

**THREE COUNTIES RABBITS AGM HELD AT CARMARTHEN GOLF
CLUB 27th NOVEMBER 2025**

MINUTES OF MEETING

Present:

Name	Club	Position	Mobile No
John Williams	Carmarthen	3 C Chairman	07929479567
Mike Davies	Glynhir	3 C Vice-President	07764242073
Paul Crawford	Tenby	3 C Secretary	07870408375
Kevin Jenkins	Glynhir	Captain	07808921177
Dan Roberts	Glynhir	Vice-Captain	07538755023
Jason O'Malley	Glynhir	Player	07894207007
Dave Perryman	Cardigan	Captain	07724809114
Owen Bentley	Cardigan	Vice-Captain	07971458635
Benji Honey	Cwmrhydneuadd	Captain	07494286877
Toby Evans	Cwmrhydneuadd	Vice-Captain	07824321075
David Chandler	Derllys Court	Captain	07972876629
Barry Jones	Derllys Court	Vice-Captain	07772538864
Andrew Seabourne	Carmarthen		07792247413
Eric Evan	Carmarthen	Captain	07802313554
Dafydd Hazelby	Carmarthen	Vice-Captain	07813627883
Will Williams	Tenby	Captain	07772881559
Robin Bradbury	Tenby	Player	07860849109
Malcolm Arnold	Haverfordwest	Past Captain	07720785015
Sion Brayley	Garnant	Captain	07968984790
Ben Noden	Milford Haven	Club & Captain	07730594662
Hugh Jones	Glyn Abbey	Captain	07958117009
Andy Williams	Penrhos	Captain	07929294222
Rhydian Roberts	Penrhos	Vice-Captain	07827451895

1. President's Welcome Address:

As neither Ken Phillips nor Nigel Furneaux were able to be present, Chairman John Williams (Carmarthen GC) welcomed all to the AGM before proceeding to his report.

“I first became involved in Dyfed Rabbits (DR) in 1984.

Dyfed Rabbits remains the great vehicle for higher handicap golfers to get around the area to sample the varied golf courses we have and to meet and enjoy the fellowship of golfers away from their club.

A league set up that extends over 6 months is likely to be influenced by the weather. Milford Haven had the right idea to play all their matches early doors and by and large enjoyed the better weather and dryer courses. The rest of us stumbled through, crossed everything and said our prayers for fine weather on the day. Sometimes we were lucky, sometimes we were not.

The 3 Counties Rabbits championship was held at Carmarthen was won by Bob Fleetwood from Carmarthen.

Carmarthen didn't follow the charity raising model used by Glynhir. This was a laudable approach that raised £6000. We felt we couldn't take that approach, and I wanted to go back to basics to follow the original concept of the Championship.

In organizing the event I had regard for anecdotal comments made about the cost of entry. To maintain the prize money offered in 2024 I charged £20 to visiting players to attract entries. Having done that, I don't think it made a difference to the numbers of entrants.

I had 90 entries

Cwmrhydneuadd 4

Glyn abbey 2

Glynhir 9 (2024 35)

Haverfordwest 7

Milford haven 12

Penrhos 8

Tenby 8

Derllys Court 7

Carmarthen 33. A total of 90 entries.

It was disappointing that Garnant and South Pembs didn't enter any players, "Other Club competitions" being cited for non-attendance. The date of the 2025 Championship was announced at the 2024 AGM

From the 11 clubs 12 players minimum we regularly turnout 132 players per weekend

The winner of the 2024 championship **doesn't** play rabbits league golf.

Finally, thanks to Paul as Secretary. Lot of his work goes on under the radar. He manages all the administration we generate including dispute resolution and creation of the league table updates."

2. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Ken Phillips (Penrhos GC and Three Counties President); Nigel Furneaux (Glyn Abbey GC and Three Counties Acting President); Tim Gould (South Pembs GC);

3. Minutes of 2024 AGM: were accepted

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the 2024 AGM

5. Secretary's Report:

Secretary Paul Crawford (Tenby GC) thanked all clubs for their ongoing support and perseverance throughout the 2025 season. This season two new clubs were welcomed to The League, Derllys Court and (a returning) Cymrhedneudd.

Communications from the Captains has been good, utilizing the 3 Counties WhatsApp group for reporting match results. A request from The Secretary for all Captains to submit their fixture list for 2026 either via the WhatsApp group or else via his email at paulcrawford9@icloud.com.

It has generally been a successful season with some hotly contested matches.

Unfortunately, due to inclement weather not all the matches were able to be played.

However, if a result had been agreed between the participating teams, then this is what was uploaded to the league table.

He then went on to explain that one club in the league had knowingly fielded a player whose handicap was too low to be eligible for Rabbits Golf. The Committee had deliberated about this and had decided that because this was not in the ethos nor spirit of Rabbits golf and expressly against the rules and regulations of Three Counties Rabbits golf that the offending club shall have any points awarded in the relevant matches deducted. This did affect the overall results of the league and that the winners of the Three Counties Summer League 2025 were adjudged to be Carmarthen Golf Club, with Glynhir Golf Club being runners-up.

6. Election of New Clubs to The League:

Cardigan GC was accepted and welcomed as a new member.

