



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE HELD**  
**ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 15TH 2012**  
**AT BAKER TILLY MANAGEMENT LTD., LONDON**

Present: Heather Dhondy (Chairman)  
Max Bavin (retiring EBU Chief TD)  
Andy Bowles  
Sally Bugden (EBU Chairman)  
Simon Cochemé (Vice-Chairman)  
Gerard Faulkner (EBU Vice-President)  
Paul Hackett  
Dawn Mertens (Secretary)  
Gordon Rainsford (EBU Chief TD)  
Nick Smith  
Tom Townsend

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from David Burn and Jeremy Dhondy (EBU Vice-Chairman)

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2012/13**

Heather Dhondy was proposed by Sally Bugden, seconded by Paul Hackett and duly re-elected

**3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR THE YEAR 2012/13**

Simon Cochemé was proposed by Paul Hackett, seconded by Sally Bugden and duly re-elected

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2012**

4.1 Accuracy

Gold Cup – It had been agreed with BGB that screens would be used for the finals.

4.2. Matters arising

2.2.5 Under 20's system – this is still work in progress

2.2.6 Proposed match against the Netherlands – Paul Hackett stated it had not been possible to arrange a match

2.2.7 Premier League questionnaire – the idea for variable fees had been withdrawn

4 CRB clearance – David Gold has up to date CRB clearance

5.1 Players reports from Camrose –NPCs (and players) had been reminded by the Secretary and reports received had been circulated between Selection Committee meetings.

8.4 Under 20 squad training budget –the expenditure for juniors had come in-under budget for the year ending March 2012.

8.5 Under 25 honorarium – this had been actioned.

**5. REVIEW OF DECISIONS TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS**

5.1 Champions Cup

As a result of finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in Dublin England were invited to participate in the Champions Cup in Eilat, Israel 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November 2012. The Allfrey team were unable to field a team and Hinden & Osborne with Burn & Sandqvist were selected on 26.09.12. Funding of £600 per player was agreed.

5.2 Women's team selection – Bali

Following the wonderful performances in Dublin and Lille, the Selection Committee (less Heather Dhondy as an interested party) selected the same three pairs, and the same NPC and coach, for the Venice Cup in Bali in September 2013. The decisions were made on 24.08.12 and 04.09.12 respectively.

### 5.3 Lady Milne Trials

The committee considered changing the practice of selecting the first three pairs for the Lady Milne team. After discussion they agreed on 30.07.12 to carry on with the same format as this year.

### 5.4 Junior Selections

Following David Gold's recommendation, the U25 team of:

**Basil Letts & Shivam Shah**

**Rob Myers & James Thrower**

**Tom Paske & Graeme Robertson**

were selected for the Junior Channel Trophy 2012 on 05.09.12

## 6. FINANCES

6.1 Report from Vice-Chairman on Open/Women's/Seniors budgets to date and forecast  
Simon Cochemé was thanked for his report on the 2012/13 budget to date, which showed that the Europeans and Olympiad were both under budget and that monies were still available for squad training. There was an additional expense for the Champions Cup which had not been budgeted for.

6.2 Report from Tom Townsend on Junior budgets to date and forecast  
Tom Townsend reported verbally on the Junior budgets. In general we do not have sufficient funding for all the activities we would wish for. Monies saved from not sending a Girls team to the 2011 Europeans had been used to send two teams to the 2012 White House, tickets for the U20s World Championships in Tai Cang had come in over budget and there is a possibility of going over budget on squad training weekends. However it was felt that these training weekends were of tremendous value to our players, relative to cost. Tom was unsure about funding to send teams to the White House in 2013 and also to the new event proposed by the French Bridge Federation in Paris in November. Paul Hackett reported however that the invitation to Paris for two teams included basic expenses. It was noted that both the British Educational Trust and the EBU Youth and Education Trust had declined to fund our players entering the European Junior Pairs this summer.

