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## **Committee Meeting Minutes: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 2.0 p.m.**

*Held via Zoom*

### **1. Present:**

Steve Jarvis (Chairman), Bob Alderdice (Treasurer), Christine Smith (Webmaster), David Nicklin (ATO), Peter Milewski (Secretary), Tony Disley (Bridgend and WBU), Perry Crickmere (Pembroke), Lee Collier (Haverfordwest), Mike Reed.  
Mike Reed left at 2.30 p.m.  
Apologies were received from Tony Haworth, Nicky Hancock.

### **2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising:**

The minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were circulated by email prior to the meeting. They were passed by general assent as a fair record.

### **3. Matters Arising:**

Perry Spickett and President's Cup. Steve had heard only from Paddy Murphy re a team for the President's Cup and will assume that event will not take place. He is completing the booking form during the coming week. There is a parking charge at the Halliwell Centre of £5 per car per day. David suggested we may consider cashback for parking charges. The catering arrangements will be finalized once the basic booking made, Steve indicated it would probably be good to have the restaurant open on the Saturday evening. Whether payment by areas or individuals to be resolved. It is traditional for the WBU to subsidize the Saturday evening meal and a buffet on the Sunday. Request for expressions of interest to be issued via email and website. Deadline for applications 8th March. Steve, Tony Disley, Peter, Lee to comprise a selection committee.

Educational material. Tony Haworth has made the transfer to the West Wales website.  
WBU Teams of Eight 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at Tumble (as per Chairman's information from the M.C. in his report).

WBU Champion of Champions. David has received notification from the NTO that this will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at 11.0 a.m. in Y Cwt, Longacre Farm, Pendoylan, CF71 7UG.

Laptop. The laptop has been bought by Perry, sent to David, and is working.  
Porthcawl face to face 2024? No progress.



Club disaffiliation. The topic was aired as there are a number of players in various clubs not wishing to pay a subscription to WBU. Tony Disley pointed out the need for a national union to organize the game just as with other sports and games, even if individual benefits seem non-existent. Problem with a club having some members disaffiliated and others paying subscriptions direct to the WBU is difficulty in awarding Masterpoints even if paid up.

**Action: Steve, Peter, Christine**

#### 4. Secretary's Report

Christmas card sent in December on behalf of the Committee to Janet Richards for her offer to operate the dealing machine. Emails sent on 5<sup>th</sup> January: a poster for the Mixed together with 'Dates for your diary'. Chairman's and Treasurer's reports forwarded to the committee. Other topics already dealt with in Matters Arising. Due to circulate re Perry and Spickett, Laidlaw Murray 17<sup>th</sup> March, last minute reminder for Mixed, update Calendar.

**Action: Peter, Christine**

#### 5. Treasurer's Report

Bob has issued a short report. There have been few transactions, invoices totalling £140 are expected, total balance in Current and Savings accounts £22337.84, £38.07 interest having accrued in the latter in the two months since creating it.

**Action: none**

#### 6. ATO Report

Mixed 4<sup>th</sup> February. So far 11 pairs entered.

WBU affiliation. David pointed out that, as a former member of the Porthcawl club now closed, he will cease membership of the WBU in April 2024. While he sees no individual benefits he has decided to pay a further subscription. A discussion of club (dis)affiliation is noted in Matters Arising above.

Laptop, Dealing machine, Card packs. All in hand (see Chairman's report re WBU cards). Unfortunately Janet Richards has had to withdraw her offer to deal for us.

**Action: David**

#### 7. Webmaster's report:

No issues identified.

#### 8. Chairman's report:

Steve highlighted the proposal for increase of WBU subscription to £20, though there is still nearly £90,000 in the account, it has been steadily diminishing. Bob suggested a half subscription for beginners and Steve will put this to the CEO. Also Masterpoint charges to increase from 25p to 40p.



WBU AGM will no longer be at the Perry and Spickett weekend, this year will be by Zoom on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 11.0 a.m.

Other items: no progress on EBU website merge, proposal to abolish Council, Fresher's events in Cardiff have been successful, requests for cards as re-ordering due (David to consider), To8 at Tumble 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**Action: David**

**9. AOB:**

none.

**10. Next Meeting (on Zoom): Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 2.0 p.m.**