



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH APRIL 2007, AT 40 BERNARD STREET, LONDON

Present:	Gerard Faulkner	(Committee Chairman)
	Paul Bowyer	
	Raymond Brock	
	Sally Bugden	(EBU Vice-Chairman)
	Steve Eginton	
	Peter Hasenson	
	Sandra Landy	
	David Muller	
	Tony Priday	(Vice-President)
	Peter Stocken	(EBU Chairman)
	Max Bavin	(EBU Chief TD, present for item 1.1.4)
	Sandra Claridge	(Secretary)

An apology for absence was received from Michael Byrne.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 18th JANUARY 2007

1.1 *Matters Arising*

1.1.1 Item 3.2 Camrose Trophy

Peter Stocken stated that he had apologised for the lack of official representation at the Camrose weekend in Oxford, and said that suitable arrangements would be made in future. With this amendment, the minutes were signed as a true record.

Sally Bugden agreed that there had been a serious lack of communication throughout the EBU over the last few years. To reverse this trend the Board has produced a full job description and remit for a Communications Officer, and an advertisement had been placed in the Guardian (as well as on the EBU website).

1.1.2 Item 2.2.1 European Under 25 Womens Championship

It was agreed that the minute was correct, but that the responsibility for arranging a meeting of Under 25 women at the 2006 Brighton Summer Meeting had been wrongly attributed to Alison Nicholson.

1.1.3 Item 2.2.3 Venice Cup Team

A proposal by Sandra Landy, seconded by Raymond Brock that Sandra Penfold and Nevena Senior be invited to be the reserve pair for the Venice Cup, was carried nem con.

The Committee expressed the view that the team would prefer to be in the venue hotel, and requested that enquiries be made as to whether bedrooms were still available.

1.1.4 Item 3.4 Entry Fees for Trials

Details of costings and recommended entry fees for Trials produced by Max Bavin were noted. Entry fees for the coming season were agreed as follows:

Open:: £400 per team inc. VAT (£200 per team if playing on the first weekend only)
Duration: up to 4.5 weekends

Womens: £150 per pair inc. VAT.
Duration: 2.5 weekends

Max said that the cost of Trials could be reduced to approximately £700 per weekend by using one function room and a single Tournament Director, where feasible, and this was approved. The revised entry fees would be published on the website.

The Committee agreed that selection of trialists and exemptions to Stage II solely on the basis of Gold Point holdings was no longer appropriate, and the announcement of the Trials would be revised to include the requirement that applicants provide a CV of their performance as a pair in meaningful national and international events. A list would be compiled which would include e.g. Lederer Trophy, Gold Cup, Spring Foursomes, European Championships, Olympiad, Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup. The Gold Point Scheme would also be examined, so that insignificant awards could be excluded for the purposes of selection.

1.1.5 Trials dates

The Secretary reported that the dates of the trials had been revised so as to complete the Open Trials before the start of the Womens Trials, and these had been published as follows:

1 st /2 nd September	Open Stage I	Young Chelsea BC
15 th /16 th September	Open Stage IIA	West Midlands BC
27 th /28 th October	Open Stage IIB	Young Chelsea BC
10 th /12 th November	Open Stage III	West Midlands BC
5 th /6 th January	Womens Stage IA	Young Chelsea BC
16 th /18 th February	Womens Stage IB	Young Chelsea BC

1.1.6 Invitation events

➤ Tallinn – May 2007

The Chairman reported that due to prior commitments, it had regrettably not been possible to accept an invitation to send a team to the 40th Tallinn Bridge Festival.

➤ ***Gallipoli - April 2007***

The Venice Cup team represented England in the Gelibolu Peace Cup in Turkey from 20th-23rd April. Results are included in Appendix A.

➤ ***Bonn Nations Cup - May 2007***

The team for the Bonn Nations Cup was confirmed as David Gold/Tom Townsend, and Michael Byrne/Andrew Woodcock.

Steve Eginton pointed out that the Bonn Nations Cup is the highest quality invitation teams event in the calendar, and suggested that in future the winners of the Trials should be offered the opportunity to represent England. It was agreed that this would certainly apply when Trials led to a European Championship.

➤ ***Sweden - August 2007***

The Secretary was requested to offer last season's trialists the opportunity to play in the XIII Swedish Bridgefestival in Jönköping from 28th July - 2nd August, on a free entry basis.

