



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE C19 WORKING GROUP
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EBU LIMITED
via Zoom 25th August 2020**

Present:

Gillian Fawcett (Vice Chairman) (GF)
Gordon Rainsford (Chief Executive) (GR)
Rob Lawy (RL)
Ron Millet (RM)

Bev Purvis (BP)
Patrick Shields (PS)
Kiat Huang (KH)
Sam Kelly (Minutes) (SK)

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. C19 Sub-Committee Meetings

It was noted that the C19 Sub-Committee has been meeting weekly since March. Not all meetings have been formal, with minutes taken. However, conversation has been ongoing throughout lockdown, and weekly meetings will continue for the foreseeable future.

3. Restarting of EBU Competitions

GF thanked everyone for joining.

It was agreed that the cancellation of the Overseas Congress due to be held in Porec, Croatia was the correct decision.

It was agreed that decisions would be made on a rolling basis, looking at competitions two to three months ahead.

It was agreed that no face to face competitions would be held until at least the end of November. This will include the Premier League; this committee suggested holding a replacement event online, but the final decision will be made by the Selection Committee.

The Autumn Congress, usually held at the end of October, has now been cancelled as a face to face event and will be held online.

A decision regarding the Year End Congresses will be made at the end of next month. It was agreed at this meeting that if the Year End congress is held face to face, it will be in London, with a parallel event online. Alternatively, the Year End Congress will be held online only.

The Tollemache, due to take place in November, was discussed. It was agreed that this would be discussed at next weeks' County Chair meeting, 2nd September. County Chairs will be asked if they would like to hold the event online.

There was then a discussion whether to hold the Knockout competitions online, including; Crockfords; NICKO; Gerald-Faulkner; and Hubert Phillips. It was agreed that these competitions would be discussed at the County Chairs meeting, with a view to hosting the events online. The default platform for the events will be BBO, but matches may be run on other agreed upon

platforms. Existing knock outs that had not been concluded were also discussed, with the possible option of resuming once face to face bridge returns, but no decision was made.

4. Re-opening of Clubs

The advice from the EBU regarding the re-opening of clubs has not changed. The full advice from the EBU on social distancing can be read, here: <https://www.ebu.co.uk/node/3834>

5. County Chair Meeting Agenda

PS was thanked for his work on the Strategy update.

It was agreed that PS would create the agenda for the County Chair meeting, this would be sent to the board before being sent to the County Chairs prior to the meeting on 2nd September.

6. AOB

It was agreed that the AGM will be held online. Further details are being arranged and will be discussed at the next C19 meeting.

Next Meeting: TBC