## 7. COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

7.1 Committee responsibilities for the year

Committee members were given the following responsibilities:

Finance: Open/Women's/Seniors - Simon Cochemé, Juniors - Tom Townsend

Youth Co-Ordinators: Under 20's/Under 25's - Tom Townsend, Girls - Paul Hackett

Website & Blog: Simon Cochemé

Scheduling of events: Paul Hackett

Proof reading: David Burn, Andy Bowles

Player Database: Andy Bowles

Fundraising SIMs: Nick Smith

BBO for Premier League/Lady Milne Trials: Premier League Simon Cochemé, Lady Milne Simon Cochemé, Tom Townsend.

## 8. OPEN EVENTS

8.1 NPC and Players reports from Dublin

The Committee thanked David Bakhshi and Tom Townsend for being last minute replacements when Alexander Allfrey and Andrew Robson had to withdraw from the event and Simon Cope for his handling of the situation and his report.

It was agreed in future that for Invitational events where there is no NPC appointed one of the players should be asked to complete a report.

8.2 NPC and Players reports from Lille

Patrick Collins was thanked for his report. A common theme from all the NPC's reports was the poor organisation, and also the scheduling and number of Women's matches at both Dublin and Lille. Sally Bugden reported that she spoken to the EBL and IMSA in this regard. It was agreed that the Chairman should write with constructive comments to EBL/IMSA/WBF.

8.3 Premier League Results

The committee congratulated the Hinden team on winning the Premier League. (The results are appended to these Minutes). As a result of winning the Hinden team would be invited to participate in the Champions Cup in 2013 – however as yet no dates are known and there can be no guarantee of

any funding at this stage. It should be noted that this event is for the winners of our national competition only i.e. either the Premier League or Crockfords.

#### 8.4 Selection of team for January and March Camrose

Selection for Camrose 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend  
**Frances Hinden & Graham Osborne**  
**Jeffrey Allerton & Chris Jagger**  
**Colin Simpson & David Price**

Selection for Camrose 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend  
**Alexander Allfrey & Andrew Robson**  
**Tony Forrester & David Gold**  
**Peter Crouch & Derek Patterson**

*(secretary's note: Tom Townsend & David Bakhshi replace Crouch & Patterson who were originally invited and declined\*)*

It was agreed part funding of £250 per player would be available for each of the weekends.

#### 8.5 Selection of reserves and NPC for January and March Camrose

After consultation with the teams, David Burn and Simon Cope were selected as NPCs for the first and second weekend respectively. Justin and Jason Hackett were selected as reserves for the first weekend.

*\*Tom Townsend and David Bakhshi were selected as reserves for the second Camrose weekend while Tom Townsend was out of the room during item 8.7 below.*

*(Secretary's Note: Justin and Jason Hackett subsequently declined the invitation and David Ewart and Gunnar Hallberg and Cameron Small and Phil King were selected for first and second weekends respectively).*

#### 8.6 Review of format for next years Premier League

It was agreed that the Chairman would draft three alternatives to be circulated to this year's participants. There was a request that statistics be produced combining both divisions and X IMP weight by opponent, Gordon Rainsford said that this could be done after the event but not during.

#### 8.7 Selection of Open Team and reserves for Bali

*(Tom Townsend and Paul Hackett left the room for this item.)*

The team for the Bermuda Bowl, Bali 16-30 September 2013 was selected as follows:

**Alexander Allfrey & Andrew Robson**  
**Tony Forrester & David Gold**  
**Tom Townsend & David Bakhshi**  
Reserves: Justin & Jason Hackett

*(Secretary's note: Justin and Jason Hackett subsequently declined)*

#### 8.8 Selection of NPC and Coach for Open Team for Bali

After consultation with the teams, Simon Cope and Ben Green were selected as NPC and coach.

### 9. WOMEN'S EVENTS

#### 9.1 NPC and Players reports from Dublin

The Committee congratulated the team on their result and thanked Jeremy Dhondy for his report.

#### 9.2 NPC and Players reports from Lille

The Committee congratulated the team on their result and thanked Jeremy Dhondy for his report.

#### 9.3 Selection of reserves for Bali

It was agreed that no reserve pair would be selected.