➤ ***Match against Egyptian National Team - August 2007***

The Chairman reported that the current Egyptian national team was visiting England in August, and would welcome the opportunity of a match against an England team. A proposal from the chair that Jason Hackett/Justin Hackett and Artur Malinowski/Nick Sandqvist be invited to play a match with vu-graph at Brighton on 15th/16th August, was carried nem con. The reserve pair was agreed as John Armstrong/John Holland.

It was agreed to suggest to the Tournament Committee that two nights' bed and breakfast accommodation be offered to both teams of four players, plus free entry to the Swiss Teams weekend. It was noted that the presence of the Egyptians would enhance the Summer Meeting, and that the cost of the match might therefore be shared between the Selection Committee and the Tournament Committee.

To speed up the process of seeking availabilities from players for invitation events, Steve Eginton offered to assist the Secretary in compiling a list of players.

➤ ***Mind Sports Games***

A letter from the President of the WBF seeking entries for the Junior Team Championship at the World Mind Sports Games in Beijing in 2008, was discussed. The Committee was in principle in favour of sending a team, subject to a firm financial commitment by the WBF, confirmation of the WBF's standing in regard to the event, and an assurance that safeguards would be in place in terms of the apportionment of costs of the facilities. The age limit of 28 was viewed as a beneficial step forward, and it was agreed to compile a database of people wishing to be considered for selection, on the understanding that if the above conditions were not met, a team might not be sent.

The Chairman of the Union agreed to seek clarification of the above points and to establish how often the event would be held. He would also mention the possible introduction of events for U35s, given that the age of Open team players tended to be increasing, and there was therefore a need to offer opportunities to people who have left the junior ranks.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to all NBOs confirming England's interest in representative events, and requesting that all invitations be sent to the Committee Secretary at Aylesbury.

REPORT ON DISCUSSIONS RE. U25 WOMENS TEAM FOR THE 2007 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

A discussion took place on the relationship of late between some members of the Board and the Committee. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Union assured the Committee that the Board's aim was to develop bridge and move forward at all levels, and to this end, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman planned to meet with the Chairmen and Vice-Chairman of all three standing Committees of the Union to discuss how best to improve the situation.

Sandra Landy reported that the Selection Committee had been unhappy with the Board's request that the Committee reverse its decision not to send a Women's team to the 2007 European Championship. However, five members of the Committee had held an informal meeting to decide how to progress the matter and had concluded that the priority was to compile a list of potential players who would then be given the best possible treatment in terms of support and training. Ten young women had indicated an interest in playing, and these had been formed into five partnerships, largely on a geographical basis, each partnership being assigned mentors, as follows:

Fiona Brown and Nicola McDougall – Sarah Teshome & Richard Winter
Alice Kaye and Laura McDougall – Sandra Landy
Jenny Marvin and Elizabeth Roberts – Michelle Brunner & John Holland
Tessa Greenslade and Lisa Massey – Heather & Jeremy Dhondy
Laura Perryman and Amelia Jones – Chris Duckworth & Brian Callaghan

Whilst in the short term most of the players were concentrating on university examinations, systems were being finalised and played on-line, and an intensive training week was planned prior to the Championships. In terms of selection, information and advice from the mentors would be collated, and evidence of enthusiasm and endeavour would also be taken into account. It was agreed that to provide flexibility for a team with little or no international experience, three pairs would be selected, and a reserve pair.

Peter Hasenson asked the Chairman of the Union to bring to the attention of the European Bridge League the disproportionate entry fee for the U25 Womens event, which is the same as for the U25 event, which is twice as long.

Gerard Faulkner thanked Sandra Landy for all the work she had undertaken in putting together a squad and appointing mentors, and proposed that she be added to the Junior Sub-committee.

2. DISCUSSION ON PAPER BY MRS LANDY AND MESSRS. EGINTON & HASENSEN, PRESENTED TO THE SHAREHOLDERS ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2007

The Committee debated a number of points highlighted in the paper, most notably how to improve training, preparation and competitiveness, particular in regard to the Open game.

