



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EBU SELECTION COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE YOUNG CHELSEA BRIDGE CLUB,
54 GOLDHAWK ROAD, LONDON W12 8HA
ON THURSDAY 13TH JUNE 2019 COMMENCING AT 1.00 PM**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from David Burn
David Bakhshi for late arrival.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 28TH FEBRUARY 2019

2.1 Accuracy

GF confirmed that it was unlikely that the European Mixed teams would be at the same time as the other European events. Subsequent note: This is now in doubt and hopefully will be resolved during the World Championships

2.2 Matters arising

JD It was noted that the Mixed Trials information on the EBU website should be updated to include that it is provisional.

JD mentioned the committee should work on setting dates as soon as possible for the Premier League 2021 due to requests from several counties.

JD suggested that an email be sent to all counties explaining the process for arranging trial dates. Sam Kelly to send the email. **Action Sam**

3. REVIEW OF DECISIONS TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS

The committee discussed the promotion of Bridge England sim pairs for the upcoming year.

The EBU may also send emails to all remaining clubs that did not participate in this year's junior events, in the hope that this would encourage them to join next year. **Action Sam**.

It was noted that the EBU calendar is currently showing incorrect information for the Sim Pairs event. GR will ensure this is updated accordingly. **Action GR**

4. FINANCES

4.1 2018/2019 forecasts and 2019/20 budgets

The budget for the 2019/20 was discussed. The majority of budgets are to be reduced compared to previous years. This includes international spending but excludes World Championship qualifying events.

The one budget to benefit from an increase in funding is the Trials Income – Open (Premier League), in 2019/20 the income should rise from £15.8k to £19.3k

It was agreed with GF The other budgets will reduce as follows:

Trials Income – Open (Premier League) increase 2019/20 budget from 15.8 to 19.3

Squad training – Open reduce from 0.8 to 0.5

Squad training – Women reduce from 0.8 to 0.5

Other Overseas Invitations: reduce from 2.6 to 1.7

For the JUNIOR INTERNATIONALS:

Whitehouse (Netherlands) reduce from 5.4 to 2.7

Honoraria – reduce from 6.0 to 4.0
Squad training – U16 reduce from 2.3 to 2.2
Squad training – U21 reduce from 3.5 to 3.4
Squad training – U26&U26 Women reduce from 4 to 3.9

4.2 Future budgets and fundraising

It was raised to focus on getting more Junior International corporate sponsorship.

Other ideas for fundraising were discussed, including an enhanced level of membership that entitled members to more contact with international players, and additional benefits, but these ideas need further development.

5. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The SC was reminded of the Committee Code and the need for discretion and respect of confidentiality.

5.1 Col register

All SC member need to update the conflict of interest register. **Action: All committee members**

5.2 Arranging invitational matches

A discussion was held regarding conflicts of interest of SC members when trying to arrange invitational matches. In general, invitations are to the current international team and there may only be an issue if a substitute has to be found, and that in turn needs to be agreed by the inviting organisation. Sometimes these invitations need prompt responses, so have to be dealt with outside of the committee.

5.3 Access to information/debate

It was agreed that squad leader reports would be circulated to all SC members, regardless of whether their children were in the squad. It was agreed that captains reports for other international teams would not be shared with members of that team or their close relatives.

6. TRIALS

5.1 Dates for 2020 +

The counties were keen for us to publish trial dates as soon as possible. JD would try to put forward a plan for 2020/21. **Action JD**

5.2 Conditions of Contest

It was decided that Alan Mould will update the general Conditions of Contest and would write the specific CoC for the upcoming trials. **Action AM**

7. OPEN EVENTS

6.1 Premier League 2019

The SC decided on teams for the PL divisions, which will be published on the website. MB declared a conflict for Div 1 because of the possible selection of Sarah Bell's team. It was agreed that no other members of the SC members had a Col in relation to the first division, so that was decided by the committee. The second division was decided with PB, MB, JW and AM recused from the meeting.

6.2 Captain's reports for Camrose 2nd weekend

The team captain, Chris Dixon, was thanked for his report on the match and the performance of the players involved.

6.3 Preparation for Bermuda Bowl

Some of the team had participated in a practice match with the Dutch. Nothing further to report.

8. WOMEN'S EVENTS

7.1 Selection of reserves for Venice Cup

A discussion was had around the selection of reserves for the Venice Cup. It was decided that we would not select a reserve pair.

7.2 Preparation for Venice Cup

The team have played in the IMSA world masters.

9. SENIORS EVENTS

Nothing to report

10. MIXED EVENTS

Nothing to report

11. JUNIOR EVENTS

11.1 NPC reports for Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer.

The NPCs were thanked for their reports on the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer events and the performance of the players involved.

11.2 Preparation for Junior Europeans

It was decided that two teams would play at the Swedish Chairman's Cup and that we would fund accommodation for one team (the Swedish have offered one team free accommodation).

12. SELECTION GENERALLY

12.1 Procedures for selection of NPCs and Coaches for International Events.

No further update.

12.2 Guidelines for NPCs and Coaches.

AM will revise the coach's guidelines. **Action AM**

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Oscar Selby was nominated for Young Player of the Year award.

Ben Norton and Shahzaad Natt were nominated for Young Pair of the Year award.

The closing date for the European Open Trials of 5th September should be clearly published.

Entry fees were agreed as £150 per person for the first stage a pair played in, and a further £75 if they played in one or more subsequent stages.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed in principle to move the date of the first meeting after the AGM to December rather than wait until January. TBC..