#### 9.4 Preparation of Team

NPC (also of Open team when appointed) to prepare an action plan after consulting with each pair regarding their preparations for Bali. The Chairman to liaise with the EBU Treasurer regarding funding which is available on request for practice matches, sports psychologist, or any other training.

#### 9.5 Lady Milne Trophy trialists and Trial format

An entry of 19 pairs (9½ tables) with a further pair wishing to enter after closing date. The format will be 19 x 6-board matches (a six-board sit out)- 114 boards in total. Gordon Rainsford to update the Conditions of Contest. In future the website should stipulate that application does not guarantee acceptance.

### 10. SENIORS EVENTS

#### 10.1 NPC and Players reports from Dublin

The Committee thanked Simon Cochemé for his report from Dublin.

#### 10.2 NPC and Players reports from Lille

The Committee thanked Simon Cochemé for his report from Lille

#### 10.3 Seniors Camrose trialists and Trial format

Screens will be used this year and Darren Evetts is going to organise BBO and has requested that players send him convention cards. The format will be 7 x 16-board matches. In view of the larger than anticipated number of entrants this year it was felt that in future there should be an option to extend the trial to three days. Trials will be needed next year for both Seniors Camrose and for the European Teams. Paul Hackett was asked to reserve three weekends, and a decision as to the format of such trials was deferred to a later date.

### 11. JUNIOR EVENTS

#### 11.1 NPC report from Michael Byrne from Tai Cang

The Committee thanked Michael Byrne for his report. The team's performance in reaching the quarter-finals (losing a tough match to the Polish gold medallists) was commended, but frustration was expressed that the new WBF regulations prevented us from fielding the team that qualified from the 2011 European.

#### 11.2 Channel Trophy and Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer plans

Arrangements are ongoing for the Junior Channel Trophy, which will be held again at Rosebery Hall, part of the London School of Economics and the Junior Camrose/Peggy Bayer, which will be held again at Chancellors, Manchester.

#### 11.3 Selection of teams and NPC's for Channel Trophy (Under 20's and Girls)

Following recommendations from Michael Byrne the following U20 team was selected:

**Freddie Illingworth & Chris Huber**  
**Toby Nonnenmacher & Michael Alishaw**  
**Chris Derrick & Will Roper**  
**NPC Michael Byrne**

No reserves selected, individual players will be replaced should any problems arise

The following Girls team was selected:

**Sarah O'Connor & Sinead Bird**  
**Kirstyn Fuller & Laura Bonney**  
**Katy Lee & Alice M Kaye**  
**NPC Alan Shillitoe**

It was noted that two of the pairs had entered for the Lady Milne Trials, the third pair being unable to play due to university commitments.

#### 11.4 Selection of teams and NPC's for Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer

Selection deferred until after the next squad training weekend.

*(Secretary's Note: Junior Camrose team subsequently selected:*

*Tom Paske & Graeme Robertson*  
*Shivam Shah & Basil Letts*  
*Dan McIntosh & Sarah O'Connor)*

11.5 Invitation for new Junior event in Paris, October 2013

As previously minuted (6.2) dates have yet to be finalised

11.6 Selection of teams and NPC's for White House, Amsterdam

The Chairman to contact Kees Tammens to enquire if the invitation is for one or two teams.

*(Secretary's Note: An Under 25 team only subsequently selected:*

*Tom Paske & Graeme Robertson*

*Rob Myers & James Thrower)*

## **12. DATES FOR NEXT SEASON**

12.1 Proposed dates

The dates for the 2013 Champions Cup and the Paris Junior event are still unknown at this stage.

The proposed dates for next year are as follows:-

Premier League: 12/13 October

26/27 October

8-10 November

Reserve date: 19/20 October

(This has been amended from 4/6 October, but may mean three consecutive weekends)

Senior Trials 13-15 December

(amended from 2 to 3 days due to larger entry this year)

Lady Milne Trials 24-26 January

*(Secretary's note: Paris Junior event confirmed as 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> November and the Gold Cup takes place on the proposed date for the Seniors Camrose trials – dates will need to be further reviewed*

*Premier League Dates subsequently amended:*

*5/6 October*

*12/13 October*

*8/9/10 November)*

## **13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Meeting to be held at Baker Tilly Management Offices, 2 Bloomsbury Street London

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 12.30

## **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

14.1 Simultaneous Pairs update

After discussion of Nick Smith's paper it was agreed that the Secretary would write to players requesting their permission to pass email addresses on to members of Selection Committee. In future Premier League Conditions of Contest should ask if there are any objections to this.

