



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE METROPOLE HOTEL, BRIGHTON, ON SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST  
2009.**

<b>Present:</b>	Heather Dhondy	(Chairman)
	Simon Cochemé	(Vice Chairman)
	Max Bavin	EBU Chief TD)
	Sally Bugden	(EBU Chairman)
	Paul Hackett	
	David Muller	
	Andrew Petrie	(EBU Vice Chairman)
	Tom Townsend	
	Sandra Claridge	(Secretary)

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from David Burn, Gerard Faulkner (Vice President) and Tony Friday (Vice President). The Chairman welcomed David Muller, who had been unable to attend for some time due to ill-health.

**2 RESIGNATION OF STEVE EGINTON**

The resignation from the Committee of Steve Eginton was noted with regret. Sally Bugden was joined by Heather Dhondy and the rest of the committee in thanking him for his contribution to the Selection Committee, particularly during his time as Chairman.

**3 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009**

**3.1 Accuracy**

The minutes were signed as a true record.

**3.2 Matters arising**

*3.2.1 Publicity and Selection Committee Blog*

David Muller volunteered to assume responsibility for international publicity and the Committee blog, and said that he would be providing a full results service from the World Championships in Saô Paulo.

Sally Bugden pointed out that in future the intention of the Editorial Board of *English Bridge* was that the magazine would become significantly more club orientated, and that it would be wise to find an alternative means of publicizing selection matters.

Andrew Petrie said that tournament players would continue to be interested in results of international competitions, and suggested that an International Focus could be included in the planned E-Newsletter which would be distributed three times annually. It was agreed that this was not a pressing issue, and would therefore be discussed further at the next meeting.

It was noted that no bridge celebrity had as yet been found to attend the Tunbridge Wells Bridge Club event on 19<sup>th</sup> November. David Muller agreed to liaise with Matt Betts to seek to progress the matter as soon as possible.

### 3.2.2 *Spring Foursomes Seeding*

The suggestion that the responsibility for seeding of the Spring Foursomes revert to the Selection Committee had not found favour with the Tournament Committee, but the Tournament Committee supported the suggestion for seeding points for foreign players. It was agreed that Max Bavin would be responsible for the formal process of seeding with a defined date for Gold Points, and that a seeding sub-committee would be formed to assist him.

### 3.2.3 *Format of Camrose and Lady Milne Trophies*

No support had been received from the Home Unions for the proposal that the format for the Camrose and Lady Milne Trophies reverts to the holder of the trophy providing the sixth team in the following year. It was noted that formats of the Home Internationals were reviewed as a matter of course by the full committee of Bridge Great Britain on an annual basis, in April.

## 4 SENIORS EVENTS

### 4.1 Seniors Camrose Trophy

The NPC was thanked for his report, and congratulated on his sensitive handling of a difficult situation.

Result:	1 <sup>st</sup> Patron	170 VPs
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Scotland	169 "
	3 <sup>rd</sup> England	151 "
	4 <sup>th</sup> Wales	141 "
	5 <sup>th</sup> Republic of Ireland	138 "
	6 <sup>th</sup> Northern Ireland	129 "

England: Ross Harper & Paul Hackett  
Ian Panto & Tony Waterlow  
Peter Czerniewski & Gunnar Hallberg  
NPC: John Williams

#### **4.2 World Championships**

A late invitation had been extended to the England Seniors team to compete in the World Championships, which had been accepted. The team was confirmed as follows:

Ross Harper & Paul Hackett  
Gunnar Hallberg & John Holland  
David Price & Colin Simpson  
NPC Peter Baxter

#### **4.3 Eligibility for international events**

The Chairman reported that the chairman of the union and she had consulted the Honorary Counsel in regard to producing regulations to cover serious illness, which could incorporate a procedure for self-certification of fitness to compete.

#### **4.4 2009 Seniors Trials**

*Paul Hackett withdrew for this item.*

It was agreed that a Trial would be held on the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club, with the winners being guaranteed selection for the 2010 Camrose Trophy and the 2010 European Seniors Championship. Max Bavin, Simon Cochemé and Tom Townsend would be responsible for determining the format and entry fee.

### **BONN NATIONS CUP**

Tom Townsend was thanked for his report.

### **5 LADY MILNE TRIAL**

A suggestion by Richard Fleet that in future years the winners of the National Womens Teams be invited to represent England in the Lady Milne Trophy, was approved. The winners of the 2010 Whitelaw Cup would therefore be invited to participate in the 2011 Lady Milne. The Chairman of the Tournament Committee agreed that it would determine a more suitable weekend for the National Womens Teams.

It was agreed that for the 2010 Lady Milne in Manchester on 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> April, there would be a one-weekend Trial on 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> January at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club. The first three pairs would be guaranteed selection for the funded England team, and the pairs finishing 4<sup>th</sup> downwards in order would be offered the chance to play in the EBU self-funded team, provided they had finished in the top half of the field, or had a positive cross-imp score. In any other respect the Committee retains the absolute right to determine other conditions of selection.

It was agreed that NPC of the EBU team would be appointed by the Committee, and funded.

## 6 INVITATION EVENTS

### 6.1 Mersin Bridge Festival

It was confirmed that the following team had been selected to represent England in the Turkish invitation event on 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> September, as follows:

Nick Sandqvist & Andrew McIntosh  
Norman Selway & Espen Erichsen

### 6.2 Japanese invitation event

Paul Hackett reported that England was likely to receive an invitation to a high standard event in Japan in February, on a part-funded basis. It was agreed that if funding was available within the budget, the co-ordinator of the Open Coaching Group would approach a number of pairs to ascertain whether they would be prepared to go to Japan, if selected.

## 7 COACHING GROUPS

*Tom Townsend withdrew for the voting element of the following item.*

### 7.1 Open Group

There was general agreement that responses from two of the five pairs outlined by Simon Cochemé were disappointing and the current level of performance well below expectations. Feedback from coaches would be evaluated, and where appropriate it would be stressed that selection for the group was a two-way commitment.

It was agreed that the following three pairs would be invited to join the coaching group.

Alexander Allfrey & Andrew Robson  
Michelle Brunner & John Holland  
Jon Cooke & Martin Garvey

### 7.2 Womens Group

Paul Hackett reported that two of the pairs in the group were putting in a great deal of effort, but that one of the other pairs had made little progress and wished to replace their coach. In their case they would be informed that they had fallen below the committee's expectations within the timeframe.

7.3 It was agreed that Simon Cope be added to list of approved coaches.

## 8 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Meetings were arranged for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**ACTION LIST**

<b>Minute</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
2	Letter to S Eginton	Secretary
3.2.1	Committee blog Celebrity speaker	David Muller David Muller & Matt Betts
4.1	Letter to Seniors NPC	Secretary
4.3	Procedure for self-certification	David Harris & Chairman
4.4	Notification to Seniors Trialists & website update Format & entry fee	Secretary Max Bavin, Vice-Chairman & Tom Townsend
6	Notification of Lady Milne Trial & update of website	Secretary
7.2	Japanese invitation event	Chairman & Vice-Chairman
8	Coaching Group correspondence	Vice-Chairman & Paul Hackett