It was agreed that the main agenda item for the next meeting would be to determine a strategy for achieving international success, and the formulation and costing of proposals for the Board on how the Committee wishes to proceed. The Vice-Chairman of the Union reiterated that the problems of the last few years had been caused by a lack of communication, and that the Board would welcome proposals and costings for international development. It was agreed that two Committee members would attend the relevant Board Meeting at which the newly-formulated strategy was to be considered.

Turning to the conclusions of the paper, the Committee requested that the conditions of membership of the Selection Committee be relaxed as a matter of policy. The Chairman of the Union agreed that this would be discussed by the Board.

The question of whether the ex officio members of the Committee should have voting rights was raised. Gerard Faulkner said that it was important to have two Board representatives present, with full voting rights. Raymond Brock and others disagreed.

In answer to a question from Sandra Landy as to who, in principle, takes the decision as to whether or not a new international event should be supported, the Chairman of the Union replied that the Board would consider the Committee's recommendations.

3. DISCUSSION ON PAPER BY CHRIS DIXON ON JUNIOR BRIDGE DEVELOPMENT

The paper produced by Chris Dixon, which concentrated on the promotion of competitive bridge for young people in England, and the identification and training of players with the potential to represent England in U20 and U25 international competitions, was discussed.

Paul Bowyer, the U25 Squad Manager, was disappointed to note that a number of assertions and assumptions had been made without consultation, and were inaccurate. He confirmed that the following is the current position in regard to the squads:

- There is no bar to squad entry, i.e. all applicants are accepted.
- A suggestion that the U20, U25 and U25 women players should be combined into one squad with one squad manager was totally impractical for a number of reasons. Most notably their needs, skill levels and experience of life are different. As the present system stands, there is not bar to U20 players attending U25 training weekends.
- Criticism had been levelled at the current system of trials as the principal method of selection, but in reality whilst not the perfect test, no other system appeared to be superior, particularly taking into account valid excuses such as examinations, for non-attendance.
- Current policy does not restrict potential junior internationals to those who have shown a commitment to squad activities, though commitment is encouraged. Trials are "open".
- While it is testament to the skills of Mel Starkings in generating interest that a large number of young players are from the Loughborough area, young players have been recruited from elsewhere.

- There is no truth in the statement that the EBU has no current policy on the funding of squad activities, and that sponsorship should be actively sought. There is a budget of £7.5K for squad activities, and well-publicised sponsorship found by the Durham University team for their visit to China was backed by EBU funding.
- Squad training sessions are free and participants receive travel expenses. In addition, squad members now get free entry to many EBU events. Max Bavin produces a budget for all junior international events which is based on qualification for some, though not necessarily all. Youth Camps are not funded, but young players may apply to the Educational Trust for a subsidy.

Steve Eginton said that to avoid a repetition of inaccurate assumptions, issues must in future be raised with the person involved before being put to the Junior Sub-committee, Selection Committee or Board.

Asked by Raymond Brock whose remit it now was to organise entry to the European Junior Camp and Junior Pairs, Sally Bugden said that this could now be the responsibility of the new Youth Development Officer, Mike Amos, who takes up his position on 16th May.

Steve Eginton noted that in addition to the recent appointment of the Youth Development Officer, there is now a Junior Sub-committee comprising himself, Sandra Landy David Muller, Chris Dixon, Michael Byrne and Paul Bowyer. There seemed to exist a self-appointed body calling itself the Youth Action Group comprising Jeff Morris, Graham Jepson and Michael Byrne, with assistance from Duncan Happer and Alan Shillitoe. Sandra Landy requested that the remits and responsibilities of the various groups be defined as soon as possible.

It was agreed that Paul Bowyer had been treated extremely discourteously, and there were a number of undercurrents which must be addressed as a matter of urgency. A formal vote of complete confidence in the U25 Squad Manager was unanimously supported.

4. POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT OF ERIC KOKISH AS COACH TO THE VENICE CUP TEAM

It was agreed that no firm arrangements would be made in terms of coaching until it was established what the team's wishes were, but that enquires would be made of Eric Kokish as to the cost of various elements of his coaching schemes. In addition, the Secretary would seek to investigate the cost of the services of a sports psychologist.

[Secretary's Note: The cost of an alternative hotel is being investigated, as is the cost of a Sports Psychologist.]

5. JUNIOR EVENTS

5.1 Junior Camrose Trophy

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix A.

