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Committee Meeting Minutes: Tuesday 29th September 2026 at 10.0 a.m.

Held via Zoom

1. **Present:**
   Steve Jarvis (Chairman), David Nicklin (ATO), Christine Smith (Webmaster), Peter Milewski (Secretary), Rosemond Halls (Carmarthen), Nigel Astley (Merlin), Tony Disley (Bridgend), Lee Collier (Haverfordwest), Nicky Hancock (Tenby), Margaret Lane (Swansea).
   Apologies: none

2. **Previous Minutes and Matters Arising:**
   The minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 18th August were circulated by email prior to the meeting. They were passed by implicit assent as a fair record.

3. **Matters Arising:**
   Porthcawl.
   Bookings. Lee and Steve reported twenty-two room bookings and that Lee needs to establish with the hotel which are twin and which double, together with total room availability. Currently 26 Pairs and 15 teams registered, but three of the teams are pairs without, so far, teammates. Steve will check payments next week.
   Assistant director. If required on the Sunday, David has indicated he would be willing to take on the role.
   Tables. Sarah Walters has offered to provide storage in a barn on her property, and it is thought that we could place all our local ones there. Peter could pick up the Bancyfelin ones and those stored at Mike Reed's home, and they could be used in Porthcawl and later stored in Sarah's barn (*Peter later spoke to Sarah, and the barn is easily accessible from the road, but the current tenants will need to be made aware of our comings and goings*).
   Boardsets and dealing. Ian Mitchell has indicated the need for many boards to cover the Swiss events, Steve will approach the WBU for some, and David is clarifying the exact requirements with Ian, he will need at least two weeks to undertake the task of dealing. Some dealing may be required on Sunday morning (has Ian his own machine?). Will purchase of boards be required?

EBED Teaching course. This is to be held online on 18th October and in Cardiff on 1st November. Currently those interested are Steve (but he will not be able to attend the Cardiff component), Peter, Martin Sheppard, Lee and Rosemond. Mat had been interested but is not available for the online component.
Action: Lee, Steve

4. **Secretary's Report**
   Vince Bevan Pairs. Currently 10 pairs registered. Peter to issue a reminder, then a last call in the week preceding the event (deadline Friday 9th October).
   Next year's dates. Peter has updated our calendar with dates likely to clash, and will issue suggested dates together with the updated calendar.
   Afternoon Tea event. Tony Disley repeated his concern that subsidising the event, though it has been much enjoyed by the participants, doesn't appear to have brought in more contestants to our regular events, and disadvantages those in the more distant clubs whose subscriptions are being used for the subsidy. It was suggested that perhaps Swansea could be asked to host this. Lee pointed out that there would be extra catering costs owing to the distance involved. Margaret will make enquiries.
   Action: Peter, Margaret

5. **Treasurer's Report**.
   None currently available, Steve currently looking after accounts.
   Action: none

6. **ATO Report**
   Venue. Swansea to be asked to host the Laidlaw Murray Teams, and the Afternoon Tea event, and possibly even the Swiss Teams too, later in the year. David indicated that too little use of Bancyfelin may lead to less willingness to store tables etc. He will discuss with the manager.
   Director. David repeated the difficulty due to having no alternative director. Christine to advertise this on the website.
   Action: Christine

7. **Webmaster's report:**
   No issues
   Action: none

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8. **Chairman's report:**
   No new issues identified, Steve will report from WBU Management Committee meetings.
   Action: see above

9. **AOB:**
   none.
   Action: none

10. **Next Meeting (on Zoom): Thursday 5th November 2026 at 10.0 a.m.**