

MC Meeting 5 August 2026

Present : Ceri Pierce, Andrea Knox, Mia Deschepper, Terry Ramwell, Paddy Murphy; James Williams, Alan Screen, Peter Milewski

1. Apologies: Steve Jarvis, Paul Cunningham

2. **Save the Date**

Andrea is organising a fun event that will be happening on 2nd February. Save the date.

3. **Financial Report**

Balance in current account £44K – expecting to pay £1000 for CEO.

No large amounts outstanding.

Monmouthshire Building Society balance – to be confirmed.

Cake club – it may be possible to apply to EBED for funding for this as it has a teaching element to it.

Agreed. Andrea will raise this with them.

Andrea offered to help James in setting up a Balance Sheet and profit and loss account.

4. **Sponsorship**

Bridge Collection has offered to sponsor the Bridgesteddfod with their holiday vouchers. Agreed.

5. **Trophies**

Agreed that we use 1 trophy or none at all for WBU events. The Presidents Cup could be used.

Agreed that an A5 card certificate will be awarded at the Bridgesteddfod. Andrea will provide A5 Card certificates for each event and will send them to Ceri.

NOTE: post-meeting Andrea has been able to source some individual trophies for each winner in addition.

6. **Bridgesteddfod**

Entries currently stand as follows :

Mens	3 pairs
Ladies	11 pairs
Mixed	20 pairs
Swiss Pairs	19 pairs
Swiss Teams	18 teams

Amalgamation of the mens and womens sections may be necessary, in the event that there are not enough mens pairs entries, Agreed that if there are not more than 3 tables in the

mens, then the womens and mens pairs would be amalgamated into one sections with a mens and womens winner.

It was discussed that if this event happens again, then an all play all Championship Pairs and Teams would be more appropriate than a Swiss.

Ceri will send out emails to encourage more pairs, especially men. Mia will talk to member at Cardiff bridge club. James will send out a group chat to the juniors.

Tables and scorecards are needed.

24 tables will be needed - Agreed that we would use a man and a van to collect and deliver tables if necessary from Alan in the Mid, if none could be borrowed from local clubs. Ceri to progress.

7. Masterpoints Database

An WBU masterpoint upload process has been developed to resolve the upload problems that we have had. Need to establish the final charge for this work and any ongoing costs.

Collaboration with other home nations for a masterpoints replacement system should be investigated. Andrea tasked with investigating this with the other home nations.

8. CEO Retirement

Thanks to Ceri who is retiring for the work carried out over the years.

Andrea is in favour of splitting the role with an emphasis on an IT role being created and Ceri will provide a list of duties so that they can be reviewed. Expressions of interest will be invited.

A new correspondence address will be required.

Ceri will stay on until the end of Sept.

9. Area Business

North Wales has an online GP midweek Swiss Pairs 12th and 19th August. Email to be sent out by Ceri.

Email to be sent out re the Porthcawl Congress by Ceri.

10. AOB

It was suggested that emails to all members to remind them of major events could be sent perhaps monthly which was considered an excellent idea. It is possible for emails to be sent via Mailchimp or WBUAdmin. Terry to look at the practicalities of this and tasked with taking the lead this project.

WBF emails regarding votes for upcoming committee elections to be forwarded to the MC.

11. Next Meeting 25th August at 10.30am.