



**Minutes for the meeting of the Selection Committee, held via Zoom  
commencing 11:30am on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 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  
Louise Crisp (LC) Secretary

**1. Apologies for absence**

Abbey Smith

**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:

- Replacement players due to Covid in the Venice Cup Team & Lady Milne Team
- Disciplinary sanctions imposed following the events at the Channel Trophy were upheld
- Abbey Smith joined the Selection Committee
- NPC and Coaches appointed to the Mixed, Open & Senior Teams at the European Championships
- Selections for the U26, U21, U16 and U26W Euro Teams approved
- Accepted with thanks an invitation to send a Junior Team to the Budapest Bridge Festival
- A team was selected for the Budapest Bridge Festival
- Resignation of Sally Brock as U26W Squad Leader. She was thanked for her long service
- Claire Robinson was appointed Acting U26W Squad Leader
- An advert was placed on the EBU website for a new U26W Squad Leader
- Accepted with thanks an invitation to send a Junior Team to the Chairman's Cup in Örebro, Sweden

- A team was selected for the Chairman's Cup in Örebro, Sweden

#### **4. EBU objectives for representative events**

The Committee discussed the rationale on the strategy they should take regarding representative events. The Objectives of the Selection Strategy are proposed to be

- deliver success which can be useful in marketing the game.
- To enhance the reputation of the game in this country, and of the EBU abroad.
- To offer opportunities for new experiences to our members.

Action: PS to finalise document and distribute.

#### **5. Review of the World Championships in Salsomaggiore**

The Committee discussed the issues surrounding the accommodation, use of Covid substitutes, the NPC reports, and the performance of the teams.

#### **6. Review of the European Championships in Funchal**

The Committee discussed the performance of the teams sent out to Funchal, issues that arose while there and the NPC reports.

It was also mentioned that the players were unhappy about the lack of hand records.

Actions- PB to formally write to Eric Laurant congratulating him on his appointment and to ask if we can have hand records for future events.

#### **7. Selection methods for two-year cycle**

The Committee discussed the selection methods in the next two-year cycle.

#### **8. Date and Entry fees for the premier League and Trials**

The Committee discussed the dates and entry fees for the premier League and the Trials

Premier League Dates and Entry Fee's agreed as below:

- First weekend: 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- Second weekend: 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- Third weekend: 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022
- Entry Fee: £900 per team

Lady Milne & Teltscher Trophy Trial Dates and Entry Fee's agreed as below:

- Teltscher- 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Lady Milne- 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023 if needed)
- Entry Fee: TBD

The Committee discussed and agreed the dates and entry fees for the Premier League. The dates and fees were decided. CR suggested a small meeting is discuss which teams would be playing in each division. Venue to be looked at by LC somewhere that can take 2 divisions at a time.

Action- DBU to check the conditions of contest are correct

The Committee discussed and agreed the dates for the trials. They also discussed the entry fee but without knowing last year's costs, a decision could not be made. Late entries were also discussed, and it was agreed they may be allowed at the discretion of the Committee.

Actions- GR to provide the spend cost from the previous year's trials. DBu to check the conditions of contest are correct.

**9. Junior Matters**

9.1- Funding and Preparation for the European Championships in Veldhoven

The Committee discussed the preparation and funding for the European Championships.

9.2- U26W Squad Leader

The Committee discussed the applications for the vacant U26W Squad Leader.

9.3- Young Player & Young Pair of the Year

The Committee discussed nominations for the Young Player & Young Pair of the Year.

**10. AOB**

The Committee discussed the use of teams and emails as a way of communicating.

Actions- PB & GR to investigate alternative programs such as Slack.

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

The next meeting will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 3:00pm to discuss the Premier League Divisions, the Trials Entry Fees and the Young Player and Young Pair of the Year Awards.