

Draft Minutes Committee Meeting 1st July 2026 by WhatsApp call

Present: Richard Stevenson, Graham Eele, Paula Grobbelaar, Ray Mardon, Sheila Montgomery.

Apologies: Liz Klinkert

1. RS announced a change in Club Secretary. Peter Smith has stepped down and Sheila Montgomery will act as temporary secretary until the next AGM.

RS thanked Peter for his expertise, time and efforts, and welcomed Sheila.

2. RS has been approached by 4 beginners seeking lessons and plans to teach them on Tuesdays in Alvington. Their table money should cover rental, so no cost to the Club. He suggested reprinting the posters to advertise it, cost of £40, and that members of Lydney and Archway could attend for no fee. Passed unanimously.

3. Costing of Party: GE reported our current finances are healthy, with over £4,000 funds and WBU subs paid. GE suggested planning more free open evenings, free of table money, to encourage newcomers, Lydney members and learners to join us. It was suggested these evenings to be held four times a year, and not near any other free evening. September 7th and November 30th were proposed and unanimously accepted. Advertising would be on posters, the Web Site and our Facebook page. GE said the Facebook page needed promoting, and photos were important. RS said he would send photos of events to Pam Robinson routinely.

The costing of the party was proposed to be £10 per head for all except guests of honour. At the moment there are 42 on the list. GE was reckoning on a cost to the Club of £1,000 to £1,100. This was passed unanimously.

4. Timings of 50th anniversary party. The schedule was proposed by RS after discussion with PG.

12.30 – 1: Arrival, drinks and photos, brief speeches.

1 – 2: Lunch

2 – 3.45: Bridge, first stanza about 14 boards.

3.45 – 4.15: Cakes, tea, possibly speeches and prize giving.

4.15 – 5.15: Bridge 2nd stanza about 8 boards.

5.15 – 5.25: prizes and farewell.

RS proposed Marion Sherwell, the most long-standing member of the Club, should be asked to reminisce about the early days in a speech held before lunch.

RM said if any participant wanted to just play the first stanza they should indicate this prior to the event.

SM raised the question of invitations. The committee agreed this should happen in the near future. RS will return to Lydney Club now the format is clearer, There are a further 8 places to be allocated. Lydney gets the first refusals, then RS suggested asking CABC members to propose others.

GE noted there was likely slippage on the timings.

The committee approved unanimously.

5. The Bridge sub committee are planning a visit to the venue to ensure the equipment works and to help plan the details of the bridge sessions and prizes. They will report back to the Committee.

The issues of name badges and prizes will be discussed at the next committee meeting.