



## **November 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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Secretary-General*

### **Elections and votes**

The vote to **approve the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition Statutes** is still in progress - please cast any remaining votes by 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Amir Ramsis has been elected as the new President of the WCF – his 4 year term formally starts on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012. At the same date, Mike Orgill (USA) and Chris Wakeham (SA) join the Management Committee and Rhys Thomas (USA) retires. Many thanks to Rhys for his hard work for the WCF, including leading the Hall of Fame committee. Congratulations to Amir, Mike and Chris.

Garth Beresford (SA) has been elected as the 6<sup>th</sup> member of the WCF GC Rules Committee – congratulations to Garth too.

The Investment Decisions have just been approved by 16 votes in favour and none against.

### **2011 Women's GC World Championship**

Congratulations to Rachel Rowe (England) for her success in the event in Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, which finished a week ago. The event went very well despite strong winds throughout. A measure of growing standards around the world: the semi-finalists were from 4 different countries. Many thanks to CNZ, the local clubs and organising committee, tournament director, manager, referee etc. – and to Gordon Smith as the WCF event lead.

### **2012 AC World Championship**

Scheduled for 28th April till 6<sup>th</sup> May 2012, this 80 player event will be held in Adelaide, South Australia. The closing date has now passed, 60 entries received, and the MC is beginning to consider the wild card invitations. [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. [Stephen Meatheringham is WCF event lead]

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

Digesting the expressions of interest in hosting events through to 2014, in response to our call for bids, and working to try to fill in the few gaps. We hope to be able to write to Members very soon detailing preferred bidders for each event.



All the 4 Governing Bodies (of the MacRobertson Shield series) have agreed to an additional draft Statute which would establish the MacRobertson Shield Committee within the WCF framework. The WCF will undertake the administration while the 4 Members retain control. This additional Statute will be put to the WCF Council in January for approval.

### **MC Topics completed/ closed this month**

126 – Wild Card Criteria – two inconclusive attempts to agree clearer guidelines earlier in the year gave sufficient background the issue could be tackled in the new draft Sports Regs Appendices.  
158 – Admin Regs – The MC approved completely re-written Admin Regs which have come into immediate effect. They will be put to Council for formal ratification in January.  
159 – Membership survey – a survey was drafted and approved by the MC and sent to WCF Members, to understand their shape, size and structure before we re-visit the membership categories of the WCF.  
160 – GC block seeding – following a query raised at the Players Briefing for the Women's GCWC, the MC considered whether the proposed approach was following WCF Regulations – it was.  
162 – Trophy Repairs approval to spend – the Wimbledon Cup (ACWC) needed some significant repairs after being dropped and the GCWC Trophy needed a bit of refurbishment. Approval given.

### **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.  
161 – Scope of GC Ranking Review – defining the Terms of Reference for a review of the GC Ranking system. Moves are already afoot to move it onto the same technology as the AC World Rankings.  
164 – GC World Team Championship – closing in on how to host it in late 2012.  
165 – MC organisation – an annual review of how we are now operating.

### **MC sub-groups**

The MC has 4 groups running, as follows:

**Development Group** (Stephen Mulliner lead) – the potential coach we had identified to visit India has had to drop out; we are considering how else to meet their request for help.

**Tournament Group** (Ian Burrige lead) – The consultation document on ACWC seeding has been readied for MC approval prior to circulation to Members.

**Regulations Group** (Keith Aiton lead) – Admin Regulations version 4 published; good drafts in hand for Event Regs and Sports Regs, including their copious appendices.

**Website Group** (James Hawkins lead) – The new site is moving towards completion – the parts seen so far are certainly much easier to revise. We hope to be able to make an assessment of whether it's ready to go live in the coming month.

### **Outlook for December**

1. Publishing the outline plan for events through to 2014.
2. Finalising a plan for the 2012 GC WTC.
3. Following the vote on the Statutes, hopefully planning to start the 2 year trial of the new decision-making system.
4. Inviting wild cards for the 2012 ACWC.

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