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## **Committee Meeting Minutes: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 10.0 a.m.**

*Held via Zoom*

### **1. Present:**

Steve Jarvis (Chairman), Sophie Sheppard (Treasurer) for first item only, David Nicklin (ATO), Christine Smith (Webmaster), Peter Milewski (Secretary), Lee Collier (Haverfordwest), Nicky Hancock (Tenby), Nigel Astley (Merlin).  
Apology received from Mike Reed.

### **2. Treasurer's Report** (considered first to allow Sophie to leave):

Account balances: Current £1,154, Reserve £11,229, Savings £9,324, Porthcawl £100 totalling £21,806, a decrease of £208 from last meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

Cashflow £100 to Mat Greener for Director course, £77 to Bridgewebs, transfer of Porthcawl spare to Reserve account, Mixed Pairs expenses. Mixed Pairs netted a profit of £32.

Mat Greener has agreed to act as Scrutineer for the annual Audit, which will take place between April, the end of the financial year, and the AGM in May.

**Action: Sophie, Mat**

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

The minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were passed by general assent as a fair record.

### **4. Matters Arising:**

Porthcawl 2026. Lee informed us that Oliver Cowan's hoped-for substitute for the Lancashire Congress which clashes with our dates, has backed out. He mentioned that he may try to change the Lancashire dates, but there is only a roughly 30% chance that he will be able to run Porthcawl. Lee suggested that even if he can't, we ask him to take on the marketing alone, and to give us an estimate of his charges for that. This idea met with general approval.

**Action: Lee**



## 5. Secretary's Report

Club League. All clubs about to complete the first five matches, one or two players who are inexperienced in BBO have found difficulty using it, causing delay in their play. We need to be tolerant of this, the league has brought in players who otherwise wouldn't have appeared at any event whether online or face to face. Otherwise the league is proceeding satisfactorily.

Mat Greener has completed the Cardiff Director course with Sarah Amos, and been fully refunded partly by us and partly by Haverfordwest Bridge Club. Mat has also agreed to act as Scrutineer for our annual audit (see Treasurer's report).

Perry Spickett and President's Cup. The event will be held at Sarn Village Hall, near Newtown, on the weekend of 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May. Peter to circulate members for expressions of interest.

Nicky's email has been hacked and she now has a new address. Peter will circulate committee members with it.

Porthcawl. Though we were told that this has been placed on the front page of the WBU website, Peter could not find it there the other day.

**Action: Peter**

## 6. ATO Report

Mixed Pairs on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The event was a success with a small profit.

Swiss Pairs 6<sup>th</sup> September. David indicated that he is unable to run this owing to a family holiday. The implications were discussed. Peter can help with the computer. Nigel can attend an Advanced Director course. Lee can ask Sarah Amos, but she won't deal and transport the boards.

*(Subsequently David was informed that his holiday was no longer taking place on that date so he will be available after all).*

**Action: none**

## 7. Webmaster's report:

No issues identified, but Christine mentioned that it is not known who runs the WBU website now.

## 8. Chairman's report:

Bridgestedfodd. This is going ahead 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026 at the Cardiff Holiday Inn. Andrea would like ideas on the nature and timing of events.

WBU Selectors. Andrea would like nominations from the West. It was suggested that she could approach Kevin Maddox or Tony Disley.



Bidding inserts. Andrea is planning to issue these to clubs free of charge. Expressions of interest needed from clubs.

Teaching. Looking at the EBED course, and considering buying a couple of their books. Lee also has material from a Swansea member.

**Action: Peter**

**AOB:**

none

**Action: none**

9. Next Meeting (on Zoom): Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10.0 a.m.