

WEBSF Annual Meeting Minutes, Report and Required Actions - June 2006

Attendance: Roger Cole, Steve Canniford, Wayne Branton, Debora Branton, Steve Brookshaw, Keith Millard, Jeff Vincent, Peter Bradbeer

Apologies: Derek Brooks, Geoff Setter, Grant Cole

Roger Cole opened the meeting welcoming Peter Bradbeer to the Management Team. He thanked all in attendance.

Item	Action/Info
1. Agree and Review the Previous Annual Meeting Minutes & Action Notes These were accepted by those present as a true and accurate record.	Info

2. Review the previous year's activities and outline plan for the future.

Roger Cole reviewed the 'highs and lows' of the previous year.

Successes being:-

A programme of well attended tournaments at Bronze, Silver & Gold level.

Good publicity and support from the local press especially the Sunday Independent who provide weekly coverage.

The WEBSF web site www.websf.co.uk that has received over 2400 hits since mid March 2005. This continues to be the main medium of communication to our members.

The WEBSF Coaching Assessment Programme has certified 6 new Coaches.

The WEBSF Billiards and Snooker certificated assessment of players skills is now up-and-running.

A grant has been obtained to run two coaching schools in Plymouth. Start date 24th July 2006.

Disappointments and areas for improvement:-

Disappointment was noted at the closure of Masters Snooker Club, Taunton.

Due to a Pro-Am tournament in the region Gold Waistcoat event due to be held at Jesters, Swindon was cancelled.

Due to changes in Falmouth one table has been removed.

No fundraising took place this season.

The future:-

There is a need to recruit new blood in the ranks to help with the running of the Foundation. All

The vision for the future is to expand the Gold Waistcoat beyond the West of England and secure the West of England Championship as a major tournament in the South West & South of England. Roger

Re-establish National Governing Body recognition and support. Roger

To continue to concentrate on quality not quantity All

In summing up Roger Cole gave thanks to all for the hard work of those that have contributed this year.

3. Review and adopt the Statement of Accounts.

Steve Canniford tabled the accounts for scrutiny and comment. There is still a requirement to identify an Accountant to scrutinise these accounts. All

Points to note:-

The end of year balance as of 5/4/2006 was £539.68

Victoria Snooker Centre have started to charge £80 table hire for tournaments. This cost has been borne by WEBSF funds not tournament entry fees. we shall be seeking sponsorship to support these payments from an outside source. All

Membership up on last year.

No main sponsorship received this year, need to try and secure sponsorship. All

Competition entry fees will only be accepted in cash. Membership can be paid by cash or cheque. Steve C

Must have receipts for all spends and donations. All

Necessary expense on Child Protection Courses and CRB Checks.

Interest fee loan repaid.

Publicity & Promotion reduced.

WEBSF Outgoing sponsorship increased to £800 in line with one of the WEBSF main aims.

Savings made on trophies purchases due to donations from GWRSA Social Club and individuals. Need to continue to source contributors.

Need to secure an accountant to verify the accounts.

4. Review Membership Subscriptions.

Unanimous decision to maintain the existing membership fees for a further year.

5. Any other business.

Review of amendments and proposed changes to WEBSF working - documents:-

WEBSF Policies & Structure document – proposed changes agreed

WEBSF Coaching document – proposed changes agreed

WEBSF Child Protection document – proposed changes agreed

WEBSF Tournament – proposed changes agreed

Review WEBSF Officers

All existing officers will remain as is for the foreseeable future. One addition to the Management Team is Deborah Branton acknowledged as Education Liaison Officer.

Tournaments for 2005/6

Masters, Taunton. An alternative venue in this area needs to be secured. All

Need ideas to extend the Bronze and Gold Tournaments? All

West of England Snooker Championship

Need to contact Cornwall & Devon re the future location and format of this tournament. WEBSF secured £200 sponsorship thus far. Suggest Jesters, Swindon, Limited to 64, KO best of 7 all rounds. Roger & Steve C

Need to document Championship rules and produce entry form etc. Keith & Steve C

Bronze Tournament

Expand to as many Towns/Clubs as possible. Need to produce an information pack outlining the requirements etc. and send to County Associations/Leagues/Clubs All Steve C

Silver Tour

Maintain Tour, review format Wayne

Gold Tour

Expand existing tour and review format Roger & Keith

All Tournaments

Make provision for Affiliated Members that reside outside the West of England and South East of England catchment areas where no Foundation operates. Steve C

Need for a publicity drive calling for volunteers and helpers to assist with the running of tournaments. All

Must ensure Tournament Matrix's are completed and forwarded to the Press Officer and Web Master immediately after each tournament to enable tournament reports and web updates to take place asap. TD's please check web results and rankings for accuracy. All TD's

Update match slips to include frame scores and 'story board' Steve C
Need for Town Bronze Waistcoats to 'donate' fee towards the regional finals day.

Suggest £5 for each player qualifying/playing on the day. All

Coaches

1 new WEBSF Bronze Coach – Peter Bradbeer, Rileys, Plymouth. 5 New WEBSF Affiliated Bronze Coaches (Cuestars) this season. Cuestars have requested Silver Assessments.

Referees Workshop

Contact to be made with Plymouth Referees Association to help progress this. Keith

Tournament Fees

Management Team agreed unanimously these should remain as is.

Junior Development & Fund raising

Need for ‘Mums’ to get involved. Perhaps write a letter, stage a Youth/Mums competition etc.. Obtain a ‘list of Mums’. Wayne & Deborah

Decision to nominate one Charity/Deserving Cause each year and raise money/awareness. This year to be for disabled in conjunction with Rileys, Plymouth.

Continue to investigate and progress introducing Billiards & Snooker into Schools as a means to aid Numeracy & Literacy amongst children. Deborah & Steve C

The WEBSF Coaching Manual is to be used as the basis of a coaching template to follow. Steve Brookshaw also tabled some thoughts on this. Steve C & Steve B

The Plymouth City Billiards & Snooker Youth Initiative will start on the 22nd July 2006 at Rileys and Victoria Snooker Centre, Plymouth.

Funding initiatives and Company Sponsorship

Need to continue to build on the avenues in place and find a person to take a lead in this role. All

Exhibitions

The WEBSF to investigate promoting another event next season. All

Publicity & Marketing

Need to have a Press Officer come forward to help with write-ups etc. All

Suggestion of producing flyers to be circulated to Clubs, Leagues and via free papers.