



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012 AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL,  
LONDON.**

**Present:** Heather Dhondy (Chairman)  
Heather Bakhshi  
Max Bavin (EBU Chief TD & Secretary for this meeting)  
Sally Bugden (EBU Chairman)  
Simon Cochemé (Vice-Chairman)  
Paul Hackett  
Andrew Petrie (EBU Vice-Chairman)  
Nick Smith

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Peter Baxter, Gerard Faulkner (EBU Vice-President) and Tom Townsend.

**2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

**2.1 Accuracy**

There were no matters of accuracy.

**2.2 Matters Arising**

*2.2.1 Gold Cup*

It was reported that the semi-finals/final would be played on December 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> 2012.

*2.2.2 February Simultaneous Pairs event*

Simon Cochemé reported that the Wednesday date had been cancelled owing to lack of entries; the event would go ahead on one day only (Tuesday).

*2.2.3 Pro-Am Event*

No further progress had been made. It was therefore agreed to not attempt to progress the matter any further.

*2.2.4 2012 European Championships and World Olympiad*

Paul Hackett reported that the likely dates and venue for the European Championships were June 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> at the City West Hotel, Dublin.

*Secretary's note: this information was subsequently confirmed.*

However, there was still no firm update regarding the World Olympiad.

#### 2.2.5 Junior Squads Standard System

It was confirmed that Michael Byrne is developing this for the benefit of the Under 20s squad. It was agreed that David Gold (U25s squad manager) and John Pain (EBU Education Department) should also be made aware of this in case they envisaged any potential benefit in their own areas of operation.

#### 2.2.6 Event in the Netherlands

This possibility had been put on hold pending selection of the European and Olympiad teams.

#### 2.2.7 Premier League Questionnaires

Simon Cochemé reported that he was still in the process of preparing these.

### 3 MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNION'S STANDING COMMITTEES

The Committee noted the recent statement added by the Board to the application form for standing committee members.

### 4 JUNIOR WOMEN'S SQUAD

A paper from Heather Dhondy was approved subject to a few minor amendments. The amended paper is now appended to these minutes. It was noted that David Gold (the new U25 squad manager) will need to obtain CRB clearance if there are any under-18 players in his squad.

### 5 OPEN TEAM EVENTS

#### 5.1 First Camrose weekend

Camrose results and NPC report were noted. No players' reports had been received, and it was agreed to check whether the players had actually been invited to report. The results are appended to these Minutes.

#### 5.2 Team selection and funding

Heather Bakhshi was congratulated on the file she had put together on the ten pairs which the Committee had earlier identified. The Committee were reminded that the 2012/13 budget had not yet been prepared or approved, so care would need to be taken regarding the funding for the European and World Championships.

Heather Bakhshi and Paul Hackett then left the room for the remainder of this item (items 5.3 and 5.4)

#### 5.3.1 European Championship team

The following team was selected:-

Alexander Allfrey & Andrew Robson

Peter Crouch & Derek Patterson

David Gold & Tony Forrester

Reserves: Tom Townsend & David Bakhshi

NPC and Coach to be appointed later in consultation with the team.

*Secretary's note: subsequently confirmed as:*

*NPC: Simon Cope*

*Coach: Ben Green*

#### 5.4 World Olympiad

The same team as above was selected for the 2012 World Olympiad (assuming that the event does indeed take place in 2012).

## 6 WOMENS TEAM EVENTS

### 6.1 *World Mind Games*

Heather Dhondy reported that this had gone well and had been valuable experience for the team.

### 6.2 *Lady Milne*

The results of the trials were:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Gillian Fawcett & Jane Moore
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Belinda Bridgen & Frances Liew
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nicole Cook and Christine Duckworth
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dinah Caplan & Heather Dhondy

In accordance with the conditions of the trial, the first three pairs were automatically the Lady Milne team and the fourth placed pair were automatically the reserve pair.

NPC: Sally Brock was appointed as the NPC.

It was noted that in future the conditions of contest for any trial should include a requirement for a pair to play on BBO should it be required by the organisers.

