

## **Minutes of EWBA AGM held at Cardiff Bridge Club Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

- 1. Attendance:** Mia Deschepper welcomed 45 members to the AGM and explained that incoming Chair, Paul Cunningham, was abroad and had asked her to conduct the meeting on his behalf. Angela Gilbert was thanked for agreeing to act as Director for the day.
- 2. Apologies were received from:** Paul Cunningham, Sophie Cunningham, David Smith, Steve Webb and Richard Welsford
- 3. Minutes of AGM Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2024:** taken as read
- 4. Matters Arising:** none
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Richard Plackett
  - a) At year end Restricted funds, to be used solely for training initiatives, stood at £832, £192 having been expended during the year. Richard encouraged clubs to apply for funding for training
  - b) At year end Unrestricted Funds totalled £21,219 – a surplus on tournaments during the year amounted to £98
- 6. Report from the Chair:**
  - a) Mia thanked Martin Joseph, Liz Atkinson and CBC for providing the venue and services for the AGM
  - b) Mia reported that she was pleased that more Club representatives are now participating in meetings and she thanked her Committee for their support during the year
  - c) Mia thanked Jennifer for her having been such an enthusiastic and successful ATO, Richard for having performed the role of Treasurer and David for having organised the League and Cup.
- 7. ATO Report by Jennifer Wardell and Gill O'Keefe:**

Jennifer having passed the baton to Gill O'Keefe, Gill presented her report detailing the events held with the names of winners - the joint winners of the Victor Ludorum were, as last year, Gwynn Davis and Sue Ingham – they and all other winners were congratulated
- 8. Western League reported by Mike Best:**

Congratulations to the "B" Team for winning their league, they will go forward to the Regional Final with the entrance fee for this event being paid by EWBA
- 9. EWBA League reported by David Smith**

The league competition results:  
League 1: GAMA with Bedwas on Tour second  
League 2: Archway (Chepstow) with Newport Dragons second  
League 3: Rhiwbina Diamonds with Ace of Clubs second  
The Knock out Cup was won by Ace of Clubs

#### **10. Election of Officers:**

The following were elected unopposed:

Chair:	Paul Cunningham
Treasurer	Leighton Williams
Secretary	Keith Edwards
ATO	Gill O'Keefe
Master Points	Steve Webb
Webmaster	Sophie Akers
League organiser	Mia Deschepper
Western League	Mike Best and Richard Welsford

#### **11. Election of Auditor**

Richard Welsford agreed to perform this function

#### **12. Any other Business**

- a) WBU memberships are now due, members were asked to remind club secretaries to send renewal lists to Steve Webb asap
- b) A vote of thanks was extended to the Officers

#### **13. Date of Next Meeting**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026, venue tbc

Mia closed the meeting at 14.15 hours