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Committee Meeting Minutes: Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 10.0 a.m.

Held via Zoom

1. Present:

Steve Jarvis (Chairman), Christine Smith (Webmaster), David Nicklin (ATO), Peter Milewski (Secretary), Lee Collier (Haverfordwest), Tony Disley (Bridgend), Nicky Hancock (Tenby), Nigel Astley (Merlin).

Apologies were received from Philip Skinner. Sophie has been told there is no need to attend as she conducts Treasurer activities effectively online and is not a bridge player.

2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising:

The minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 22nd August were circulated by email prior to the meeting. They were passed by general assent as a fair record.

3. Matters Arising:

Present for Bob. Steve undertook to contact Bob's golf club (Clyne) to arrange a voucher, then Peter to write.

Afternoon Tea event. Acknowledged by all as a success with congratulations to Lee and daughter Rachel.

Tables. Steve needs to ask Ceri whether she's happy for us to take the white tables. If she is, Peter's offer to tow Mike Reed's trailer stands, to bring them back to Mike for storage.

Inter-club League. Tony D expressed reservations about bringing in subs from other clubs, but agreed that this was OK for Llanelli as a special case (v.inf.).

Eligibility to play in Inter-club League. It was agreed by general assent that only paid-up members of the WBU should be allowed to play in the Inter-club League.

Free online BBO events. Peter had forgotten that the initial intention was to restrict this to WBU members, but then Steve and he agreed that we should open it temporarily to non-members, in the hope that the experience would attract them later to join. The first event was held on 14th September. Peter and Julie each mentored a non-member improver who apparently enjoyed and derived benefit from the experience after receiving our analyses. The next event is 2nd November, again we would like members to publicise this in their own clubs, Peter will send emails again, and Christine to advertise it on the website.



GDPR. Sophie had kindly researched this thoroughly, resulting in an email which rather frightened Steve and Peter with its legal implications! For the time being Peter is contenting himself with making sure that every group email is sent as a blind copy, and inserting at the end a request to the recipient to let him know if they want their name taken off the list. We should probably revisit this issue later, as a number of clubs do have GDPR statements on their website.

Porthcawl. Very few further entries despite further efforts by Peter Steve and Lee, and it has become clear that the target of 45 booked rooms will not be attained. Currently only 20 GP Pairs entries, 12 GP Teams, 2 Holiday Pairs and no holiday teams. Room bookings identified by Sophie: 26 rooms for 37 players. Steve proposed approaching the hotel for a revised contract to accommodate a smaller congress, and Lee undertook to do this. If no success, the congress will have to be cancelled. Peter suggested that a factor may be the clash with a Lancashire congress as that area has been a rich source of entries in the past, and that may have attracted Midlands players too who otherwise would have come to Porthcawl. If we hold a congress next year, we should liaise with the Lancashire organisers.

Action: Steve, Christine, Lee, Peter

4. Secretary's Report

Inter-club League. Peter has now identified eight captains for eight clubs (including Direct members) and Philip Skinner has helped to bring Llanelli on board, probably by supplementing with Swansea players. All four of the first set of matches are currently being arranged. Peter has undertaken to act as non-playing captain for Carmarthen at the request of Mike Reed, who is involved with Palestine actions.

Action: Peter

5. Treasurer's Report

Sophie has submitted her report which has been forwarded to members. Her full report can be found at

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gyScDjiCD0ojzVUbcDHekiiXaIO_x2j5B4uJpTJ4pWk/edit?usp=sharing and the summary is as follows (excluding Porthcawl):

CASH ASSETS: Current Account: £1,517, Business Reserve: £10,828, Liquidity Manager: £9,187, Total: £21,737

PORTHCAWL: Deposits received: £7,540, Expenses paid out: -£624, Net: £6,916

Action: none

6. ATO Report

Swiss Pairs 21st September. Plans proceeding satisfactorily, Steve will need to bring tables, David tea etc., Peter is dealing a couple of extra boardsets, and will collect the money (and pay David's fee with the proceeds). Currently 20 pairs, we have warned further ones they may have to be reserves in case of an odd final number.



Vince Bevan 26th October. It was agreed to proceed with this, Bancyfelin is already booked. The event will continue as open to WWBA members only. Peter needs to circulate a poster and Christine to place on website.

Action: Peter, Christine

7. Webmaster's report:

No issues identified. We are certainly keeping Christine busy!

8. Chairman's report:

No MC meeting, nothing further to report.

9. AOB:

None.

Action: none

10. Next Meeting (on Zoom): Friday 24th October at 2.0 p.m.