



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EBU LIMITED

AT BRIGHTON METROPOLE HOTEL

ON WEDNESDAY 15TH AUGUST, 2012 at 10.00am

Present; Sally Bugden (Chairman) (SB)
Andrew Petrie (Vice Chairman) (AP)
Michael Hill (Treasurer) (MH)
Jerry Cope (JC)
Val Gibson (VG)
Graham Jepson (GJ)
Malcolm Oliver (MO)
Ian Payn (IP)
Barry Capal (General Manager) (BC)

1. Apologies for Absence

Heather Dhondy and Jeremy Dhondy

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

2.1 Accuracy;

SB thanked HD for taking the minutes which were passed as accurate

2.2 Matters Arising;

There were no matters arising

2.3 Review of Action List

All items are on the agenda

3. Financial Matters

3.1 The Treasurer had updated us on the year-to-date actuals which were broadly in line with budget

3.2 Subscriptions for 2013-14

The Officers circulated the proposed subscriptions for pay to play, direct membership, club affiliations and EBUTA. The Board discussed these issues and agreed the proposals.

4. Summary of Strategy Discussion June Meeting

SB thanked JC for facilitating the strategy discussions and presenting the summary.

It was decided next steps would be to:

- Allocate ownership of specific proposals amongst Board members **Action SB and JC**
- Board members would then provide input for the 5 year plan which will support the strategy
- The strategy and its supporting 5 year finance plan will be presented to the shareholders at the beginning of 2013.

5. Update on charity registration

The decision on how and what to register as a charity will be made at the September meeting.

6. Proposed changes to constitution for the AGM

With one small amendment to bye law 5.3 these tidying up and clarification changes were approved.

Action AP and BC

7. Annual Report 2011-12

The Board were happy with the EBU's first Annual Report. SB thanked everybody for reviewing their sections and explained that the report will be sent to the shareholders in the middle of September for discussion at the AGM.

Action SB

8. Any Other Business

Brighton

The numbers in the main weekend events were continuing their decline although there were several pairs and teams that would have likely played if they were not competing in the World Mind Sports Games in Lille. However, the new weekend events had attracted players that would not necessarily have played in the main events. The Early Bird sessions for the evening pairs had also attracted players. It was decided that a small group would meet before the Tournament Committee meeting in November to see how to build on the new events at Brighton and to highlight our aspirations to attract more players of all levels to the congress so that its future is secured.

British Sim Pairs

It was noted that the number of Welsh and Scottish clubs were down on previous years. SB and BC were meeting with Mike Ash, President of the SBU the following day to discuss these matters.

Calendar of meetings for 2012-13

A suggested calendar of Board, shareholders and a county chairmen's meeting will be circulated to the Board before the meeting in September so that all the dates are firmed up for the coming year.

Action SB

The meeting concluded at noon.