



**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF SELECTION COMMITTEE
HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
ON WEDNESDAY 16th DECEMBER 2020, COMMENCING AT 11.00 AM**

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ian Payn apologised for being late

2. WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Claire Robinson was welcomed to the Selection Committee

3. ELECTION OF THE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2021 (CB IN CHAIR FOR THIS ITEM)

Alan Mould was re-elected unopposed, proposed by Paul Barden and seconded by Jeremy Willans

4. ELECTION OF THE VICE CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2020

Jeremy Willans was re-elected unopposed, proposed by Gillian Fawcett and seconded by David Bakhshi.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9th NOVEMBER 2020

5.1 Accuracy

The minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.

5.2. Matters Arising and Actions which are not agenda items

Ian Payn arrived

The Selection Committee began to discuss officials

Open Team: The SC proposed to offer Paul Barden NPC and Andrew Murphy as Coach

Women's Team: The SC proposed to delay this decision and offer David Burn a position as Coach. Claire nominated herself as an option for a potential NPC, the SC determined to discuss this outside the meeting.

Senior Team: The SC proposed to invite the senior's team to suggest any officials they wished.

Mixed Team: The mixed team had previously suggested that they would wish the team to captain themselves and asked if David Burn could be available to be called upon in the case of an appeal. DALB agreed to do this.

The same positions would be offered for the world championships in Salsomaggiore should the respective team be successful.

Re 9:

Action: Paul Barden, Michael Byrne, Giorgio Provenza, David Bakhshi and Sally Brock to discuss the issue and report back to the next meeting.

The SC determined to allow for an 18 month year this year to begin a seasonal proposal to consider when a year should end. The SC resolved to ask the Squad Leaders their opinions on different number of awards and what categories they should be awarded for, and when a "season" should end.

6. REVIEW OF DECISIONS TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS

Communication was received from the 2021 European mixed and senior teams that the mixed team wished to add Norman Selway from the senior team and the senior team therefore wanted to replace Norman Selway with Alan Mould. The Committee agreed to these changes. AM and GF were recused from these decisions

After receipt of an invitation from the Polish Bridge Federation to send two teams to a second virtual seniors event, the Committee posted on the website invitations for teams to apply. Two teams and one individual applied. The Committee thus determined to select:

- David Mossop – Gunnar Hallberg, Paul Hackett – Brian Senior, John Holland – Alan Mould
- Malcolm Pryor – David Kendrick, Trevor Ward – John Hassett, Alan Mayo – Rob Cliffe

The teams were to be informed that David Muller was available as a substitute if needed.

AM was recused from this decision.

BGB decided in early November to hold the 2021 Camrose online, and the 2021 Lady Milne and Teltscher Trophies online over the same weekend. As a result of these decisions by BGB:

- The Camrose Trail was determined to be a Pairs trial held on RealBridge on 11-13 December.
- The Teltscher Trial was determined to be a Pairs trial held on 18-20 December on RealBridge (AM was recused on the decision of the format of the trial).
- The Lady Milne Trial was determined to be a Pairs trial held on RealBridge on 5-7 February 2021.

The Committee has dealt with various correspondence from players clarifying the format and nature of the trials.

The Committee selected for the Channel Trophy:

U26 Open

Jonathan Clark -Kripa Panchagnula, Oliver Powell - Aaron Hutton, Eshan Singhal - Filippos Kritsalis, NPC: Shahzaad Natt

U26 Women

Hanna Tuus – Siyu Ren, Jasmine bakhshi – Imogen La Chapelle, Dido Coley – Kim Hudson

NPC: Sally Brock

U21 Open

Sam Anoyrkatis – Liz Gahan, Theo Anoyrkatis – Andy Cope, Daniel Winter – Liam Sanderson

NPC Michael Byrne. Reserve: Oscar Selby

U16 Open (first occasion in the Channel Trophy)

Jamie Fegarty – Thomas Gardner, Bjorn Ahl – James Cater, Venetia Anoyrkatis – Arphaela Sinclair, Lucy Norman – Charlotte Bedford

NPC: Giorgio Provenza

7. SELECTIONS FOR THE 2021 CAMROSE SERIES

The Committee received a lot of positive feedback from the players on the format of the trials. Other feedback from the event included various technical issues, and some players refusing to use cameras even when they could.

Action: The SC resolved unanimously that players cameras should be on at all times unless technical issues arose.

Action: Gordon Rainsford to ask BGB to amend or consider their CoC for RealBridge Camera usage.

A number of triallists had reported that Barry Myers could quite clearly be heard through Sally Brock's microphone during play. It was agreed the chair write to Brock-Myers pointing this out and seeking confirmation that they would resolve the issue before the Camrose.

Action: AM to write to Brock-Myers re sound issue.

A suggestion was received by the Committee to hold trials for the EBU (second) team for the Camrose when England hosts the Camrose. The Committee thought this was a good idea.

7.1 Camrose Weekend 1

The Committee selected

Michael Byrne – Kieran Dyke

Richard Hillman – Keith Bennett

John Atthey – Neil Rosen

Reserves: Ben Norton – Stefano Tommasini, alan Mould – John Holland

7.2 Camrose Weekend 2

The Committee selected

Cameron Small – Jon Cooke

Shahzaad Natt – Ian Pagan

Sally Brock – Barry Myers

Reserves: Ben Norton – Stefano Tommasini, alan Mould – John Holland

8. CHANGES TO SELECTION COMMITTEE POLICY FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE EBU BYE-LAWS CONCERNING DISCIPLINARY MATTERS AT THE 2020 EBU AGAM

8.1 Changes needed to the GCoC

The Committee agreed to alter paragraph 5.2 of the GCoC to reflect the changes to the disciplinary bye-laws agreed at the 2020 AGM

Action: AM to draft changes and then get agreement from the Committee

8.2 Any other changes

None deemed necessary.

9. SELECTION OF RESERVES FOR EVENTS

The Committee determined that it needed more flexibility in selection if a pair accepted an invitation to an event and then only one player in the pair subsequently dropped out. Specifically, that the Committee wished to allow that it might pick the remaining player with another suitable partner.

Action: AM to draft changes and then get agreement from the Committee

10. POLICY CONCERNING ENTRY TO TRIALS

For trials lasting longer than one stage, there will be no bar to open entry. Open Trials were voted to remain as open trials even for one stage.

11. ALLOCATION OF ROLES IN THE COMMITTEE

11.1 Junior Liaison

Claire Robinson was elected with support from Paul Barden in the role

- 11.2 Finance
Jeremy Willans was re-elected to oversee Finance
- 11.3 Calendar
Mike Bell was re-elected to oversee the calendar
- 11.4 Simultaneous Pairs
Paul Barden was re-elected to continue his hard work on the Simultaneous Pairs
- 11.5 Other
None needed at this point.

12. BUDGET

Nothing has changed here.

13. A.O.B.

Format of the Teltscher Trials were recommended as all play all but boards between 8-10 board matches.

It was agreed to ask the Camrose participants to adhere to Richard Fleet's System Cards revision requests.

The Chairman's Cup invite from Sweden was brought to the attention of the Selection Committee.

The closing date for the Lady Milne Trial was agreed as 5pm 1st February

GF raised that the Board had discussed whether it was reasonable to be sending teams to international events if clubs in England were still closed.

It was raised that the U26W squad is very small at the moment.

Action: CR to discuss with Sally Brock how to revitalise the U26W squad.

14. Date of Next Meeting

This would be discussed via email amongst the members