

## **October 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. Publication has been delayed a little this month to report the various WCF Council votes now in progress.

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### **Council debates and decisions**

There have been none since the August WCF Council meeting reported in the last newsletter.

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

The main activity was chasing and collecting Members' replies to the various consultation documents published during the last three months so that the MC could proceed to make recommendations to Council for their decision.

Topic 20 will decide the GCWC knock-out seeding method to be used, Topic 22 seeks ratification of the revised Golf Croquet Rules (which will hopefully allow them to be used in the new southern hemisphere playing season before it is too much older). Topic 23 seeks approval of the Financial Review as a precursor to setting the 2014 budget. The Tournament Group has been busy with Topic 19 which will offer Council two possible approaches to allocating places in World Championships.

The Management Committee election procedure has begun in order to appoint a Treasurer and fill three vacancies that will arise on 31 December 2013. Gabrielle Higgins was nominated by the (English) Croquet Association and was the only candidate for the post of Treasurer. She will be formally deemed to have been elected at the end of the MC election process. We are fortunate to have had four excellent candidates for the three places, namely Pete Landrebe (Australia), Samir Patel (England), Roberts Stafekis (Latvia) and Geoff Young (New Zealand). The results will be announced in early December.

### **Topics completed or closed in October**

- MC 253: Statute 920 – Members were reminded of the benefits of copying any replies to the S-G to all Members so that their views were known to all.
- MC 256: WCF Friends Reserve Fund – The Treasurer proposed that the Reserve Fund, which was originally £25,000 but is now £37,000, should be available for development expenditure as to interest income and capital provided that the capital is not reduced below £25,000. This was agreed by the MC.
- MC 257: Consultation feedback policy: The MC discussed the approach to copying feedback from Members

### **Open topics**

- WCF Topic 19 – World Championship allocation and wild card process
- MC 249: We are considering changing the WCF's internet service provider
- 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 has decided to postpone this event to November 2014 in the light of the current political situation in Egypt. The situation will be reviewed in February 2014.
- MC 252: Governance Working Group – following discussion at the August Council meeting, this group will be established shortly. We are still at the stage of finding volunteers to serve on the GWG.
- MC 254: Management Committee elections – this topic is now active.
- MC 258: 2014 Over-50 GC World Championship. This event is scheduled to be held in Cairo in October 2014.

### **Outlook for November**

1. Topic 19: completion of drafting, review by MC and submission to Council
2. Topics 20, 22 and 23: Council voting decisions.
3. Preparation of Management Committee Annual Report for 2013 completed.

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