

# Minutes for the meeting of the Selection Committee, held via Zoom commencing 11.30am on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Present: Paul Barden

Mike Bell Outgoing Chair

David Burn Ian Payn

Claire Robinson Patrick Shields

Jeremy Willans Outgoing Vice-Chair

Alan Wilson

Gordon Rainsford EBU Chief Executive

Sam Kelly Secretary

# 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from David Bakhshi

#### 2. Election of the Chair for the Year 2021

David Bakhshi and Paul Barden stood for election.

Paul Barden was elected as Chair of the Selection Committee for 2021.

Paul Barden and all of the Selection Committee gave thanks to Mike Bell for his work as Chair of the Selection Committee for the previous six months.

## 3. Election of the Vice-Chair for the Year 2021

David Bakhshi and Alan Wilson stood for election.

Alan Wilson was elected as Vice-Chair of the Selection Committee for 2021.

#### 4. Communication between meetings

GR suggested using Microsoft Teams as the main form of communication for discussion between meetings. This will reduce the massive amounts of emails sent by the committee and make it easier to keep a record of what has been proposed.

PB asked for a volunteer to set up the platform. GR agreed to have the platform set up and this is in progress.

# 5. AOB

GR asked if the committee would like to discuss the imminent Lady Milne Trials.

Following discussion, a vote was held. It was decided that the trials would go ahead this weekend but given the current worsening Covid situation, they would be held online rather than face-to-face.

It was also noted that any expense claims from entrants would be looked at with a view to addressing expenses that players could not claim back from the source.

GR left the meeting to inform the entrants of the new decision.

IP informed the venue (Young Chelsea Bridge Club) that the event would no longer be held there.

PB asked that all trialists are informed that the Selection Committee will in January be reviewing all next year's planned trials and making a decision as to whether they will be held face-to-face or online.

Action: Charlie Bucknell to inform all trial entrants that a review will take place in the new year to decide if trials will take place in person or online. Also, to update the website with the same information.

## 6. Date and "venue" of next meeting

Date of the next meeting was not formally decided. It will be held at some point in February following the Women's Trials (taking place  $4^{th}$  -  $7^{th}$  Feb). A decision will be made nearer the time if the meeting will be held in person or face-to-face.