

## **WCF November 2013 Newsletter**

The newsletter provides a monthly summary for 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 are always very welcome. It is also made available to all on the WCF web-site and via the Nottingham list and other croquet bulletin boards. We are also able to report the WCF Management Committee election.

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### **Council debates and decisions**

The following Topics were decided during November and early December:

- Topic 20: GCWC KO seeding – a two-year trial of Block Seniority Method Option 2 was chosen.
- Topic 22: The new GC Rules were ratified.
- Topic 23: The 2013 Financial Review was approved.
- Topic 24: The trial of the Statute 920-925 e-mail decision-making process has been extended to 31 December 2014.

### **What have we been doing in November?**

The main activities were (a) monitoring the voting on the Topics mentioned above and for the Management Committee elections and (b) for the Tournament Group, completing the drafting of two alternative replacements for Appendices 1 and 2 of the Sports Regulations. These govern how places are allocated in World Championships and so should be of interest to players with ambitions to play in such events. The drafts are now with Members for a second Cycle 2 consultation.

### **Management Committee election**

The Management Committee election closed on 6 December. Pete Landrebe (Australia), Roberts Stafekis (Latvia) and Geoff Young (New Zealand) were elected to take office on 1 January 2014 for a four year term ending on 31 December 2017. We congratulate them on their success and offer commiserations to Samir Patel and thank him for being prepared to stand.

### **Topics completed or closed in November**

- MC 255: MC decision making
- MC 261: Topic 23 clarification (WCF Friends' Funds policy change)

### **Open topics as at 30 November**

WCF Topic 19 – World Championship allocation and wild card process

- MC 249: We are looking for a new webmaster.
- MC 250: 2014 AC World Team Championship – this topic is now active as preparations advance for the Tier 2.1, 2.2 and 3 events to be held at Carrickmines, Ramsgate and Southwick respectively in May 2014.
- MC 251: 2014 GC Women's World Championship – the MC opened the Invitation Process on 6 December and Members have already begun to request Allocated Places. It will be held from 16-21 November 2013.
- MC 252: Governance Working Group – four nominations have been received and the Group is expected to begin its work in the New Year.
- MC 258: 2014 Over-50 GC World Championship. – the MC opened the Invitation Process on 6 December and Members have already begun to request Allocated Places. It will be held from 5-11 October 2014.
- MC 259: MC communications during voting period (about to be closed)
- MC 260: Extension of trial of Statute 920-925 e-mail decision-making process (about to be closed following completion of Topic 24).
- MC 262: Wimbledon Cup transport costs approved (about to be closed)
- MC 263: Topic voting and confidentiality (about to be closed)
- MC 264: Spectator quote (about to be closed)

MC 265: MC Report and Business Plan (about to be closed)  
MC 266: MC election procedure  
MC 267: WCF 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary – the WCF was formally inaugurated at its first General Meeting on 15 July 1989 at the Hurlingham Club. The MC will give thought to ways in which this milestone can be celebrated next year and welcomes suggestions from Members.

### **Outlook for December**

1. Topic 19: completion of a second Cycle 2 consultation
2. Topic 25: formal vote on 2014 Business Plan
3. Topic 26: formal vote on 2014 Budget
4. Topic 27: formal election of David Walters as Independent Examiner.

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