The Committee was aware of a suggestion that a sixth team be added to the Junior Camrose – possibly an U25 Womens team. The Secretary reported that the matter was on the agenda for

the BGB meeting on 24th April, as was the possible introduction of a sixth team for the Lady Milne Trophy.

5.2 *Peggy Bayer Trophy*

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix A.

There had been an unfortunate incident involving alcohol, and though the Committee felt that the matter had been dealt with satisfactorily, it highlighted a possible problem of authority for a young NPC. It was agreed that in addition to establishing the law in regard to consumption of alcohol by minors, the Union has a responsibility to the parents of young players. The guidelines to players would be amended to include a statement that a drink will be permitted at the closing dinner, but not thereafter without specific permission from the captain.

Peter Hasenson noted that the Board Minutes of 9th September 2006 contained an undertaking given by Jeff Morris and Graham Jepson to produce a policy document detailing procedures for caution and exclusion from the Squads. The Secretary was asked to establish whether the document had received Board approval.

5.3 *Carousel Cup U25*

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix A.

5.4 *Carousel Cup U20*

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix A. The Secretary was requested to seek clarification of the last sentence of the NPC's report.

5.5 *U20 Squad Manager's Report*

The report was noted.

5.6 *Selection of U25 team and reserves for the Junior European Championships*

Paul Bowyer reported that the last training weekend for the squad was on 2nd/3rd June, and that reasoned proposals would be put to the Committee by the Junior Sub-committee shortly thereafter. Chris Dixon was confirmed as NPC, and David Muller as Coach.

Paul said that following the Junior European Championships there should be a full review of the past 2-year cycle of squad activities, and priorities formulated for the future. Paul said that he was considering his position as Squad Manager, largely due to a campaign of deliberate misinformation, but he would be happy to continue to be involved with youth bridge on an independent basis, if he decided to resign.

5.7 *Selection of U20 team for the Junior European Championships*

The following were selected to represent England:

Rob Myers & Ed Jones
Ben & Tom Paske
Tom Rainforth & James Thrower

Michael Byrne was appointed as coach, and the Secretary was asked to establish availabilities from the NPC panel for a captain who would also be available to attend training sessions.

5.8 Appointment of NPC and Coach for the U25 Womens European Championships

Sandra Landy was appointed as NPC, and Heather Dhondy as coach.

5.9 Minutes of the Junior Sub-Committee Meeting on 4th April 2007.

The minutes were noted, and are attached Appendix B.

6. OPEN EVENTS

6.1 Camrose Trophy – 2nd weekend

The results were noted, as shown in Appendix A.

Raymond Brock urged Bridge Great Britain to adopt international procedures in relation to Appeals Committees, and that it be a requirement to quote in writing both the reason for the decision and the Law relevant to the decision taken.

6.2 Camrose Trophy format 2007/8

The Committee supported a suggestion that the sixth team rotates between each country with the country hosting the second weekend providing the team that year. If for any reason that country is unable to field a second team, then the holders from the previous year will be invited to field a second team.

7. TRIALS

7.1 Format for Seniors Trials for 2008 Olympiad

It was agreed that Trials would be held over two weekends for teams of up to six players. The final format would be determined when the level of entries was known, but in principle would be either a double round robin, or one weekend round robin and one weekend of knock-out.

7.2 Open & Womens Trials for 2008 Olympiad

This item was deferred to the next meeting, though a suggestion was put forward that participation in the Olympiad might be offered to sponsored teams to attract funds to be used for additional support for English teams.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Tuesday 24th July. The main agenda items would be:

‘Looking forward’

