

# MID WALES BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

## Rules and Byelaws

### Name and Object

The Mid Wales Bridge Association (the Association) is established in Central Wales within the boundaries defined by the Welsh Bridge Union (W.B.U) and is controlled by the Constitution of the W.B.U.

The aim of the association is the promotion and control of the game of contract bridge within its boundaries. To that end it will support existing clubs and attempt to establish new clubs, recruit members, provide educational facilities and arrange a programme of competition bridge incorporating, where appropriate, preliminary rounds of competitions organised by the W.B.U.

### The Association

An Executive Committee that will meet at appropriate times will govern the Association. The Area Chairman will remain in office for a term of four years, the Area Vice-Chairman and Area Officers (Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Organiser, Master Points Secretary and Junior Training Officer) will remain in office for two years. Club Representatives will remain in office for one year. All officers, except the Chairman, may be re-elected for further terms of office.

### Affiliated Clubs

Currently Aberaeron, Aberystwyth, Cardigan, Dolgellau, Lampeter, Newtown, Rhayader and Welshpool will be entitled to elect one member to represent his/her club on the Executive Committee of the Association. The secretary is authorised to amend this list when necessary.

### Welsh Bridge Union Affiliation.

Members of affiliated Clubs will enrol as members of the W.B.U and the Club membership fee must be sufficient to include the annual subscription to the W.B.U and to the Association.

### Membership

To become a member of an affiliated club an applicant must have played in that club on at least three occasions.

### The Executive Committee Agenda

1. Minutes previous meeting
2. Matters arising
3. Correspondence
4. Report of Officers
5. Agenda items requested in writing to the Secretary.
6. A.O.B

The Secretary will take charge of administration and the Treasurer will be responsible for banking and presenting financial reports.

### General Finances

1. The Association bank account is at Barclays Bank Aberaeron with acceptable signatories as authorised by the committee. Deposit Account Bond with the Halifax in Aberystwyth.
2. The financial year-ends on March 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. The honoraria paid for services rendered by the officers or members of the Association will be determined by the Committee and ratified at the A.G.M.
4. Clubs or Members joining between January and March can pay their members subscriptions for the following year (i.e. giving fifteen months membership)
5. Realistic Executive Committee travelling allowances can be paid.

### Tournament Finances

1. Tournament Director's fees are £27 plus expenses.
2. Area table money is now £5; National Competition entry fees £1.50 per player; Mid Wales Competition entry fees 50p per player.
3. Perry and Spickett travelling allowances £40.
4. The director of each Tournament will be responsible for determining and collecting the Table money and pay any balance after disbursements (including Directors fee and expenses) to the Treasurer.

### Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held in a central location within the area on a date determined by the previous year A.G.M. and the Chairman will preside. In his/her absence the Vice-Chairman will preside.

#### Voting

All fully paid up members are entitled to one vote and in the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting has the casting vote. Voting with a show of hands unless a ballot is called for.

#### Agenda for A.G.M

1. Reading and confirmation of Minutes of Previous A.G.M.
2. Matters arising.
3. Report Chairman
4. Report Treasurer and presentation Annual accounts.
5. Report Tournament Director.
6. Report Junior Training Officer (where appropriate)
7. Election Officers.
8. Motions tabled on Agenda (submitted to Sec.28 days before meeting)
9. Any other business.
10. Date next A.G.M.
11. Presentation Cups and Trophies.

### Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by a minimum of twenty-five members giving at least 28 days notice to the Secretary. The Secretary gives notice of

such a meeting to all Affiliated Clubs, giving date and venue. The Chairman/ Vice-Chairman will preside; failing this the meeting will elect a Chairman.

### Executive Committee

An Executive Committee will transact the day-to-day business of the Association. The Committee will appoint an Area Equipment Officer annually to maintain the Bridge equipment, stationary etc. belonging to the Association.

All Affiliated Clubs will elect one member to serve on the Executive Committee who will be entitled to one vote.

Officers and representatives will have one vote and in event of tie Chairman has the casting vote.

### Tournaments

1. The Area Tournament Officer (A.T.O.) will prepare an association calendar for each year from August to August. The A.T.O. will also append to calendar any necessary regulations governing competitions. This calendar to be sent to all affiliated clubs.
2. Area Tournaments are McKinley Cup (teams), Evans-Jones Trophy (open pairs), Harrop Griffiths Trophy (mixed pairs), J.V.Davies Trophy (individual), M.W.B.A Graded Masters;( Bunty Richards Salver, Norman Riches, Jodo Cup,) Ladies Flaye Cup, King Arthur Swiss Teams.
3. Green Points awarded in accordance with the W.B.U. rules for McKinley Cup, Evans-Jones Trophy, King Arthur Teams.
4. The A.T.O will be responsible for organising dates, composition, location, Directors, and time of Area finals and tournaments.
5. Area Trophies will not be insured. Winners will be requested to sign a receipt for trophies and be responsible for their safekeeping and return.
6. For Club qualifying heats the minimum requirements are six pairs or three teams.
7. Results should be sent to the A.T.O. two weeks prior to the date of the area final, including names.
8. The A.T.O. will pass on results to the Master Point Secretary as soon as possible.
9. A member of the Association must play in the heats of area events at his/her home club. A member may only play in one heat of a competition. Members should seek permission to play a heat in another club if prevented from playing in home club .A W.B.U. member may play in any W.B.U. competition.
10. Restricted Licence Conventions are not permitted at Area Finals.
11. All psyches should be reported and a list retained by the A.T.O.
12. All participants must have a completed convention card for all Area and WBU competitions
13. W.B.U regulations shall apply to all competitions unless varied by W.B.U.

### Equipment

A list of all equipment owned by the Association shall be maintained and up dated by the Area Equipment Officer /A.T.O/member M.W. That person responsible for ensuring that all necessary equipment/ stationary be transported to venue.