It was agreed to partially fund the team to the sum of £150 per player, and actual expenses to the team captain.

Heather Dhondy then left the room for the remainder of this item (items 6.3 and 6.4).

### 6.3 *European Championship team*

The following team was selected:-

- Sally Brock & Nicola Smith
- Fiona Brown & Susan Stockdale
- Heather Dhondy & Nevena Senior
- Reserves: Catherine Jagger & Sarah Teshome
- NPC: Jeremy Dhondy

*Secretary's note: Martin Jones was originally selected but was not available. Jeremy Dhondy was subsequently selected.*

Coach: David Burn

### 6.4 *World Olympiad*

The same team as above was selected for the 2012 World Olympiad (assuming that the event takes place in 2012).

## 7 SENIOR TEAM EVENTS

### 7.1 *Seniors Camrose trial*

The winners were:-

- Sandy Davies & Tom Gisborne
- Dave Robinson & Warner Solomon

These were therefore automatic selections, and the team had already discussed and the Committee agreed to the addition of David Price and Colin Simpson.

It was confirmed that the team are entirely self-funding; on which basis no NPC was required (or selected).

*7.2 Seniors European trial*

The winners were:-

Paul Hackett & Tony Waterlow  
Gunnar Hallberg & John Holland  
David Price & Colin Simpson

The team was therefore automatically selected: NPC (also self-funding) to be appointed in consultation with the team.

*Secretary's note: subsequently confirmed as Simon Cochemé.*

*7.3 World Olympiad*

Paul Hackett left the room for this item.

The same team as above was selected for the 2012 World Olympiad (assuming that the event takes place in 2012).

*7.4 Seniors Camrose trial*

A suggestion had been received to liaise with the Tournament Committee with a view to inviting the winners of the Gerard Faulkner Salver (Seniors KO) to form the Seniors Camrose team instead of organising actual trials. On discussion, this suggestion was rejected, and the format of next year's trial will be discussed at a later date.

## **8 JUNIOR EVENTS**

*8.1 Junior Channel Trophy*

Junior Channel results and NPC reports were noted (U25 report to follow). The results are appended to these Minutes.

*8.2 Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer trophy teams*

It was noted that Rob Myers and Tom Paske have now rejoined the Under 25 squad.

The following teams were confirmed:

Junior Camrose:

Dan McIntosh & James Paul  
Rob Myers & James Thrower  
Tom Paske & Graeme Robertson  
Reserves: Tom Rainforth & David Williams  
NPC: David Gold

Peggy Bayer trophy:

Tommy Brass & Kyle Lam  
Chris Huber & Freddie Illingworth  
Alex Roberts & Shivam Shah  
Reserves: Michael Alishaw & Toby Nonnenmacher  
NPC: Michael Byrne

8.3 *White House Tournament (Amsterdam)*

It was confirmed that an invitation to send a second team had been received.

The following two teams were confirmed:

Under 25s

Sinead Bird & Sarah O'Connor  
Ed Jones & Basil Letts  
Tom Paske & Graeme Robertson  
NPC: David Gold

Under 20s

Tommy Brass & Kyle Lam  
Chris Huber & Freddie Illingworth  
Alex Roberts & Shivam Shah  
NPC: Simon Cope

8.4 *Junior Training budget*

It was noted that the Under 20 training budget for the current year had virtually already been spent. It was agreed to contact the squad manager and to verify whether costs had been correctly allocated across the various departments.

8.5 *Under 25 Squad Manager*

David Gold was confirmed as the new Under 25 Squad Manager. It was confirmed that the annual honorarium that goes with this post should now be sent.

8.6 *Under 28 team*

The Committee were reminded that if the World Olympiad went ahead, then it might include an Under 28 competition (as in 2006). The Committee needed to look at this later, once full details of the Olympiad had been received.

**9 INVITATION EVENTS**

Regrettably it had not proven possible to put a team together to send to Tel Aviv, so this invitation had been declined (with thanks).

