

The Lady Director's Report to the WCU AGM 2012-05-20

On becoming Ladies Director again I immediately spotted that the WCU finance director is holding nearly £400.00 from the WLCA when it disbanded. I decided to use some of this money to put on some events for the girls. These unfortunately have not materialised yet due to various circumstances.

In January I went to the national girls' rapidplay in Monmouth to get to know some of the girls. This was organised by Kevin Thomas and controlled by John Thornton and was very successful.

Then I received a request from Olivia Smith to use some of the money mentioned above. Our stronger women were planning to hire an English coach to help them through the forthcoming Olympiad. This caused a bit of bother at first as two of my committee members wanted to donate more money than I thought was fitting. The problem was resolved in the end when Howard agreed to appoint their chosen grandmaster to be the captain/coach of the team, thus reducing his expenses, and it was decided to donate £100.00 to the cause.

I am making what I hope will be a definitive record of all past Welsh Lady Champions which is very nearly finalised.

I am very concerned to realise that Jane Richmond is no longer eligible to play for Wales. She has represented Wales over 70 times and at one Olympiad she received the prize for achieving the best performance on board 1. I am not happy about this and neither is Jane. Also it appears that our very promising junior, Megan Owens, will be in the same position as Jane when she stops being a junior. This situation is unacceptable and I hope something will be done about it.

Beryl Hughes.