

Workshop with Clubs: Planned approach to the meeting.

Introduction to the session:

- Why is there a WPF?
- What is its function?
- Why do clubs have to be a member?
- What are the benefits to member clubs for their £7.50 pp membership?
- Why do we need club input?
 - The WPF recognise things have been changing for a while and Covid has probably accelerated that change, people think differently not only in their personal and work life but also their membership of groups/clubs.
 - So, the WPF need help from its member clubs to get a better understanding of what they need or want from the WPF
 - The WPF are reviewing their constitution and what their offerings are in the shape of events and competitions for members - it proposes to build a plan for the next 12, 24, 36 months and that plan starts today and will be further informed by the member club's input.
 - It recognises fees can't continue to increase to cover existing offerings that only meet the needs of a few, there needs to be an overhaul of internal/external competitions/events for all.
 - It also recognises clubs continue to struggle for membership and are having to be creative themselves in their offerings to their members - what lessons can the WPF take from those clubs.
 - Both the WPF and Clubs need to cut their cloth accordingly and evaluate what and how many competitions/events they facilitate and the respective take up from club members.
- This workshop is to encourage clubs to offer their feedback and ideas and to work through all of that and to ask for volunteers to work with WPF committee members in small working groups to bring ideas to fruition and hopefully to encourage more club members to consider joining the committee going forward to raise the success and professionalism of the WPF.
- A conscious decision has been taken not to hold this meeting on zoom – if you are unable to attend, please feel free to send any comments to Pat Hollis: phollis.sbs@btinternet.com before the 6 February 2024.

Workshop on the day:

- Develop and review what the WPF wants/needs to deliver in the next 12, 24 and 36 months
 - Discuss what the basic offering of the WPF is or should be.
 - Invite clubs to share what they want from the WPF.
 - Take that feedback away and further review and revise what the offering of the WPF will be taking account of the clubs' input - no idea is a bad idea. *
 - Ask for volunteers from clubs to form small working groups with a member of the WPF to build on those ideas with the intention of making them happen.
- Revisit all activities/competitions and determine the minimum number we are obliged to provide (this may be driven by what's in the Constitution?).
 - Ensure there is a proper and clear project plan for each project/competition that looks at cost, time and performance (quality/service/delivery i.e. is it up to standard etc) and scheduling of resources - this would help determine the viability of each one.
- Rebuild the diary/calendar of events with those changes / commitments / timeframes in mind - then re-assess if it is all realistic and feasible.
- Attract / recruit new members to the Executive Committee.

*Note for the meeting: we should not try to solution the ideas in the meeting,