



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL, LONDON, ON MONDAY 6TH JUNE 2011.**

Present: Heather Dhondy (Chairman)
Max Bavin (EBU Chief TD)
Peter Baxter
David Burn
Gerard Faulkner (EBU Vice-President)
Paul Hackett
Sandra Claridge (Secretary)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Sally Brock, Sally Bugden (EBU Chairman) Simon Cochemé (Vice-Chairman) Andrew Petrie (EBU Vice-Chairman) and Tom Townsend.

The Chairman, Vice-President and Committee expressed concern about the non-attendance of so many members of the Committee.

2 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9TH MARCH 2011

2.1 Accuracy

The minutes were signed as a true record.

2.2 Matters arising

2.2.1 Future format of Gold Cup Finals and Spring Foursomes

It was reported that the format of the Gold Cup Finals had been discussed at the recent Bridge Great Britain meeting, and it was agreed to poll players who had reached the final stages on a change to 16-board sets, and the introduction of screens. Max Bavin pointed out the number of boards per hour with screens would be reduced to seven, but with a reduction in scoring breaks the overall playing schedule would not be significantly affected.

It was noted that the EBU Tournament Committee would be discussing a possible change to the format of the Spring Fours Finals at its meeting in July.

2.2.2 Pro-Am event

David Burn reported that he had spoken to a number of clubs in London, and the Athenaeum Club would be happy to host a one-session event, preferably on a weekday. It was agreed that David Burn and Simon Cochemé would pursue the matter, and that the format would be determined when it was known how many pairs would be involved.

2.2.3 Events in Sweden and the Netherlands

Paul Hackett reported that there are no Trials in Sweden, and that the Swedish teams are selected by one person. The Netherlands had pointed out that some years ago there was an annual friendly event with England for Open, Ladies, Juniors, Officials, County and Club teams, which had been discontinued by England. They were open to the idea of having a joint initiative in the future, but if the matter were to be pursued, the EBU would be asked to share the costs, and stage the inaugural event.

2.2.4 Swedish Chairman's Cup

In answer to a question from Gerard Faulkner as to whether an additional England team had been invited on a free-entry basis, the Chairman said that a place was available, but due to a clash with the USA Nationals, it hadn't been possible to find sufficient players to take up the offer.

2.2.5 Budget for 2012 Home Camrose

The Chairman reported that whilst the staging of the Camrose was included in the Committee's budget, it had no control over the expenditure involved. The Chairman agreed to raise the matter with the Board.

It was agreed that, as for last season, the NPC would be funded for the two Camrose matches, and that if savings were made on the budget there might be a contribution for the winners of the Premier League. However, the Conditions of Contest for the Premier League would indicate that participation would be on a self-funding basis.

2.2.6 2012 Olympiad

Paul Hackett said that there were, as yet, no concrete proposals for the Olympiad, and there was a strong possibility that it would be delayed for a year.

2.2.7 Junior Squads Standard System

Peter Baxter asked whether the proposed Standard System would be made available to all junior players. The Chairman said that a standard system, which was common in Europe, was intended to give squad members a good grounding, and make them more interchangeable. The proposal would be put to the Squad Managers after the Junior European Championships, and if approved, the system would be produced by David Burn and Simon Cope. The Committee would decide on circulation and availability.

2.2.8 Policy on life partners attending Championships

Gerard Faulkner suggested that the wording of Minute 4.1 be amended to "However, if you wish to be accompanied you are instructed to contact the NPC and the Secretary of the Selection Committee to seek formal approval." It was agreed that any failure to do so should be included in the NPC' report.

3 FINANCE

The Chairman reported that the Committee's budgets to 31st March 2012 tabled at the last meeting had been approved by the Board, the Junior budget being reduced by one-third on the 2011 figure. The accounts to 31st March 2011 were currently being audited, and it was anticipated that savings had been made on both the Committee and Junior budgets. It would be requested that the funds raised be carried over to the current year. Gerard Faulkner stressed that proceeds from events run in support of England teams must be ring-fenced.

