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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 4.00 p.m. on the 7th July 2015 at the Carmarthen Quins RFC

Members present:

Beryl Warner (Hav); Judith Graham-Jones (Hav); Jennifer Wardell (Secretary); John Jamieson (Swansea); Bob Alderdice (Chairman); Keith Davison (Treasurer); David Newman (Bridgend); Gareth Jones (WBU President); Frances Williams (Llandybie); Geoff & Julia Griffiths(Llanelli); Steve Burgoyne (Bridgend); Tony Haworth (Porthcawl);Irene Delahunty(Tenby); Cindy Middleton (Tenby); Rosemund Nelson(Carmarthen)

Apologies for absence:

Diana Panniers, Irene Thomas, Chris Overton

Before the start of the business of the meeting:

- Tribute was paid to Janet Rees from Llanelli, who died in late May. The Chairman paid tribute to her help and support in the Area over many years. People noted that her sense of humour and her genuine concern for her fellow players would be sadly missed.
- Gareth Jones as WBU President was co-opted on to the Committee with voting rights

1.Minutes of meetings held on 3rd February and 10th May 2015

The minutes of these meetings were approved.

2. Matters arising

No matters were raised at this stage

3. AGM/John Isaac/Ann Dolan at Tumble 2015

- It was noted that these events went very well with the Ann Dolan being run as a separate competition this year. The bridge was ably directed by Tony Haworth.
- Most people enjoyed the meal and preferred the carvery format. The meals were served quickly considering the larger number present that day(18 tables)

4. Perry, Spickett, President's Cup in East Wales 2015

- The venue at Whitchuch Rugby Club proved to very popular but there had been difficulty in finding accommodation because of big events being held in Cardiff that weekend.
- The chairman congratulated all teams on their performance. In particular he congratulated the Perry Team on winning. IT said that the Spickett team were disappointed with their overall result as they had been in the lead after the first day.
- A letter from Tony Disley concerning the selection of the Perry/Spickett teams was presented to the committee. Following discussions it was decided that a notice be placed on the WWBA website at the beginning of next season informing players that taking part in Area events is an important criterion for selection. A vote was taken as to whether a smaller selection committee should be formed but only a small minority were in favour of this and the teams will continue to be selected by the whole committee at the February meeting in order to give the selected players sufficient planning time.

5. Arrangements for the Perry, Spickett & President's Cup 2016

- GJ & BA reported that it is possible that these events will become centralised in Mid Wales. However it has been confirmed that they will be held in the West in June 2016
- TH to check availability and price of High Tide in Porthcawl. Tumble Hall already priced and is available.

6. Celtic Congress at Fishguard 2015 and future of the Congress

- Thanks to last minute entries and the fact that Adrian Thomas refused the director's fee for the Friday the Congress made a profit of ~ £700
- Not possible to hold a Congress at Fishguard in May 2016 but it is hoped that a group might travel to Wexford in February 2016
- Fishguard Bay Hotel booked for last weekend in May 2017
- BA thanked Haverfordwest and Swansea Bridge Clubs for duplimating the boards for the Congress

7. Area Tournament arrangements 2015-16

- Chris Overton will take over as ATO on 1st August
- Tumble Hall has been booked for all competitions in the season
- The Mixed Pairs in December will start at 10.00am with no hot meal offered to enable the hall to be vacated for the Carol Concert in the evening
- GJ to liaise with CO re directors for events. TH will direct when not playing.
- David Newman will direct Men's/Ladies supported by TH

8. Treasurer's's Report

- WWBA bank account will be moved to Barclays
- Some players did not claim expenses for the P/S/P
- Small surplus from Teams of 4 is in Celtic Congress account

9. Chairman's report

- BA presented a written report to the meeting with most items having already been discussed
- He reported on the success of the Western Area Teams League and the plan to run it again next year with two divisions. New teams were welcome.
- JGJ thanked BA on behalf of the Committee for his initiative in setting up the League and the work he did in its administration

10. WBU Matters

BA and GJ reported on some topical WBU matters:

- There is a vacancy on the Selector's Committee
- There is a need to redraft the WBU Constitution to ensure universal membership
- If this does not happen then PPP will need to be looked at as an alternative
- Western Area pushing strongly for a Newsletter
- MPs from LM had to be uploaded manually as WBU system needs to be upgraded

11. AOB

- GG asked about use of Club Bridgemates in Area events. TH indicated that they were likely to come from Porthcawl and Bridgend. BA to negotiate small fee to paid to the clubs for the use of their equipment. WBU equipment is also available at a small fee but this would need to be collected from Mid Wales.
- GG was asked to determine by our next meeting whether Llanelli is able to provide a suitable team for the President's Cup next year as he had previously expressed an interest in doing this.
- Next scheduled meeting would be the first Tuesday in February unless it was thought necessary to hold a short interim meeting in the Autumn.