Eamonn Thomas of Trefloyne GC (Tel: 07801320202) advised The Secretary prior to the AGM that Trefloyne would not be seeking election to The League due to insufficient interest amongst the members. However, he did advise that they would be happy to arrange friendly matches should any team captain wish this.

7. Club Proposals:

I.) **Carmarthen proposed** and Glynhir seconded that with effect from the date of this AGM that the following changes be made to the Three Counties Management Committee, namely that:

- (a) The Three Counties Rabbits Summer League (The League) be managed by a committee of five (5) persons selected from the member clubs forming the league.
- (b) No club shall hold more than one position on the committee.
- (c) The secretary of The League be elected at the general meeting and shall hold that position for a term of three (3) years. Nothing shall prevent The Secretary from seeking re-election.
- (d) The Chair of The Committee be elected from the the five members forming the committee.
- (e) If a vacancy on the committee is not filled at a general meeting, or a vacancy arises between general meetings, the committee may co-opt member(s) to maintain a full complement (Rule (b) regarding the constitution of the committee shall remain in effect).

The proposal was discussed and voted on and accepted unanimously. **“Motion Passed”**

2. **Carmarthen proposed**, seconded by Glynhir to adopt for the 2026 season the following changes to the League Rules & Conditions:

1. Rules & Conditions

That the opening statement under the Rules and Conditions be amended to read:

“This is a league for golfers over the age of 16, of any gender with a 13 to 36 playing handicap”

2. Eligibility and Conditions of Selection.

Section 2a:

Replace: “All players must have a current playing handicap in accordance with the Standard Scratch Score as currently implemented by the Council of National Golf Unions. **This also applies to the Rabbits Open**”

With: All players must have a WHS handicap as registered and maintained by Wales Golf. **This also applies to players who enter the Dyfed Rabbits Open Championship.**

3. Conditions of Play.

Section 2c:

Replace: “The captains will communicate the number of players to each other no later than 8.00pm on Thursday prior to the match”

With: “The captains will communicate the number of players to each other no later than 8.00pm on Thursday prior to the match. A summary form containing the relevant information shall also be exchanged between each other no later than 8.00pm on Friday prior to the match.

The proposal attracted some discussion and was met with reservation in some quarters regarding the possible release of exact pairings prior to the match. However, it was eventually accepted with the understanding that exact pairings may not be disclosed until match day. An example summary form shall be forwarded by The Secretary if not included in the minutes.

The proposal was voted on and accepted unanimously. **“Motion Passed”**

(3). **Tenby proposed**, seconded by Carmarthen GC that:

(a.) All players must pay a match fee which incorporates a payment for playing the course, an after-match meal, and the ball raffle.

(b.) The match fee shall be payable regardless of whether the player has the meal or not.

(c.) The match fee will be set by each club

(d.) The maximum figure to be established in each annual general meeting of the Three Counties Summer League

The proposal attracted much discussion, especially point (d) but was finally accepted unanimously by the meeting. The maximum match fee for the 2026 season was agreed as a sum of eighteen pounds (£18.00). **“Motion Passed”**

8. Venue for the 2026 Rabbits Championship (aka The Rabbits Open)

The Chairman informed the meeting that the venue for the 2026 season will be Milford Haven GC. Additionally, he gave a “heads up” that the venue for 2027 would be Garnant GC.

Milford Rabbits Captain did have a proposed date for the 2026 Championship of May 23rd However, this date clashes with a “Festival of Golf” in Carmarthenshire and it was agreed that a new date would be sought and promulgated idc.

9. Monetary Levy for 2026 Season:

The levy for the season will be Fifty Pounds (£50.00) - passed to Mark Edwards of Tenby GC who acts as Treasurer for the three counties.

Two clubs paid in cash on the night (Derllys Court and Cardigan). Those remaining clubs are requested to pass monies to Mark as soon as possible via Tenby Rabbits Account (Tenby Golf Club Rabbits Society, Sort Code 30-16-20, Account No 00484512).

10. Nominations and Appointment of the new management committee.

Following ratification of proposal 1 the following were elected to serve on the Three Counties Management Committee for 2026:

Ben Noden (Milford Haven GC)

John Williams (Carmarthen GC)

Mike Davies (Glynhir GC)

Nigel Furneaux (Glyn Abbey GC)

Paul Crawford (Tenby GC – as Secretary)

John Williams was subsequently elected by the Committee members to act as Chair of the committee

11. Any Other Business:

John Williams (Carms GC) and Chair of the Management Committee suggested that since the league was now a total of 12 clubs that we should revert to the system of having two divisions to the league, each team playing every other team in their division both at home and away. At the end of the season the bottom two teams from Division A would be demoted to Division B, being replaced in Division A by the top two teams promoted from Division B. This was discussed and supported by all and will be implemented for the 2026 season.

Division A shall constitute Carmarthen GC, Glynhir GC, Derllys Court GC, Garnant GC and Haverfordwest GC.

Division B shall constitute Tenby GC, Penrhos GC, South Pembs GC, Cwmrhydneuadd GC, Glyn Abbey GC and Cardigan GC.

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 2045hrs

Enclosures:

List of Rabbits Captains and Vice-Captains 2025

Final League Positions 2024 Season

Example summary form to exchange golfers' handicap information