Premier League

Selection of Open trialists for 2007/8

Format of Open & Ladies Trials for 2008 Olympiad

Trials for 2008 Seniors Camrose

ACTION POINTS

Minute	Action to be taken	Responsibility
1.1.3	Notification of Venice Cup Reserves	Secretary
1.1.3	Accommodation in Shanghai	Secretary/M Bavin
1.1.4	Publication of entry fees & conditions of entry to Trials	Secretary/M Bavin
1.1.6	Offer Swedish tournament to last year's trialists	Secretary
1.1.6	Seek availability for match v Egypt at Brighton	Secretary
1.1.6	Refer suggested arrangements for match v Egypt to Tournament Committee	Secretary/Max Bavin/Ian Mitchell
1.1.6	Compilation of list of players for invitation events	Secretary/Steve Eginton
1.1.6	Clarification re. Mind Sports Games	Peter Stocken
1.1.6	Letter to NBOs requesting centralisation of invitations	Secretary
2	Entry fee for U25 Womens European Championships	Peter Stocken
2	Referral to the Board of constraints on membership of the Selection Committee	Peter Stocken
4	Definition of roles of Youth Action Group and Junior Sub-Committee	Peter Stocken
4	Investigating cost of Venice Cup coaching and Sports Psychologist	Raymond Brock/Secretary
5	Amendment of guidelines to players	Secretary
5.2	Progress on policy document being produced by Youth Action Group	Secretary/Peter Stocken
5.4	Clarification re NPC's Report	Secretary
5.7	Notification of selections	Secretary
5.8	Notification of appointments	Secretary/Sandra Landy
7.1	Referral to Bridge Great Britain	Secretary
7.1	Format for Seniors Olympiad Trials	Max Bavin

APPENDIX A

JUNIOR CAMROSE TROPHY : 16th/18th February 2007 - Republic of Ireland

Position	Country	VPs
1 st	England	155
2 nd	Scotland	136
3 rd	Northern Ireland	126
4 th	Republic of Ireland	100
5 th	Wales	76

England: Dave Cropper & Susan Stockdale
 Mark Reeve & David Collier
 Alex Foley & David Hodge
 NPC: Steve Eginton

PEGGY BAYER TROPHY : 16th/18th February 2007 - Republic of Ireland

Position	Country	VPs
1 st	England	161
2 nd	Scotland	150
3 rd	Northern Ireland	116
4 th	Wales	112
5 th	Republic of Ireland	49

England: Ben & Tom Paske
 Rob Myers & Dan McIntosh
 Mark Dessain & Liam Jones
 NPC: Michael Byrne

CAMROSE TROPHY : 1st weekend 5th /7th January - England

	NI	Sco	Eng	ROI	Wal	Hol	Total
NI		13	15	25	9	10	72
Scotland	17		10	11	15	3	56
England	15	20		21	18	12	86
ROI	4	19	9		19	13	64
Wales	21	15	12	11		11	70
HOLDERS	20	25	14	17	19		95

England: John Armstrong & John Holland
 Justin & Jason Hackett
 Artur Malinowski & Nick Sandqvist
 NPC: Raymond Brock
 Assistant NPC: Janet de Botton

CAMROSE TROPHY : 2nd weekend 2nd/4th March – Scotland

	NI	Sco	Eng	ROI	Wal	Hol	1 st w/end	Total	Place
Holders	25	23	24	15	17		95	199	1
England	23	15		23	18	6	86	171	2
Wales	21	15	12	24		13	70	155	3
Scotland	25		15	13	15	7	56	131	4
ROI	18	17	7		6	15	64	127	5
NI		5	7	12	9	4	72	109	6

England: David Gold & Tom Townsend
David Price & David Bakhshi
Martin Jones & Neil Rosen
NPC: Colin Simpson

CAROUSEL CUP : 18th/25th March – Amsterdam

England U25: Ben Green & Duncan Happer
Simon Cope & Stuart Haring
Andrew Murphy & Tom Slater
NPC Michael Byrne

Position: 11th

England U20: Ben Paske & Ed Jones
Rob Myers & Daniel McIntosh
Liam Jones & Mark Dessain
NPC Colin Simpson

Position: 12th

LADY MILNE TROPHY : 13th/15th April – Newport, Gwent

First Round Robin

	Republic	England	Wales	Scotland	N Ireland	Total
Republic		3	20	10	16	49
England	25		11	17	15	68
Wales	8	19		12	19	58
Scotland	20	13	18		15	66
N Ireland	14	15	11	15		55

Wales and Republic fined 1VP each for slow play in Match 4

	Republic	England	Wales	Scotland	N Ireland	Total	Overall
Republic		17	15	11	19	62	111
England	13		19	8	23	63	131
Wales	15	11		15	18	59	117
Scotland	19	22	15		14	70	136
N Ireland	11	7	12	16		46	101

England: Susan Stockdale & Bryony Youngs
 Heather Dhondy & Nicola Smith
 Catherine Jagger & Sarah Teshome
 NPC Martin Jones