4 OPEN EVENTS

4.1 Bonn Nations Cup

It was noted that the team had recovered from a poor start to finish 11th in the Bonn Nations, and had achieved third place in a very strong field in the German Teams Championship. Tom Townsend was thanked for his report. Details are contained in Appendix A.

4.2 Premier League

The Secretary reported an entry of 16 teams. Only four teams qualified by right for the first division in 2012, and the Vice-Chairman had polled eligible voting members of the Committee to determine the remaining four places. The composition of the divisions was agreed as follows:

DIVISION 1

Alexander Allfrey	Andrew Robson, Tony Forrester, David Gold, Peter Crouch, Derek Patterson
Janet de Botton	Nick Sandqvist, Fredrik Bjornlund, Artur Malinowski, Glyn Liggins, Joe Fawcett
Jeremy Dhondy	Alan Kay, Heather Dhondy, Brian Callaghan
Paul Fegarty	Catherine Curtis, David Kendrick, Jonathan Mestel, Catherine Jagger, Sarah Teshome
Paul Hackett	Tony Waterlow, Michelle Brunner, John Holland, David Price, Colin Simpson
Frances Hinden	Jeffery Allerton, Graham Osborne, Chris Jagger, Ian Pagan
Neil Rosen	Martin Jones, Michael Byrne, Duncan Happer, Andrew McIntosh, Graeme Robertson
Bernard Teltscher	Victor Silverstone, Espen Erichsen, Norman Selway, Tom Townsend, David Bakhshi

DIVISION 2

Mike Bell	Simon Creasey, Susan Stockdale, Bryony Youngs, Paul & Alex Gipson
Richard Bowdery	Richard Johnson, Richard Palmer, Richard Davey, Ian Draper, Jeremy Willans
Gad Chadha	Roger Mapp, Debbie Sandford, Martin Garvey
Simon Cope	Andrew Murphy, Andy Bowles, John Howard, Chris Cooper, Dan McIntosh
David Ewart	Gunnar Hallberg, Jason & Justin Hackett, Cameron Small, Phil King
Sandra Penfold	Brian Senior, Nevena Senior, David Burn
Malcolm Pryor	David Muller, Richard Butland, John Reardon
Alex Roberts	Basil Letts, David Williams, James Paul, Shivah Shah, Tom Rainforth

It was agreed that on 24th/25th September the second division would play at Richmond Bridge Club and the first division at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club.

It was also agreed that the first sentence of section 10.1 of the Conditions of Contest would be amended to read "To be a qualified player for the purposes of automatic Camrose selection or the title of Premier League or Division champion, the player must play at least 10 of the 21 stanzas (or 50%, rounded down in the case of a fraction, in the event that there are greater or fewer than 21 stanzas), but subject to the provisions in 10.4."

5 WOMENS EVENTS

5.1 Lady Milne Trophy

The team was congratulated on its success, and the results are contained in Appendix A. The NPC was thanked for his report, and the players for their reports.

The Secretary reported that at its April meeting, the Bridge Great Britain Committee had agreed that in future, ties for a trophy would be split.

5.2 Lady Milne Trials 2012

Applications would be invited for the Lady Milne Trial to be held on 13th/15th January 2012 at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club. The closing date for entries would be 31st October 2011.

5.3 Chinese invitation events

It was noted that the England Venice Cup team would be playing in an invitation event in China in September, and a further event in China in December organised by Sport Accord, incorporating other Mind Sports. Both events would be on a self-funding basis. Gerard Faulkner kindly offered to examine the player's contract for the Sport Accord event.

6 SENIORS EVENTS

6.1 Seniors Camrose

The results are contained in Appendix A. Paul Hackett reported on a very successful and enjoyable event. The Secretary reported that the 2012 Seniors Camrose will be hosted by Scotland.

6.2 Seniors Camrose Trial

Applications will be invited for the Seniors Camrose Trial on 17th-18th December at the Young Chelsea Bridge Club and the closing date for entries will be 31st October.

