



West Wales Bridge Association

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Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 4.00 p.m. on the 2nd February 2016 at the Carmarthen Quins RFC

Members present:

Judith Graham-Jones (Hav); Jennifer Wardell (Secretary); Bob Alderdice (Chairman); Frances Williams (Llandybie); Tony Hawort (Porthcawl); Irene Delahunty (Tenby); Rosemund Nelson (Carmarthen); Rory Gibbons (Port Talbot); Irene Thomas (Bridgend); Tony Disley (Swansea); Chris Overton (A.T.O.); John Jamieson (Swansea); David Newman (Bridgend)

Apologies for absence:

Keith Davison, Steve Burgoyne, Beryl Warner, Geoff & Julia Griffiths

1. Minutes of meeting held on 27th October 2015

The minutes of this meeting were approved.

2. Matters arising

TD requested fuller minutes and that a draft version be put on the website as agreed in previous meeting. JW replied that this would happen when the new Secretary took over in May.

3. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer will present his full report to the meeting on 8th May but he expects this year to be similar to last year financially. The income from the PC congress 2015 is slightly down but that of the August GP congress slightly up,

The WBU has donated £1500 to the running of the PSP in June 2016

4. ATO Report

- There had been a good turn out to events this year and it was especially pleasing to see both the Men's and Ladies Finals take place.
- There had been a slight problem with the Open Pairs as Kim Morgan was unable to direct at the last minute and TH assisted by Glyn Williams had to direct and play.
- CO requested a full list of emails. JW to write to Club Secretaries asking them to email Chris their list of members emails.
- TH offered to train directors and ATO in setting up movements and managing the scoring on their own. TH has managed the scoring for the directors to date but next year he hopes that the directors and ATO will take control.

5. AGM/John Isaac/Ann Dolan 2016

- Tumble Hall will provide a 2 course hot carvery lunch for £8.00 pp as last year
- Entry fee for the day will be £12.00 pp with the lunch being subsidised by the WWBA
- Clubs to encourage novices to enter the Ann Dolan

6. Perthcawl Congress. Report on 2015 and arrangements for 2016

- IT presented an Income/Expenditure paper for the 2015 congress, which had been audited by BA, to the meeting
- Bridge entries down by £421 on 2014 but similar to figures for 2013
- Taking over the bookings at the Seabank raised almost as much money as the profit from the bridge.
- There were just 4 pairs of novices, all from Bridgend area. As the Novice event is a WWBA event and we have since introduced the Ann Dolan IT wonders if we should now remove the Novices from PC replacing it with a Social/Less experienced player session
- PC Congress 2016 booked for 25/26/27th November
- BA thanked IT and JV for all their hard work in arranging another successful congress

7. Calendar and venue for 2016 – 17 competitions

- Competitions to date were breaking even/slight profit
- Foelgastell Hall, where we played the Open Pairs, proved popular and considerably cheaper than Tumble. However the smaller playing area and lack of storage space meant that we could not consider it as a base for our events.
- JW presented a Draft Calendar, based on an incomplete WBU calendar. JW to check availability of these dates with Tumble Hall.

8. President's Cup Team Approval

Llanelli put forward two pairs for the **President's Cup**:

Philip Snaith & Brian Canning

Audrey Howells & Christine Jones

It was agreed to ask last year's winners of the Ann Dolan, Roemund Nelson & John Corocan to complete the team with NPC Geoff Griffiths

9. Perry and Spickett Team Selection

Just three pairs for each Team expressed interest in taking part

The **Perry Shield Team** was confirmed as:

John Beard & Liam Sheridan

Tony Haworth & Rob Charlesworth

Steve Jarvis & Mike Baker

NPC Bob Alderdice

The **Spickett Bowl Team** was confirmed as:

Irene Thomas & Jenny Vaghan

Linda Pinnock & Marjorie Morris

Lee Collier & Irene Delahunty

NPC Bob Alderdice

10. Chairman's Report

BA presented a written report to the meeting

Points of note not covered elsewhere were

Teams League. The results to date were presented. Any one of 5 teams could win the Championship. In the First Division the Preseli players were well in the lead. Carmarthen had withdrawn.

Celtic Congress. The Fishguard Bay Hotel has been booked for 26/27/28th May 2017. The WBU will not hold any events to clash with this. The Seniors Congress which is normally held in this Bank Holiday slot will be moved.

WBU Matters

- A Newsletter, edited by Carol Butler, will be issued within the next month with enough hard copies for about 50% of the membership and it will also be available to read online.
- A Council Meeting would be held on March 23rd. Our representatives at this meeting would be BA, BW and TD. JGJ would chair meeting as WBU President.
- In the MC meeting on 23rd Feb a recommendation will be made to put forward, initially to the Council Meeting, regarding an enforced WBU membership fee or some form of a P-2-P system.

11. Election of Officers

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer all wish to step down from their posts at the AGM, although the Treasurer is prepared to carry on for another year for the continuity. A notice will be put on the website and committee members are urged to look for suitable replacements.

12. AOB

- TH commented that it is still impossible to load Teams results to website.
- Next meeting 10.00am, 8th May, Tumble. Will be brought forward to 9.30 if extra time is needed to discuss WBU subscriptions