



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE HELD AT 44
GREAT CUMBERLAND PLACE, LONDON, ON TUESDAY 6TH APRIL 2010.**

Present:	Heather Dhondy	(Chairman)
	Simon Cochemé	(Vice Chairman)
	Max Bavin	(Chief TD)
	Peter Baxter	
	Sally Brock	
	Sally Bugden	(EBU Chairman)
	David Burn	
	Gerard Faulkner	(Vice-President)
	Paul Hackett	
	Tom Townsend	
	Andrew Petrie	(EBU Vice-Chairman)
	Sandra Claridge	(Secretary)

1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 5TH JANUARY 2010

The minutes were signed as a true record.

1.1 Matters Arising

1.1.1 International Focus

Sally Bugden said that progress on International Focus had been deferred until decisions had been taken on how to proceed with BEST (Bridge England Supporters Trust). It was agreed, however, that pro tem, selection matters relevant to tournament players, such as the Premier League, could be included in Tournament Focus via Andrew Petrie, or in the Selection Committee blog.

1.1.2 "BEST"

Simon Cochemé reported on the progress of BEST and the need for the Committee to raise funds during the coming year for activities not now covered under its budget, as confirmed at the latest Board meeting.

Sally Bugden said that the EBU Treasurer had advised that it would be unnecessary to set up a Trust for the funds raised, however any income raised would be ring-fenced for the Committee's purposes and recorded on a separate accounts schedule. It was agreed that initially efforts would be concentrated on an approach to attract Patrons. The prospectus would be ready in time for the launch of the initiative at Brighton. It was agreed that funding participation in overseas events, and offering support for the

Camrose and Lady Milne Trophies would be a priority, however, until there was some indication of the likely income from the Patrons, it would be publicised in the Conditions of Contest for the 2010 Premier League that participation in the 2011 Camrose Trophy could be on a self-funding basis.

The Committee made a formal request for a Simultaneous Pairs event in February 2011 in order to raise funds, and the Chairman of the Union agreed that the matter would be included on the agenda for the June Board meeting.

1.1.3 Coverage of medal ceremonies

Sally Bugden said that whilst media coverage of our teams' successes would be invaluable, the necessary footage couldn't be provided by Aylesbury. Peter Baxter offered to pursue the matter prior to the European Championships in Ostend and Sally Brock agreed to contact Ron Tacchi.

1.1.4 Youth matters

The Chairman reported that a meeting was arranged for 27th April at West Midlands Bridge Club for the handover of Youth matters to the Selection Committee. It was expected that all three Squad Managers would be present to provide current information on their players.

2 COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

2.1 Committee's Terms of Reference

The revised Terms of Reference, approved by the Board at its January meeting, were noted.

2.2 Self-certification

The Union's Honorary Counsel was thanked for his advice. Gerard Faulkner offered to assist Max Bavin in establishing the cover under the existing EBU travel policy in relation to age, pre-existing conditions etc., and the likely saving if it were restricted to young players.

In the meantime details of the policy would be provided to the England teams participating in the forthcoming European Championships in Ostend, and a requirement would be included in Conditions of Contest for trials, and accompanying invitations to represent England, that players and officials confirm their fitness to compete and officiate, and disclose any relevant medical condition or medication requirements.

2.3 Role of NPCs Panel

The Committee agreed that its current list of potential NPCs would be retained as an aide memoire, but that it would be available to them to appoint from outside the Panel, as appropriate.

3 OPEN EVENTS

3.1 Camrose Trophy Reports

Paul Hackett and Heather Dhondy and their respective teams were congratulated on winning the Camrose Trophy, and they were thanked for their reports. The results are contained in Appendix A.

Heather Dhondy requested that in future the NPC of the team for the second weekend of the Camrose be made aware of the arrangements for transportation of trophies.

3.2 Review of Coaching Group feedback

The responses were noted. The general impression from the pairs was that most had benefited from the scheme to some extent. In general the Committee felt that with the exception of a minority of pairs who had made a significant effort to take advantage of what was offered, the remainder hadn't opted to benefit from the scheme, or justify investment in them.

It was clear that given limited resources, the players saw practice matches and foreign experience as more valuable than coaching, which in most cases they would organize themselves as a matter of course.

It was agreed that the selections for the Coaching Groups in the past year had been sensible, but that a review would be undertaken at the August meeting to determine the criteria for forming squads for the future. This may include judging performance in a defined table of events, the results being collated by Squad Coordinators.

