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Committee Meeting Minutes: Friday 24th October 2025 at 2.0 p.m.

Held via Zoom

1. **Present:**

Steve Jarvis (Chairman), David Nicklin (ATO), Peter Milewski (Secretary), Christine Smith (Webmaster), Lee Collier (Haverfordwest), Nicky Hancock (Tenby), Rosemond Halls (deputising for Mike Reed, Carmarthen), Tony Haworth (co-opted)
Apologies were received from Nigel Astley, Philip Skinner.

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

The minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 16th September 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 arranged for a £50 voucher at Clyne Golf Club and Peter wrote to Bob with this.

Tables. No response from Ceri, if she approves, key is available from Simon Gottaschalk nearby.

GDPR. The committee supported Peter's current policy of blind copying all group email recipients and placing a statement at the end asking anyone who no longer wishes to be sent them to let him know so that he can take their name off the list.

Peter advised that since he obtained earlier this year (courtesy of Simon Gottschalk) approximately 190 email addresses held by the WBU of WWBA members, he had at recipients' requests removed a number from the list, leaving him with a little over 170, but nobody had made such a request for several months. The feeling of the committee was that there is no need for a formal GDPR statement since the only information held by us is the name, WBU number and email address; there are no financial details. Emails are sent as blind copies to minimise the chance of bad actors finding addresses.

Photos. Tony Haworth advised caution when taking winner photos, to make sure there is nobody in the background, as they may have grounds to object to publication.

Porthcawl. An extended discussion took place about various aspects (see below).

Action: none



4. Secretary's Report

Club League. All but one of the first two matches now played, one face to face at Cresselly Cricket Club, and the remainder on BBO. The results, schedule and Victory Point scale are on the website. The third set of matches is due by 21st December. With the help of Philip Skinner, Llanelli have raised a team who won their first match and drew the second. The hope was expressed that this will contribute to an improvement in the club's fortunes. Peter continues to co-ordinate the League.

Prize for Club League winner. There was some discussion about this, the most popular option at present being a sum of money to be donated to a charity of the club's choice.

Free online BBO event. There were ten pairs at the first event on 14th September, including some non-members. Three pairs consisted of an improver and a mentor, one was a pair of improvers. Next event on 2nd November.

A decision is needed on when to close the event to WBU members only.

Action: none

5. Treasurer's Report.

Sophie has emailed members her report. Similar balances to the last report. Small profit on Swiss Pairs. Porthcawl: (see below). Full report online

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aFoKSjxWhym3tW-2qpQ4M5lsfrrkm_jUR9lm8eLNq-4/edit?usp=sharing

Action: Treasurer, Lee Collier

6. ATO Report

Still no sign of another director.

Various dates identified to avoid (Peter will send updated WWBA Calendar).

Proposed 2026 dates for WWBA events:

Mixed Pairs 8th February

Laidlaw Murray 22nd March

John Isaacs ?online

AGM on Zoom tba

Afternoon Tea 12th July

Swiss Pairs 6th September

Vince Bevan 11th October

Porthcawl (see below)

Action: ATO, Peter

7. Webmaster's report:

No issues identified.



8. Chairman's report:

Peter had attended in lieu of Steve, with report as follows:

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1. Masterpoint fees waived for Porthcawl owing to expected loss
2. Training activity mainly in Cardiff: PGCE students, Llanishen school (minibridge), Realbridge Friday session for children, Andrea Knox writing on taking grandchildren to a summer bridge camp. Andrea is now a trustee of EBED. Finance available to help others.
3. The Bridgesteddod is planned for 20-23 August 2026 but venue not yet identified.
4. Andrea mentioned that a move towards more team spirit in Welsh events would be beneficial.
5. Technology: New scoring technology using tablets is being investigated. Re the website, Scotland and Ireland have issues as well as the WBU and there was general agreement that sharing web development/re-development with these nations is the way forward.
6. Andrea is in touch with the Women's Institute
7. There is an idea for a Christmas lunch at the Metropole
8. Calendar 2026: 26/27 Sept and 17/18 Oct for Premier League, Madeira is 2nd to 9th November, a plan for Porthcawl will need to avoid these and the Lancashire Congress.
9. Finance: a profit made last year, finances available for training/teaching, but Andrea wants to maintain at least £90,000 in the account.
10. AOB none
11. Next meeting probably on Wednesday 10th January 2026 at 10.0 a.m.

9. Porthcawl

Finances. Lee having difficulty resolving the current figures from Sophie.

Cancellations/refunds, late payments, late entries, room bookings to be dealt with.

Lee liaising with hotel. Cost of Sunday lunch to be ascertained.

Saturday lunch, Coffee issues to be resolved.

Tables, Cloths, Bidders Steve Lee and David co-ordinating on this. Issue returning equipment (both Steve and Peter departing elsewhere immediately following the congress).

Boards. David has the boards from Sarah. These may eventually need sharing with East Wales. David has issues with the dealing machine, Peter will help.

Date for 2026 congress. Imperative to avoid clash. Either 13th-15th or 20th-22nd

November, preferably the latter if possible. Madeira is 2nd-9th November. Peter to find out from Oli Cowan/EBU date of next Lancashire Congress (which has clashed this year).

Action: Lee, Sophie, Steve, David, Peter

10. AOB:

none.

11. Next Meeting (on Zoom): Thursday 29th January 2026 at 10.0 a.m.