



**Minutes for the meeting of the Selection Committee, held via Zoom  
commencing 4pm on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

Present: Paul Barden (PB) Chair  
David Bakhshi (DBa)  
David Burn (DBu)  
Ian Payn (IP)  
Claire Robinson (CR)  
Patrick Shields (PS)  
Jeremy Willans (JW)  
Alan Wilson (AW) Vice-Chair  
Gordon Rainsford (GR) EBU Chief Executive  
Sam Kelly (SK) Secretary

**1. Apologies for absence**

None

**2. Minutes of the meeting 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**2.1 Accuracy**

The minutes were approved

**2.2 Matters arising and actions with are not agenda items**

None

**3. Review of decisions taken between meetings**

PB circulated the short list of decisions taken between meetings. These included:

- The Final Mixed Trial being moved online
- Delegation of the decision of which teams to play in the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer to the Junior Liaison Officer
- Teltscher Trophy Trial to be held face-to-face
- Invites sent to the successful pairs from various trials to play in the corresponding teams
- Ewa Wieczorek & Charlie Bucknell were selected as reserve pairs for the Mixed Team in the European Championships, it was noted that this could affect the Women's Team. This selection will be reconsidered in April when further information will be available

**4. Matters from the Channel Trophy**

The Committee discussed two incidents at the Channel Trophy, and agreed measures to protect the good name of our teams.

## **5. NPCs**

The committee discussed and agreed to invite the following people as NPCs for the below events:

### **5.1 Lady Milne**

David Burn agreed to be NPC for the Lady Milne, he will ask for all system cards by 8<sup>th</sup> April

### **5.2 Teltscher Trophy**

Nick Smith will be invited to be NPC for the Teltscher Trophy

### **5.3 European Open**

The decision of NPC for the European Open will be deferred until after the Bermuda Bowl

### **5.4 European Women**

Paula Leslie will be invited to be NPC for the European Women's team

### **5.5 European Mixed**

The decision of NPC for the European Mixed will be deferred until further information is available

### **5.6 European Seniors**

Simon Cochemé will be invited to be NPC for the European Seniors team

## **6. Players and officials affected by Covid**

A member of the team due to play in the World Bridge Team Championships in Italy has reported a positive covid test. The Committee discussed the situation and possible ways forward. It was agreed that GR will contact the tournament officials and ask for their advice, it may be that the player can join the team later in the tournament and if a replacement team is possible. The Committee agreed on a replacement player. PB will contact her to offer her a place on the team. The committee will make further decisions following more information.

## **7. Reserves for the European Championships**

The Committee agreed on the following reserves for the European Championships:

Women's team reserves: Helen Erichsen & Fiona Brown

Open team reserves: David Bakhshi & Artur Malinowski

Seniors team reserves: Gary Hyett & John Holland

## **8. System Cards**

The issue of system cards not meeting the system card reviewer's standards was discussed. It was agreed that DBu will act as the EBU's system card reviewer for any England teams national events. He will require teams to submit their cards to him a fortnight before the deadline of the official submission date for review.

**9. The Internationals Budget**

It was agreed that discussions about the internationals budget should be conducted via email following the meeting. IP stated that the main point from the budget is that there is no longer an allocation of funds for the juniors' international teams. The only allocation of funds for these events will include entry fees and to cover costs for any NPCs. It was noted that it is likely significant donations will be needed.

**10. AOB**

There was a question of co-opting another member onto the Committee. It was agreed that this would be discussed via email following the meeting.

CR asked if the junior squad leaders could delay their nominations for the July Championships until after the Schapiro Spring Fours. The Committee agreed to this but also noted that the squad leaders should be informed of the change in funding as soon as possible.

GR informed the Committee that the EBU are this year eligible to play in the World University Bridge Championships. The Committee agreed that the winners of the Portland Bowl should be invited to attend.

CR asked if the Committee had any concerns about squad leaders paying some of their squad to play with them in events. The Committee said they saw no issues with this.

**11. Date and "venue" of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, face-to-face if possible.

Part of the agenda for the next meeting will include a review of the current cycle of trials.