



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EBU LIMITED
AT BAKER TILLY MANAGEMENT LTD, RUSSELL SQUARE HOUSE
ON WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2011**

Present:	Sally Bugden	(Chairman)
	Andrew Petrie	(Vice-Chairman and Note Taker)
	Michael Hill	(Treasurer)
	Graham Jepson	
	Malcolm Oliver	
	Ian Payn	
	Barry Capal	(General Manager)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jeremy Dhondy and Heather Dhondy.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 17th August, 2011

SB was thanked for producing the minutes.

2.1 Accuracy

Some items were amended and the minutes were then accepted as a true record of the meeting.

2.2 Matters arising

- 2.2.1 The mis-information circulating about the offer to establish a charitable trust was discussed and the Chairman was actioned to produce a statement for the AGM in October
- 2.2.2 The action list was reviewed and action 16 amended
- 2.2.3 E-mail acceptance of the 5 year partnership arrangement with Bridge Overseas had been received and the General Manager was asked to ensure this was formalised through joint signatories on the agreement

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS

3.1 Treasurer's Report

The Board considered the Treasurer's Report for the 4 months ending 31st July 2011. Overall actuals were slightly ahead of budget and this was good news, however it was still very early in the year to draw too many conclusions from this.

3.2 Payments to volunteers

A letter from a member regarding payment for voluntary services was discussed. The Board confirmed its policy of not making direct payments to volunteers. It was also decided that this policy should be made more explicit to any new volunteer in the future

4. BGB UPDATE

Despite assiduous efforts from Jeremy Dhondy, an agreed contract with SBU and WBU for the proposed British Simultaneous Pairs had not yet been achieved. Work would continue to try and resolve any remaining issues.

A tender document for running the Gold Cup was expected by the end of September.

5. HONOURS AND AWARDS

5.1 Paper from Christine Duckworth et al

A letter, signed by a number of Shareholders, had been received that suggested the new EBU Silver Award should be called the Tony Priday Award. It was decided to refer this to the AGM in October.

5.2 Update from Graham Jepson

5.2.1 Nominations

The Awards sub-committee had received a number of proposals for Dimmie Fleming Awards. There was one query outstanding but it was expected there would be a finalised list well in time for the AGM.

A proposal for a Silver Award to Cecil Leighton was approved by the Board

5.2.2 Chairman's Award

It was agreed to institute an award, at the behest of the Chairman, which could recognise an outstanding contribution to bridge in England during the previous year.

5.3 Awards on the EBU website

Jeremy Dhondy was putting together historical data that would form the basis of a formal record of EBU Awards.

6 MAGAZINE POINTS

It was agreed that sessions played by EBU members at licensed holidays would, from 1st April, 2012 accrue Magazine points.

7 CHARITY REGISTRATION

A draft document explaining the background to the EBU's consideration of charitable status and including an ordinary resolution to proceed in principle was approved for consideration at the AGM.

8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager expressed considerable concern regarding the drop-off in numbers at Brighton. The Board asked Andrew Petrie to prepare a paper on the issues for consideration by the Tournament Committee in November.

9 APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD

The Board approved the appointment of two Directors with effect from 6 October 2011 – Malcolm Oliver and Jerry Cope.

10 APPOINTMENTS TO THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL

The Board agreed the appointment of Geoff Smith and Ed Scerri to the Disciplinary Panel with immediate effect.

11 COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Board considered the following reports:

Editorial Board – Minutes of 4th August 2011 meeting
Tournament Committee – Minutes of 7th July 2011 meeting
County Chairmen’s Meeting – Notes of 29th June 2011

The only matter arising was that Andrew Petrie was asked to refer to the Tournament Committee, a suggestion for a Senior’s Plate.

12 COUNTY CONSTITUTIONS

The proposed revision to the YCBA Constitution was approved.

13 EBL/WBF MATTERS

The Chairman confirmed that although the venue for the 2012 World Mind Sports games was uncertain, it did look likely that it would clash with Brighton.

14 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Naming events

As a consequence of 2 letters from members a discussion was held regarding a formal policy on naming EBU events and or trophies. A decision on this was deferred until after the AGM discussion on naming awards.

14.2 Future meetings 2011/12

The following dates were agreed:

Board meetings

19 January
28 March
26&27 June
15 August (if needed)
12 September
31 October

Shareholders’ Meetings

18 April
3 October (AGM)

County Chairmen’s Meeting

11 July

Date of next meeting: Thursday 19th January 2012