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Committee Meeting Minutes: Friday 3rd July 2026 at 10.0 a.m.

Held via Zoom

1. Present:

Steve Jarvis (Chairman), David Nicklin (ATO), Peter Milewski (Secretary), Rosemond Halls (Carmarthen), Nigel Astley (Merlin).

Apologies were received from Christine Smith, Tony Disley, Lee Collier and Sophie Sheppard.

2. Previous Minutes and Matters Arising:

The minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 1st May were circulated by email prior to the meeting. They were passed by general assent as a fair record.

3. Matters Arising:

Porthcawl. The entry form is live on the website. Steve indicated that we are requesting full payment by 1st September 2026, and if there are insufficient entries the latest date for cancellation without penalty is 20th September. Ceri Pierce has been asked to circulate the flyer to the WBU email list, and to place the link to Porthcawl entry on the front page of the WBU website. Peter agreed to ask Sarah Amos to publicise via her own email list, and to email Oliver Cowan again to confirm he is doing this as previously agreed, and ask him to include a link to our website in his newsletter. Prior to the meeting, Lee in an email indicated that she feels the congress should be cancelled if there are fewer than forty rooms booked at the Seabank by the deadline.

Afternoon Tea event. At the time of writing there are fourteen entries that include four players without partners which equates to six tables.

Days for our Committee meetings. Christine has informed us that she cannot attend on the first Friday in the month, or on Wednesdays.

Action: Peter



4. Secretary's Report

Club League. This is now complete with the 'Outlaws' (Direct Members not in affiliated clubs) the winners. Peter received suggestions for a charity donation to either the RNLI or any heart or cancer charity, or the RSPCA, and preferred the RNLI, which was accepted, with a suggested donation of £50. Will contact captains regarding next year's league, with suggestion to prioritise Wednesdays for the matches, hoping this will ease arrangements.

John Isaac prizes. We owe prize money to the winning and second pairs (Mark Roderick and Paddy Murphy, Simon and Debbie Richards). It was suggested to offer money back to the winners and half that to Simon and Debbie. Peter will contact them.

Co-opted member. According to our Constitution Tony Haworth's co-option ended with the recent AGM. However Tony still makes himself available for directing and computer management advice to David, therefore we agreed to re-invite him.

Action: Peter

5. Treasurer's Report.

Sophie currently unable to attend, has sent a brief report: Cash assets total £21,378, net decrease of £439 from May's total, mainly due to Perry competition expenses.

Action: none

6. ATO Report

David and/or Christine are approaching Swansea Bridge Club as a possible venue for the Laidlaw Murray next year.

Action: David, Christine

7. Webmaster's report:

Christine had emailed to report that the Porthcawl entry system is now live. She also pointed out that for events in future years we should avoid not only Ironman in Pembrokeshire but also that in Swansea (Secretary's note: also Father's Day!).

Action: none

8. Chairman's report:

Teaching. Steve initiated a discussion about possible teaching at the Haverfordwest club, and it was agreed that the following would be feasible: a rota of four teachers utilising pre-dealt boards running a beginner's class from, say, 12.15 to 1.15 on Mondays, prior to the regular session. With this in mind, Steve plans to buy the EBED books and several boardsets with cards, also storage cases. Peter would deal the boards which would be kept permanently at Uzmaston (Nigel indicated that this is feasible).



We would stick to the EBED programme and there would be no need to re-deal the boards. There was no mention of a charge that we might make for the classes, this will need discussing as plans proceed.

Realbridge. Steve highlighted the success of the John Isaac Pairs on this platform, which was enjoyed by all, with the opportunity to chat and joke with friends. He would like to set up a once a month free West Wales session on Sunday evenings, probably starting on 3rd September. We would expect a small charge from Realbridge for this, for which we have the funds.

Action: Steve

9. AOB:

Rosemond expressed a wish for a storage box.

Action: none

10. Next Meeting (on Zoom): Tuesday 18th August 2026 at 10.0 a.m.