



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EBU SELECTION COMMITTEE
HELD ON 2ND JUNE 2020 USING "ZOOM" ONLINE

Present:

David Bakhshi	
Paul Barden	
Mike Bell	
David Burn	
Gillian Fawcett	
Alan Mould	Chair
Jeremy Willans	Vice Chair
Ian Payn	EBU Chair
Gordon Rainsford	EBU CEO
Charlie Bucknell	Secretary

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PB apologised for arriving late.

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2.1 Accuracy of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2.2 Matters arising which are not agenda items

No further matters arose.

3. REVIEW OF DECISIONS TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS

A decision about the Young Player Award was concluded.

ACTION CB: Determine how the Young Player Award is announced

4. FINANCE

Given the current climate, the EBL and WBF are both running events next year.. Ian gave a run down on the Board's position concerning the plan to go forward. The Board may struggle to promise financial support for teams in the coming years.

(PAUL BARDEN ARRIVED)

The Juniors would still take precedence for funding, as the Board determined that the Juniors should be the last to have funding withdrawn. It is unlikely to be feasible to fund two sets of events for the following year, the European Championships and the World Championship series.

The Selection Committee suggested presenting the previous year budget as drafts for this year in order to help acquire sponsorship.

ACTION: PB and CB to draft a document to provide for sponsors.

5. PREMIER LEAGUE DATES

The Selection Committee endeavoured to set strong provisional dates for future years with reserve dates and then creating a cycle. The dates would be set by a subgroup (MB, Nick Doe, GF).

The Young Chelsea has contacted the Committee to request bookings for the 2020 Premier League. The SC was not in a position to confirm whether the PL would run in 2020.

However, if it did run then the YC would be used. It was discussed if divisions should be played in different venues for financial sense. Spondon was also considered as an additional venue.

ACTION: GF to reply to the YC enquiry

6. JUNIOR LIAISON OFFICER JOB DESCRIPTION

The Selection Committee has determined the need for a Junior Liaison Officer, and approved the circulated document without amendment.

ACTION: CB to send document to PB and AM to send to squad leaders..

The Junior age categories set by WBF allow for those eligible this year to play in the following year, and the SC has agreed to stay with this.

ACTION: Charlie to find DoB list for Junior Squads

7. BOARD DOCUMENT "BEING AN EBU COMMITTEE MEMBER"

The document was seen and noted by the Selection Committee Members.

8. A.O.B.

2 The WBF has announced that the 2020 World Bridge Games have been cancelled. The next World Bridge Games will take place in 2022. It was discussed how best to deal with the difference in time between the previous cancelled event and the new event. The Selection Committee will make arrangements for any trials or selections for that event in due course. The SC resolved to offer the winners of the 2020 World Bridge Games Open Trial an International representative event within the next 12-18 months if that is feasible.

Meeting ended