GELIBOLU PEACE CUP : Gallipoli, 20th-23rd April

Team	Canada	Germany	Turkey	France	England	Canakkale	Total	Avg	Posn.
Canada		17	13	21	19	13	83	16.6	1
Germany	13		14	22	15	19	83	16.6	2
Turkey	17	16		12	20	16	81	16.2	3
France	9	8	18		14	25	74	14.8	4
England	11	15	10	16		21	74	14.6	5
Canakkale	17	11	14	5	9		56	11.2	6

England: Heather Dhondy & Nicola Smith
 Sarah Teshome & Catherine Jagger
 Michelle Brunner & Rhona Goldenfield
 NPC Martin Jones

APPENDIX B

MINUTES OF THE EBU JUNIOR SUB COMMITTEE

Held on 4/4/2007 – Bridgebase Online Chat Room

Attendees:

Steve Eginton – Chair	SE
David Muller – Member	DM
Chris Dixon – U25 NPC	CD
Michael Byrne – U 20 Squad manager	MB

Apology:

Paul Bowyer – suffering from migraine

1. Reports –

1a. Under 25 NPC

CD had been in touch with his squad and sent them some preparation work including hands and advice. 3 Training weekends are arranged for the squad, bidding, card play and defence and a further card play workshop run by John Armstrong. In addition there is the Carousel for 3 members and the Spring 4s in which all 4 pairs are playing.

Screens were used in Amsterdam. Some team members had played an online match against the Dutch the previous night, and had done poorly in the first match and drawn the second and were hoping to organise more. CD said that he thought online matches of limited value but couldn't do any harm.

1b. Under 20 Manager

MB said that his squad had had training weekends every 2 months – the next in April 22/3 on bidding with John Armstrong. They have recommended events to play in including the National Swiss teams, Harrogate, Easter and the Fours.

The Junior Squad Committee (?) consider that two pairs should be selected now (see below) and that two other pairs are in contention for the third spot.

MB said that he wished that whoever was the reserve pair should remain part of the training squad. CD also liked that idea. SE and DM also felt that was best practice.

2. Longer Term planning

SE has requested that the squad managers should start to consider the plans for the 2007-9 campaign. Both had submitted some detail and comments on trial formats etc.

SE said that he was probably at fault as all he wanted for the managers to give some initial thoughts to a blank sheet approach with the European as the focus. He felt that probably the

group should meet up after reviews of the European for a “blue skies” planning session. Probably that would be late July – early August.

There was some heated discussion between CD and MB about the trial formats. This is a detail that needs to be determined as part of the drafts of full 2009 European plans.

3. Communications ground rules

SE had sent out a proposal for the route for escalation of issues regarding issues of squads, training, selection etc.

This is in order that

1. Members can suggest idea, changes and concerns amicably amongst themselves
2. Selex members and involved board members are all kept apprised of, and involved in, developments.

The order of raising issues was proposed as

1. Direct informally contact with the manager, coach and/or captain involved.
2. The Junior sub committee.
3. The Selection Committee and involved board members.

MB said that this could be difficult on occasions since “he got asked by the junior affairs board directors”, but accepted the principle. SE said that this was what he wanted accepted as a working principle. CD observed that it was fine to report anything factual at any time. MB said that was fine, but to bear in mind that he “got plugged .. all the time”. The principle was accepted as the right escalation route by all members present.

4. Selection recommendations:

Under 25 European team.

DM had been requested as coach by CD and SE supported this. No other proposals had been suggested and all members were happy with the choice. He is the captain's preference and has good involvement with juniors and was coach in 2004.

Under 20s team

The captain coach team will be completed later with MB part of the team.

MB asked that two pairs (Ed Jones / Bingyaun Yang, Tom Paske/ Ben Paske) be selected at this stage. They have proved to be the strongest in practice and event, have the most experience and have shown the best application

The third from Tom Rainforth James Thrower, and Rob Myers Daniel McIntosh to be chosen later. This was unanimously approved and is forwarded for ratification.

Women's Team

Heather Dhondy was approved as the npc for this team and Sandra Landy as coach for pre preparation (there was one dissent – suggesting that SL should be npc and HD coach). The at event coach is yet to be determined. This is forwarded for ratification.

5. AOB

The Under 20s pairs selection was actually dealt with under this heading

There was no other AOB.