations has been produced and circulated for review. It has the latest list of approved balls, but we have removed the specification for "standard" hoops, leaving only the Championship Hoop spec we care about.

Website Group (James Hawkins lead) – wading through the old content has proved to be a much more time-consuming job than anticipated. The existing content is wrapped up in lots of formatting (all those tabbed pages) which has to be stripped out manually. We hope to have something to review shortly.

Outlook for June

- 1. Finalise preparations for July's GCWC
- 2. Finalise preparations for the Under 21 GCWC
- 3. Finalise preparations for July's Council meeting and distribute final batch of documents by 17th June.

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