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## Committee Meeting Minutes: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 following AGM

*Held via Zoom*

### **1. Present:**

Steve Jarvis (Chairman), Sophie Sheppard (Treasurer), Christine Smith (Webmaster), David Nicklin (ATO), Peter Milewski (Secretary), Lee Collier (Haverfordwest), Nicky Hancock (Tenby), Mike Reed (Carmarthen)

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

Awaiting email responses (not discussed at the meeting)

### **3. Officers' Reports (Secretary, Treasurer, ATO, Webmaster, Chairman)**

Nothing to add to the AGM just held

**Action: none**

### **4. AOB:**

The discussion centred mainly on the proposed actions to deal with falling face to face numbers.

Christine asked if anybody with Realbridge skills could help her put instructions on the website (Swansea play on Realbridge each Monday).

Steve proposed that we limit our traditional face to face events to two a year, these would probably be the Laidlaw Murray Teams and the Swiss Pairs.

David pointed out that if in future we are to use the Bancyfelin Village Hall only occasionally, the manager may no longer be willing to offer storage space.

Lee came up with another new idea, to have a 'Cake' event at Bancyfelin towards the end of August. This idea met with some enthusiasm and Nicky and Lee have agreed to take this forward, while David will make a booking for 31st August. For simplicity, the format could be a single session starting at 1.30 p.m., with tea at the end. If it proves to be a success it could perhaps be repeated occasionally, and help to satisfy the need to make bookings at Bancyfelin.



The free BBO events would be aimed at novice and improver WWBA members, with sixteen boards only, a longer than usual time for each board, and the ability to ask the director for advice. It was agreed that we will start these on Sunday 14th September at 7.0 p.m. and they will need promoting.

The inter-Club Teams would follow the format of the WBU Geoff Evans League. The seven Western Area clubs will arrange and direct each match between themselves, either on BBO or face to face if they prefer. There would be two stanzas of twelve boards each, the NS and EW pair from one team swapping after the first half. There would be a date set for the completion of each match, six matches in a year. There is an issue: Direct members not belonging to an affiliated club. They are treated (since Simon Gottschalk's updating the the WBU database system) as members of the 'Western' club. If included as such, then there would be seven matches to play.

A present for Bob was suggested. If somebody could talk to his wife when he's out, we might get a useful suggestion.

**5. Next Meetings (on Zoom):**

Porthcawl group: **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 2.0 p.m.**

Committee: **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 2.0 p.m.**