4 WOMEN'S EVENTS

4.1 NEC Bridge Festival

The Chairman reported that the team had gained invaluable experience, and were very grateful for the opportunity offered. They had come very close to qualifying for the knock-out stages, and in particular it was very encouraging to note how well Susan Stockdale and Fiona Brown had performed against very tough opposition. Paul Hackett said that the organizers of the tournament had said what a pleasure it had been to have our Women's team competing.

4.2 Selection for the 2010 Lady Milne Trophy

The results of the Trial and the selected teams are contained in Appendix A.

4.3 Trials questionnaire responses

Following publication of the Committee's decision to invite the winners of the 2010 Whitelaw Cup to represent England in the 2011 Lady Milne Trophy, a number of women players had requested that the decision be reversed, and that the status quo be maintained. Accordingly, a questionnaire had been sent to former entrants to the trials, and competitors in the National Women's Teams, seeking their views.

In view of the overwhelming opposition to the Committee's decision in regard to the Whitelaw Cup, it was unanimously agreed that it be reversed, and that the Committee would apologise to anyone who had been inconvenienced. A Trial would be held on 21st-23rd January 2011, based on a minimum of 10 pairs, and any surplus would be used towards funding of the 2011 Lady Milne team

5 SENIORS EVENTS

5.1 Seniors Final Trial

The results of the Trial are contained in Appendix A.

The Chairman confirmed that in accordance with the Conditions of Contest, the necessary medical certificates had been submitted for Ross Harper to be exempted from participation in the final trial weekend. Thankfully Ross had made a complete recovery and would be rejoining the team for Ostend.

Paul Hackett was pleased to report that Pharon Financial Services had agreed to sponsor the team. Max Bavin confirmed that the EBU would pay the entry fee, and would provide a small sum towards the cost of a scorer.

The Secretary was asked to establish whether the team for the Seniors Camrose Trophy wished to add a non-playing captain. If so, their choice of captain would require the approval of the Committee.

6 2010 PREMIER LEAGUE

It was agreed that formal applications for the League would be invited, with a closing date of Monday 17th May.

Paul Hackett pointed out that the date of the European Bridge League's Champions Cup was now known and there was a clash with the Premier League weekend. In the event that the Open team finished in the top 10 in the European Championships, therefore, the reserve weekend would be used.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A provisional date was fixed for Wednesday 7th July at 1.00 pm. Should this meeting not be required, the next meeting would be held at Brighton on Saturday 14th August.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Junior events

It was confirmed that the Selection Committee would have responsibility for the selection and training of Junior teams, and that all other aspects of youth bridge would be handled by the Education Working Group.

Andrew Petrie said that some free entries to tournaments will be available for junior players, but they would be limited, and clearly defined.

8.2 Selection process in Europe

Sally Bugden said that research had been undertaken by an enquiry panel on how other NBOs choose their Selection Committees, and the findings will be made available to the EBU Selection Committee.

8.3 Training weekend for Ostend

Simon Cochemé reported that the Scottish Bridge Union was hosting a training weekend for their teams for the forthcoming European Championships, and had issued an invitation to other teams to take part. The weekend was based on accommodation in private homes, and meals funded by the SBU.

8.4 Election of EBU Standing Committees

Andrew Petrie said that changes to the current method of election to the Tournament, Laws & Ethics and Selection Committees, agreed by the Board, would be debated at the Shareholders' Meeting in July. In the meantime he would welcome comments from Committee members.

ACTION LIST

Minute		Responsibility
1.1.1	Publicity on Premier League in Tournament Focus/Selection Committee blog	Chairman
1.1.2	Request for Simultaneous Pairs event in February 2011	Sally Bugden
1.1.3	Coverage of medal ceremonies	Peter Baxter
2.2	Research of EBU travel policy	Max Bavin/Gerard Faulkner
	Provision of policy to England teams in Ostend	Secretary
	Inclusion of self-certification in Conditions of Contest and representative invitations	Secretary
3.1	Acknowledgement of NPC reports	Secretary
4.2	Publicity of 2011 Women's Trial	Secretary
5.1	Seniors Camrose team captaincy	Secretary
6	Provisional venue booking for reserve weekend	Max Bavin/Secretary
8.2	Result of Board debate on different countries' methods of appointment of selectors	Sally Bugden
8.3	Notification of SBU training weekend	Simon Cochemé

2010 APRIL MINUTES - APPENDIX A

SELECTIONS & RESULTS

SENIORS FINAL TRIAL

Paul Hackett, Colin Simpson, David Price, Gunnar Hallberg, John Holland beat
Denis O'Donovan, John Short, Patrick Collins, Malcolm Lewis