**10 DATES FOR NEXT SEASON**

10.1 *Premier League*

Assuming no clash with the Olympiad then:-

September 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> 2012  
October 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 2012  
November 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2012  
Reserve date: October 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 2012.

10.2 *Senior Camrose trials*

December 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 2012

10.3 *Lady Milne trials*

January 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> 2013

*Secretary's note: This date amended from 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> January subsequent to the meeting.*

**11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

If a July meeting is required, it will be held on Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup> 2012.

**12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

*12.1 Premier League*

It was confirmed that the current regulations require that a Division 1 player be eligible to represent England under BGB, EBL and WBF regulations.

It was agreed to discuss with the Treasurer the possibility of carrying over any savings on items such as Open team training budgets from one financial year into the next. Otherwise, there would be a temptation to embark on team training immediately, even though it would be better done during the run up to the European or World Championships.

**ACTION LIST**

<b>Item</b>		<b>Responsibility</b>
2.2.5	Advise David Gold and John Pain of U20 system	Max Bavin/Michael Byrne
2.2.6	Event in Netherlands	Paul Hackett
2.2.7	Premier League questionnaire	Simon Cochemé
4	CRB clearance (if required)	M. Bavin/J. Pain/D. Gold
5.1	Player reports from Camrose	Secretary
6.2	Lady Milne funding	Max Bavin
8.4	Under 20 squad training budget	H. Dhondy/T. Townsend/M. Bavin/M. Byrne
8.5	Under 25 honorarium	Max Bavin

## **Under 25 women – the future**

### **Current system**

A squad leader maintains a list of eligible players. These players do not have any formal system of training, but are encouraged to attend training weekends given for the other two junior squads. There have been occasions when players appear to have been under-prepared and have, in consequence, not performed to the best of their abilities. The current system is not working, and the resignation of the Squad Leader provides an opportunity to consider an alternative approach.

### **The proposal**

The two major events for this team are the Junior Europeans (and World Championship if they qualify), and the Channel Trophy.

In order for the Selection Committee to justify the expense of sending a team, there must be some level of commitment given by the players.

I suggest that we do not replace the Squad Leader, and the current practice of attending training weekends given by other Squad Leaders is continued. A minimum attendance requirement of three training weekends in the previous calendar year must be met in order to be considered for the Junior European. Selection will take place in January, and selected pairs will be required to attend two further training weekends prior to the championships.

In order to select a team for the Europeans, we use the current Lady Milne trials as a joint trial, with eligible pairs being required to participate in these trials. The three highest ranked eligible pairs will be offered a place in the team for the European if they finish above average or in the top half of the field. If there are fewer than three eligible pairs in the field, we may not send a team.

Any pair that wishes to be considered for the Channel Trophy should have entered the Lady Milne trials (thereby demonstrating their commitment to playing serious bridge together). This applies in every year, not just in European years.

### **Heather Dhondy**

**Camrose (first weekend)**

1	England	99 VPS
2	Scotland	82
3	Wales	78
4	SBU	71
5	Ireland	63
6	N. Ireland	56

England team:

Alexander Allfrey & Andrew Robson  
Peter Crouch & Derek Patterson  
Tony Forrester & David Gold  
NPC Simon Cope

**JUNIOR CHANNEL TROPHY**

**U25**

1	France	108 VPS
2	Netherlands	94
3	England	90
4	Belgium	64

Tom Rainforth & David Williams  
Dan McIntosh & James Paul  
Ed Jones & Basil Letts  
NPC David Gold

**U20**

1	Netherlands	111 VPS
2	France	106
3	England	85
4	Belgium	55

Alex Roberts & Shivam Shah  
Chris Huber & Freddie Illingworth  
Toby Nonnenmacher & Michael Alishaw  
NPC Michael Byrne

**U25 Girls**

1	Netherlands	114 VPS
2	England	93
3	Belgium	79
4	France	69

Sinead Bird & Lavinia Constantin  
Emily Middleton & Sarah O'Connor  
NPC Alan Shillitoe