



**Minutes for the meeting of the Selection Committee, held via Zoom  
commencing 1:00pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

Present: Paul Barden (PB) Chair  
David Burn (DBu)  
Ian Payn (IP)  
Claire Robinson (CR)  
Patrick Shields (PS)  
Jeremy Willans (JW)  
Abbey Smith (AS)  
Alan Wilson (AW) Vice-Chair  
Gordon Rainsford (GR) EBU Chief Executive  
Louise Crisp (LC) Secretary

**1. Apologies for absence**

David Bakhshi (DBa)

**2. Minutes of the meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June & 5<sup>th</sup> August**

**2.1 Accuracy**

Small changes made to previous minutes. Minutes are to be published two weeks after the draft copy is sent. A warning email is to be sent a couple of days before publication.

Decision: PB, PS & LC to discuss style of minutes.

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

PB & GR investigated Slack but have deemed it too expensive as the free version only gives limited access. PB suggested Zoho Cliq as an alternative by using the free version and upgrading if everyone is happy.

Actions: Selection Committee to look at Zoho Cliq (<https://www.zoho.com/cliq/>) and feedback their thoughts to PB.

Decision: PB & AW to look at player contracts.

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

PB circulated the below decisions taken between minutes:

- Oliver Cowan was appointed as U16 Squad Leader, following an conference call in which members of the Selection Committee were able to discuss our plans with him. Alan Shillitoe was appointed as U16 Squad Coach.
- Claire Robinson's nominated junior teams to play in the Premier League were approved.
- Nick Sandqvist's resignation as U26 Squad Leader was accepted, with the Committee thanks for his work.
- We advertised for a new U26 Squad Leader
- Michael Byrne, previously U21 Squad Leader, was appointed as U26 Squad Leader.
- We made an offer to a new U21 Squad Leader. (This may have been accepted by the time we meet).

Decision: The Selection Committee is happy with the decisions taken between meetings.

#### **4. Lady Milne & Teltscher Trophy Trials**

The Committee discussed the times that the Teltscher Trials should start.

Decision: Teltscher Trials should start at 2pm on Friday possibly later but not before 2pm and 10:45am or 11am on Saturday and Sunday and that these can be advertised as the default times for trials.

The Committee discussed the Lady Milne Trials. A large field is expected for the trial and depending on numbers a second weekend maybe needed. The Committee also discussed how confusing the web pages for the trials are with no updates made to the results and general conditions. The Committee suggested that an archive of previous general conditions should be kept.

Action: LC to email Young Chelsea to let them know we will be expecting more than eight tables for the Lady Milne so will needed extra room. GR to discuss with Sam Kelly about the Trials webpages.

#### **5. Junior Squad Leadership**

Michael Byrne has been appointed as U26 Squad Leader with Stephen Kennedy as a Coach. Ewa Wiczorek has been appointed as U21 Squad Leader and Oliver Cowan has been appointed U16 Squad Leader with Alan Shillitoe as a Coach.

The Committee discussed that the role of Coaches and training sessions. Michael Byrne has three training weekends in the diary but some dates clash with other events in the calendar.

Actions: PB to discuss coaching options with Ewa. PB & AW to attend the AGM.  
AS to make a mailing list which can be used to update Squad Leaders and Coaches.

Decision: The Committee agreed that a role of a Coach is to be unfunded, and the role would not be advertised as there is no specific job description as the role of the coach differs from squad to squad. Joint training sessions should be welcomed across the Junior Squads to help improve the players. Squad Leader to run training dates by AS so the Selection Committee can agree to them.

#### **6. Draft report on the experiences of women in the Junior Squads**

AS had prepared a report on the experiences of women in the Junior squads and drew out the highlights before the group discussed the implications. AS suggested a session with a Sports Psychologist may be a good idea but it was recognised that there is no budget for this.

Actions: DB to hold training sessions on how to carry out a post-mortem with all Squad Leaders. AS & GR are currently writing a proposal for Safeguarding. Once this is complete the Squad Leaders should be briefed.

## **7. Channel Trophy, Junior Camrose, and Peggy Bayer**

The Channel Trophy will be hosted by France this year. U26W, U26 & U21 expected team to be sent out. A discussion was had around the number of players to be sent out and funding for this.

Decision: The Channel Trophy will be self-funded, but a bursary fund will be in place to help those eligible. Expected cost is £300 per person. One official from each team will be funded.

Action: PB & AS to discuss with Squad Leaders to decide if they will send a squad of four or six to the Channel Trophy. Squad Leaders should inform the selected squad members that this will be self-funded, but a bursary fund will be in place to help those eligible. LC to book travel and accommodation as soon as teams are known.

Junior Camrose & Peggy Bayer- England are due to host this event. A discussion was had about where the event would be played online or F2F and which teams should be entered.

Decision: The EBU will pay the cost of hosting the events. Priority to be given to the U21 and U26 teams. Events will be held F2F unless COVID numbers dictate otherwise, and the hosts enter two teams per event unless a team drops out then it may drop to one team. GR discussed with Sandra Claridge if this happened would there be a possibility of having three teams instead, she confirmed she would have to check this with Liz McGowan.

Actions: PB to contact Oliver Cowan & Alan Shillitoe, if the U16 are ready to play in a trial, if they are they will be entered in the Peggy Bayer. All Squad Leaders to be consulted about the teams they wish to put forward for the Junior Camrose and the Peggy Bayer. GR to find venue for the Junior Camrose and Peggy Bayer to be played.

## **8. Junior Squad Sim Pairs**

Decision: PB stepping down as Editor. PS to take over. PB to forward relevant emails to PS.

Actions: Junior Squad Sim Pairs to be advertised at the AGM and junior squad members to be asked to contact their local club to ask them to hold the event.

## **9. Selection Methods**

The Selection Committee discussed the possibility of a mixed trial. Trial to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June if it has been confirmed that we have a place and only if the Selection Committee has been informed of this place before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023. If the Selection Committee is informed after this date, then a team will be selected. Players who played in Madeira will not automatically keep their place.

## **10. AOB**

Nothing

## **11. Date and “venue” of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 1:00pm on zoom.