



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EBU LIMITED
Via Zoom, Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 10:00am

Present:

Ian Payn (IP)	Rob Lawy (RL)
Gillian Fawcett (Vice Chairman) (GF)	Ron Millet (RM)
Jerry Cope (JC)	Kay Preddy (KP)
Gordon Rainsford (Chief Executive) (GR)	Patrick Shields (PS)
Adrian Darnell (AD)	Gayle Webb (GW)
Cathryn Fox (CF)	Sam Kelly (Minutes) (SK)
Anthony Golding (AG)	

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Minutes and Approval from the last meeting

a. Accuracy

The Board approved the minutes from the last Board meeting.

b. Matters Arising

No matters arising. Minutes approved.

c. Decisions taken between meetings

None

3. Items for the AGM Agenda 2021

The Board discussed the various items to be added to the agenda for the upcoming AGM and agreed with the approach set out by AG and JC on by-law changes and pricing respectively, as set out in papers circulated for this meeting.

IP stated that the AGM will start as usual, with apologies for absence followed by minutes from the previous meeting and EBU Nominations for Awards.

The order and presentation of the remaining items were then discussed. These included the Annual Report, the Financial Reports, the Approval of any UM price increase, voting and approval for any changes to bylaws, minutes from Standing Committees, a report on Competitions Strategy, and a report on Membership strategy.

IP asked for any written papers to be sent for circulation a week before the AGM.

There will also be a section to allow for any other business.

4. Annual Report Selection

IP noted that the majority of the report would be written by GR with input from EBU staff. He asked for input from various Board members on the following sections:

Financial Report: JC

Membership: KP, GW, CF and RM

Executive Working Group: CF

Internationals: GF and Selection Committee Chair

Regulation: Laws & Ethics Committee Chair

5. Dates of Meetings in 2022

Board:

Thursday 13th January (Young Chelsea BC, tbc*)

Thursday 17th March (Zoom)

Wednesday & Thursday 15th/16th June (EBU Offices, Aylesbury)

Thursday 15th September (Zoom)

Wednesday 20th October (Zoom) (*AGM items*)

AGM: Wednesday 30th November (Imperial Hotel, London tbc*)

County Chairs: Thursday 26th May (Young Chelsea BC, tbc*)

*Venue needs to be confirmed

6. Any Other Business

The Board had a short discussion about how to handle the large number of 2019 members who had been completely inactive over the past 19 months. In line with the choice of many bridge clubs, we decided to leave them listed as members at this time, but to look to whether we could indicate to County Associations which of their members were in this category, so that the CBA could consider how to entice them back.

It was agreed that the current meeting replaced the scheduled meeting on 10th November.

The Board thanked JC and AG for their considerable contribution during their time on the Board, and wished them well for the future.

Next Meeting:

EBU AGM Tuesday 30th November 2021

Meeting closed at 11.25am

Action Points

Action	Person Responsible	Status
Co-ordinate the publication of future sanctioned members on the website with email notifications	SK and JD	Complete
Contact other European NBO's to confirm the EBU's position regarding entering a team for the Champions Cup	IP	Complete
Launch the new offer to non-affiliated clubs	JL and TA	Complete