

WBU Council Meeting – 29 July 2026 @ 11:00 by Zoom

Minutes

1. Present :

Andrea Knox (President)
Mia Deschepper and Andy Hughes (EAST)
Alan Screen, Terry Ramwell and Brian King (MID)
Steve Jarvis and Peter Milewski (WEST)
Paddy Murphy, Rod Sheard and David Cartlidge (NORTH)

Apologies : Ceri Pierce (CEO), Gillian O'Keefe (EAST)

2. Save The Date

Andrea announced a new fun event she will be doing with Oliver Cowan which is subject to ongoing discussions with the EBU/EBED and other home nations to be held on February 2nd 2027. Details will be released hopefully in late September. Please note this date at clubs.

3. Pachabo and Corwen

The EBU have agreed that each area of the WBU can now enter an team/pair in the Pachabo and Corwen.

For the Pachabo, the teams have to have won a league, not a single event. Full details of eligibility are available on the EBU website.

4. Selectors Conflicts

The President has been trying to ensure the composition of the Selectors is as specified in the WBU Constitution as this has not been the case for many years. She also brought the issue of Selector conflicts to the Council meeting.

The consensus was that there any conflicts were dealt with appropriately and were few and far between. Selectors are not involved in decisions where they are involved in being selected themselves. A view was expressed that generally any conflict arises when selecting the 3rd or 4th pair.

One specific issue was raised by the President regarding a WBU member player who wanted to play only in a specific team. (naming 6 players) and had emailed this request to the Secretary to the Selectors and the Chair of Selectors but this was not circulated by them to the body of Selectors generally and both of them were named in the requested team.

It was noted by the meeting that if the member in question writing in had been selected in a team that they did not want to play in then they would be able to withdraw.

On the occasion in question it turned out that it was not an issue as there were no other entries by the specified closing date.

5. Selector Nominations

A vote was taken for appointing the 3 council nominated positions on the selectors committee from the 4 nominations made to the council.

As one member of the council was unable to join due to connection issues, it was established that people could not vote if absent from the meeting and they may not ask someone to vote on their behalf.

A vote was taken and as the 2 candidates in 3rd and 4th were tied, Alan proposed that one of the tied bottom candidates be co-opted onto the selection committee.

The President has a casting vote at Council meetings but she felt that it would not be appropriate to use her casting vote to put through her personal choice of Selector but instead felt the appropriate thing to do as President given all candidates were clearly of the required calibre was to not use the casting vote and instead invite invited onto the committee and regularise this at the next AGM in the Constitution.