



REPORT TO 10th EBL OFFICERS' SEMINAR PRAGUE 2020

At the 9th EBL Officers' Seminar in Belfast 2018 we, on the EBL Women's Committee, asked the delegates as first steps in building the Women's game to

SELECT 'a PERSON' to look after Women's Bridge in their NBO

Outcome: 25 NBOs selected a person. Now called A Women's Bridge Co-Ordinator (WBC)

SET UP A DATABASE with GDPR compliance for the WBC

Outcome: We don't know if Databases of Women have been setup by NBOs for WBCs.

INFORM - ENCOURAGE

Outcome: Information Documents have been circulated from Women's Committee to WBCs and NBOs - the most recent being the EBL WOMEN'S NEWSLETTER Jan 2020.

Meeting in Ostend after the EBL National Women's Pairs in 2018.

NETWORK to DEVELOP

Outcome: Women's Online Practice Matches

Top Section: 14 countries take part. Sweden, Norway, Scotland and France used the tool to practice for the Venice cup. One co Ordinator wrote
'... Thanks a lot ...Now we have a lot of boards to play against the best teams in Europe!'

New and Aspiring: Only Cyprus, Ireland, Israel took part with Estonia interested.

U26 Women: U26 Women in Poland played Top of the World Sweden this week.

Much can be done using this tool - coaching, analysis, networking and it has the potential to encourage smaller countries to participate in the international scene and enhance the game for women.

ENCOURAGE, SUPPORT, PROPOSE and ELECT WOMEN:

Outcome: We have doubled the representation on the EBL Executive

WHAT ELSE CAN BE DONE:

Networking:

We could share information such as:

How countries run trials

How countries structure the coaching for women

We could examine why:

Some countries have success and win

How countries have had success in encouraging young women to play Bridge.

We could arrange

Inter- country matches perhaps as a league on BBO.

We could ask about the long-term view in terms of teams

How teams are selected

We could support countries who can only afford to send an Open team

Women could support women

EBL Executive helped by reducing fees in Istanbul for example.

HOW CAN OFFICERS AT THIS SEMINAR HELP?

If you have not done so already – Select a WBC

Support the WBC

Provide the WBC with a Database

Have Women's Bridge on the Agenda of your meetings with

- A Progress Report
- Plan of Action for Development.
- Send a Women's team to EBL Championships (Fundraise if necessary)
- Encourage women to play in National Women's Pairs (This year in Madeira).
- Encourage Women to play in Open Championships - last time Istanbul
- Help the WBC to submit teams for ONLINE Practice
 - Top Women, New and Aspiring and U26

MUCH CAN BE DONE IF WE WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT WOMEN IN BRIDGE