By 235 IMPs to 168

JUNIOR CAMROSE TROPHY

	NI	ENG	WAL	IRE	SCO	TOTAL	RANK
N Ireland		20	36	23	25	104	4
England	40		28	36	21	125	3
Wales	24	32		8	9	73	5
Ireland	37	24	48		36	145	2
Scotland	35	39	48	24		146	1

England:

David Williams & Peter Ford
Chris Owen & John Atthey
Tom Copeland & Tom Rainforth
NPC Simon Cope

PEGGY BAYER TROPHY

	NI	ENG	WAL	IRE	SCO	TOTAL	RANK
N Ireland		12	26	32	15	85	4
England	48		31	48	31	158	2
Wales	34	29		48	13	124	3
Ireland	28	8	12		3	51	5
Scotland	45	29	47	50		171	1

England:

Alex Roberts & Mungo Jackson
Kieran Tilley & Jakub Gembecki
Tommy Brass & Shivam Shah
NPC Michael Byrne

CAMROSE TROPHY

Weekend 1:

	SCO	ENG	NI	IRE	WAL	NIBU	TOTAL
Scotland		11	11	16	20	14	72
England	19		23	11	21	25	99
N Ireland	19	7		5	8	18	57
Ireland	14	19	25		17	25	100
Wales	10	9	21	13		25	78
NIBU	16	3	12	5	4		40

England:

Peter Crouch & Derek Patterson
 Michelle Brunner & John Holland
 David Price & Colin Simpson
 NPC: Paul Hackett

Weekend 2:

	C/F	SCO	ENG	NI	IRE	WAL	NIBU	TOTAL
Scotland	72		14	15	7	20	22	150
England	99	16		25	15	16	25	196
N Ireland	57	15	4		17	2	19	114
Ireland	100	23	15	13		11	20	182
Wales	78	10	14	25	19		21	167
NIBU	40	8	5	11	10	9		83

England:

Peter Crouch & Derek Patterson
 Glyn Liggins & Willie Whittaker
 Chris Dixon & Victor Silverstone
 NPC: Heather Dhondy

BONN NATIONS CUP

Heather Dhondy & Nevena Senior
 Sally Brock & Nicola Smith

NEC BRIDGE FESTIVAL, Yokohama

Heather Dhondy & Nevena Senior
 Susan Stockdale & Fiona Brown

LADY MILNE TRIALS

Pos		XIMPS
1	Jane Moore & Gillian Fawcett	108.59
2	Catherine Jagger & Catherine Seale	104.11
3	Fiona Brown & Susan Stockdale	93.64
4	Susanna Gross & Sally Brock	66.56
5	Chris Duckworth & Nicole Cook	60.37
6	Nevena Senior & Sandra Penfold	40.82
7	Sarah Teshome & Alice Kaye	35.16
8	Carole Kelly & Sandy Davies	2.97
9	Heather Dhondy & Jill Feldman	-1.23
10	Heather Bakhshi & Laura Macdougall	-3.68
11	Muriel Bailey & Valerie Benson	-10.11
12	Ruth Henig & Pauline Cohen	-10.7
13	Helen Erichsen & Margaret James	-13.08
14	Sarah Dunn & Fiona Hutchison	-14.23
15	Rhona Goldenfield & Michelle Brunner	-17.44
16	Kath Nelson & Tracy Capal	-54.79
17	Gitte Hecht-Johansson & Terry Hewett	-92.27
18	Chantal Girardin & Stefanie Rohan	-93.8
19	Carrie Oliver & Laura Perryman	-97.98
20	Audrey Hartley & Maxine Etkin	-145.25

England:

Jane Moore & Gillian Fawcett
Catherine Jagger & Catherine Seale
Susan Stockdale & Fiona Brown
NPC: Jeremy Dhondy
Asst NPC: Richard Bowdery
Reserves: Sally Brock & Susanna Gross

EBU:

Sally Brock & Susanna Gross
Chris Duckworth & Nicole Cook
Nevena Senior & Sandra Penfold
NPC: Simon Cope
Reserves: Sarah Teshome & Alice Kaye

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS – Ostend, 22nd June – 3rd July

Open:

David Gold & Tom Townsend
Nick Sandqvist & Andrew McIntosh
Jason & Justin Hackett
NPC: Jeremy Dhondy
Coach: Simon Cope

Women:

Heather Dhondy & Nevena Senior
Nicola Smith & Sally Brock
Susan Stockdale & Fiona Brown
Reserves: Catherine Jagger & Sarah Teshome
NPC: Richard Bowdery
Coach: David Burn

Seniors:

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

SENIORS CAMROSE TROPHY – Scotland, 28th – 30th May

Denis O'Donovan & John Short
Patrick Collins & Malcolm Lewis
Gunnar Hallberg & John Holland