



October 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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Elections and votes

The following votes or elections are currently in progress:

- 1. Approval of 11th Edition Statutes.** After the September consultation cycle, a 60 day postal voting cycle of all Full Members is underway: please cast your vote by 11th December.
- 2. Presidential Election.** Amir Ramsis and Stephen Mulliner are standing – Full Members please vote by 24th November.
- 3. Election of “6th member” to GC Rules Committee.** Three candidates are standing in an election for one post, voted on by those Full Members who do not have an automatic place on the WCF GC Rules Committee: South Africa, Canada, Ireland, Italy, Japan and Scotland. Votes from these 6 Full Members please, also by 24th November.
- 4. Approval of Investment Decisions.** All Full Members are asked to vote by 2nd December.

2011 Women’s GC World Championship

This runs from 19th to 26th November in New Zealand - the block allocations have now been published on the event web site. [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 28th April till 6th May 2012, this 80 player event will be held in Adelaide, South Australia. Entrants for allocated places and wildcard nominations are requested by 30th November. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]

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

2012 Women’s AC World Championship

The MC is considering a bid to hold the event in the Southern Hemisphere in late October – we hope to have confirmed dates and venue soon.

What have we been doing in October?

Dealing with a sudden rush of elections and votes. For the MC, there were 4 vacancies and 4 candidates, so no election is required: Keith Aiton and Gordon Smith are re-appointed for another term and Chris Wakeham (South Africa) and Mike Orgill (USA) will join the MC from 1st January. Welcome to Chris and Mike.



MC Topics completed/ closed this month

155 – Proposal on admin of Mac – it has been agreed to take “baby steps” and we have a draft Statute to propose to the 4 Governing Bodies that will give the framework for the transfer.
156 – Trophies form – a simple form to be signed by WCF trophy winners clarifies their responsibilities.
157 – Women's ACWC bid documents – detailed comments agreed and fed back to likely host.
158 – Admin Regulations – a completely re-written version has been finalised incorporating more detail on how the MC operates. It will come into use immediately and be offered to Council for ratification early in the New Year.

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.
159 – Membership survey – drafting a new survey to go to WCF Members, to understand their shape, size and structure before we re-visit the membership categories of the WCF.

MC sub-groups

The MC has 4 groups running, as follows:

Development Group (Stephen Mulliner lead) –Latvia have requested a further coaching visit in 2012 and intend to send a team to the GC WTC event. India and Portugal (prospective Observer Member) are also interested in coaching visits in 2012.

Tournament Group (Ian Burrige lead) – A minor amendment to the Sports Regs was approved to allow net games to be used for tie-breaking in the blocks of the forthcoming Womens GC WC (issued as Version 7.1). A query on time limits in GC has been raised. Work on a full re-write of the Sports Regs continues.

Regulations Group (Keith Aiton lead) – Admin Regulations version 4 finalised and ready for introduction.

Website Group (James Hawkins lead) – James has continued to work on the new system, and hopes to finish it shortly. However, he has realised that his personal circumstances don't allow him the time to continue with this activity once the site is up and running. This leaves the WCF again in some uncertainty about its on-line presence. This is a setback - the MC is planning how to proceed.

Outlook for November

1. Considering responses from Members for hosting events through to 2014.
2. Handling the elections for President and GC Rules Committee.
3. Staging a successful Women's GCWC in New Zealand.
4. Handling entries for the 2012 ACWC, which are due in by end of November.

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