6.3 Seniors Trial for the 2012 European Championships

It was confirmed that the team captained by Paul Hackett is exempted to the Final Trial. Applications will be invited for teams to challenge the Hackett team, with a closing date of 30th September. Should more than one team apply, there will be a play-off on 19th-20th November on a format to be devised by the Chairman and Max Bavin. The challenge match will be played in January 2012. It was agreed that the team qualifying to play the Hackett team in the Final Trial be allowed to add players to their team, up to a maximum of six players in the team, and that these could include players from other losing teams.

7 JUNIOR EVENTS

7.1 White House Tournament

The results are contained in Appendix A, and the NPCs were thanked for their reports.

The U25 team's accommodation problems were discussed, and it was agreed that in future an invitation would only be accepted if received in sufficient time, and if suitable accommodation could be guaranteed.

7.2 Teams for the Junior European Championships

The Chairman reported that all the players had accepted the invitation. Details of the teams are contained in Appendix A.

7.3 Succession planning of Squad Managers

It was agreed that this be deferred until necessary.

8 MONITORING OF PLAYERS' PERFORMANCES

David Burn reported that the system incorporating comprehensive data, would be available shortly.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was fixed for Wednesday 16th November at 1.00 p.m. in the Fountain Room, Imperial Hotel, London.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Paul Hackett said that an invitation had been received on a part-funded basis for an event in Turkey on 22nd September. It was noted, however, that the event clashed with the first weekend of the Premier League.

ACTION LIST

Item		Responsibility
2.2	Pro-Am Event	David Burn & Simon Cochemé,
2.2.8	Change to player Guidelines	Secretary
4.2	Amendment to CofC section 10.5	Secretary, Chairman, proof-readers, Max Bavin
	Booking of YCBC	Secretary
5.2	Lady Milne Trial announcement	Secretary
5.3	Examination of players' contract	Gerard Faulkner
6.2	Seniors Camrose Trial announcement	Secretary
6.3	European Seniors challenge announcement	Secretary

APPENDIX A – 6th June 2011

WHITE HOUSE JUNIOR INTERNATIONALS

Amsterdam, 19th – 26th March

Schools: Shivam Shah & Basil Letts
Ankush Khandelwar & Simon Spencer
Tommy Brass & Alex Roberts
NPC: Simon Cope

England position : 21st

Juniors: Ed Jones & Graeme Robertson
Dan McIntosh & Alice Kaye
NPC: David Gold

England position: 13th

LADY MILNE TROPHY

Northern Ireland, 15th – 17th April

	NI	NIBU	IRE	ENG	SCOT	WAL	TOTAL
N Ireland		20	12	0	9	21	62
NIBU	10		23	-1	12	10	54
Ireland	18	7		21	11	25	82
England	25	24	9		16	15	89
Scotland	21	18	19	14		17	89
Wales	9	20	4	15	13		61

England: Dinah Caplan & Lizzie Godfrey
Sally Brock & Susanna Gross
Alice Kaye & Bryony Youngs
NPC: Simon Cope

BONN NATIONS CUP

1ST & 2ND June – 16 teams

England: Bernard Teltscher , Victor Silverstone, David Gold, Tom Townsend and David Bakhshi

England position: 11th

GERMAN TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIP

England position: 3rd

SENIORS CAMROSE TROPHY

Oxford, 27th – 29th May

	RR1	WAL	NI	ENG	IRE	GB	SCO	RR2	TOTAL
Wales	63		20	14	25	17	23	99	162
N Ireland	83	10		17	14	18	15	74	157
England	72	16	13		18	14	22	83	155
Ireland	94	0	16	12		19	8	55	149
Gt Britain	76	13	12	16	11		13	65	141
Scotland	62	7	15	8	22	17		69	131

England: Paul Hackett & Roger O'Shea
 David Price & Colin Simpson
 Gunnar Hallberg & John Holland
 NPC: John Williams

JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Albena, Bulgaria – 13th – 23rd July

England U25: Graeme Robertson & Ed Jones
 Alice Kaye & Dan MacIntosh
 Dave Williams & Tom Rainforth
 NPC: David Gold
 Coach:: Simon Cope

England U20: Alex Roberts & Tommy Brass
 Shivam Shah & Basil Letts
 Ankush Khandelwar & Simon Spencer
 NPC: Michael Byrne
 Coach: Alan Shillitoe