14.2 New VP scale

New scale will be used in all international events from next year, it was therefore agreed it be used for the Premier League in 2013. The scale to be published in the new Conditions of Contest.

14.3 International invitations

It was agreed a member of the committee be appointed responsible for invitational invitations. events, Andy Bowles agreed to take this additional task on.

14.3 Player database.

It was agreed that the database should be made available to Selection Committee electronically.

14.4 BBO Commentator

Complaints had been received about a certain BBO commentator. The Chairman undertook to write to him.

#### 14.5 Team Uniforms

It was noted that some discussions had taken place with Pharon with regard to a possible contract including the provision of team uniforms. These discussions were being handled by the EBU Board.

#### **Action List**

8.2	Write to EBL/WBF/IMSA	Heather Dhondy
8.3	Issue invitation to selected team	Secretary
8.4	Issue invitations to selected pairs	Secretary
8.6	Write to Premier League Captains	Heather Dhondy
8.7	Issue invitations to selected pairs	Secretary
8.7	Write to pair not selected	Heather Dhondy
9.3	Preparation plan	Jeremy Dhondy & Open NPC (when selected)
9.5	Conditions of Contest	Gordon Rainsford
10.3	Conditions of Contest	Gordon Rainsford
11.3	Issue invitations to selected players	Secretary
11.6	Write to Kees Tammens re White House invite	Heather Dhondy
14.4	Write to BBO commentator	Heather Dhondy

## Premier League Results

### Division A

Rank	Team	Names [RANKS]	VPs
1	2	HINDEN Frances Hinden, Graham Osborne, Jeffrey Allerton, Chris Jagger	123
2	4	ALLFREY Tony Forrester, David Gold, Alexander Allfrey, Andrew Robson Derek Patterson, Peter Crouch	118
3	1	EWART Cameron Small, Phil King, Jason Hackett, Justin Hackett David Ewart, Gunnar Hallberg	112
4	8	MOSSOP Andrew McIntosh, David Mossop, David Bakhshi, Tom Townsend David Price, Colin Simpson	111
5	3	FEGARTY Jonathan Mestel, David Kendrick, Catherine Curtis, Paul Fegarty Jon Cooke	106
6	5	DE BOTTON Norman Selway, Espen Erichsen, Janet De Botton, Artur Malinowski Nick Sandqvist, David Burn	96
7	7	SINCLAIR Ben Green, John Holland, Anita Sinclair, Fredrik Bjornlund Joe Fawcett, Glyn Liggins	87
8	6	COPE Dan McIntosh, Chris Cooper, Andrew Murphy, Simon Cope John Howard, Andy Bowles	80

### Division B

Rank	Team	Names [RANKS]	VPs
1	1	ROSEN Neil Rosen, Martin Jones, Michael Byrne, Duncan Happer Ed Jones	146
2	6	PENFOLD Sandra Penfold, Brian Senior, Nevena Senior, Alex Hydes	144
3	2	BELL Mike Bell, Simon Creasey, Paul Gipson, Alex Gipson	118
4	8	DHONDY Jeremy Dhondy, Alan Kay, Heather Dhondy, Brian Callaghan	115
5	4	BOWDERY Richard Bowdery, Steve Root, Ian Draper, Jeremy Willans Andrew Southwell, Ian Lancaster	96
6	5	PRYOR Malcolm Pryor, Marc Smith, Malcolm Lewis, Steve Auchterlonie Alan Wilson, Nick Smith	93
7	7	SEALE Catherine Seale, Anne Rosen, Ian Pagan, Lyn Fry, Tom Paske	84
8	3	HARRIS Jonathan Harris, Steve Capal, Barry Murray, Martin Pope Andrew Sobell, Jill Feldman	26