



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EBU TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT THE IMPERIAL HOTEL ON TUESDAY 10TH MARCH 2009**

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Present:	Andrew Petrie	Chairman
	Brian Crack	Vice-Chairman
	Max Bavin	Chief Tournament Director
	Sally Bugden	EBU Chairman
	Barry Capal	EBU General Manager
	Margaret Curtis	
	Paul Hackett	
	Mike Hill	EBU Treasurer
	Philip Mason	
	Alan Nelson	
	Addis Page	
	Peter Jordan	Secretary

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** none

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (22nd OCT. 2008)**

2.1 Accuracy: ok

2.2 Matters arising; none

3. **TOURNAMENT REPORTS**

Mr Bavin gave a verbal report of tournaments from November through February.

3.1 Following a recommendation from Mr Bavin the following change of programme was agreed for the London Year End Congress December 2009.

Day 1. The Pre-congress pairs to be discontinued. The Swiss pairs (session 1) would now start at 3.30pm and be increased from three to four matches.

Day 3. The Women's and Men's pairs is to be amalgamated into an Open pairs with prizes for the leading Women's and Men's pairs. This event to run simultaneously with the Mixed pairs.

3.2 It was also decided that the awarding of fractional green points at the Ranked Masters was to be retained and would also be continued for the teams events at the Jersey Seniors Congress, the Scarborough Congress, the Guernsey Seniors Congress and the Autumn Congress.

3.3 The Secretary was asked to see that Butler scoring was more widely publicised in the future when being used.

4. **NATIONAL WOMEN'S TEAMS**

Paul Hackett said that he had a meeting arranged with Sarah Teshome and would report to the next meeting. The committee decided to discontinue the Friday evening session

therefore making it a two day event for 2009. It was also decided to keep it as a national event and therefore for EBU members only.

5. NEW EVENTS FOR CLUB PLAYERS

The discussion document from the Chairman was debated and Andrew Petrie agreed to make some amendments and so produce a document for forwarding to the Club Committee.

6. CREDITING OF KNOCK OUT GREEN POINTS

Brian Crack reported that, after a meeting at Aylesbury with Colin Porch and Ian Mitchell, the new early crediting system was now in operation. The Vice-chairman was thanked for his work in this matter.

.7. ONE DAY GREEN POINT EVENTS

It was agreed that the committee was in accord with the views of the board to maintain the status quo. The views of the coming shareholders meeting would then be discussed at the next TC meeting.

8. MASTER POINTS

8.1 A report from Addis Page, Brian Crack and Philip Mason was discussed and the TC asked for its views to be considered and a further report made to the next meeting.

8.2 Max Bavin said that he would prepare a paper on the 'disparity' of green point awards for the October meeting.

9. KNOCK OUT EVENTS

9.1 It was decided to leave any changes to the format of KO events until after the effects of P2P had been seen.

9.2 A change was made to the regulations of KO events; the offering of dates would revert to the home side in the event of the away side requesting a halfway venue under the '100 miles' rule.

10. CALENDARS

10.1 A request from Kent for an additional green point day in 2009 (to celebrate their 50th anniversary) was granted.

10.2 A request from Sussex for dates for their green point venues not on the stated weekends for 2010 was granted because of serious venue problems that would be unlikely to occur again.

10.3 Discussion followed on the events 'in crisis' and it was agreed to discontinue the National Men's Pairs and The National Women's Pairs which had in recent years been held together on the last weekend in January.

11. TOURNAMENT SURVEY

One of the main features of the survey was there was little desire for the 'drinks receptions' that had been held at certain events. It was therefore decided that these receptions should be discontinued.

12. NATIONAL PAIRS

Addis Page presented a report on this event and after discussion it was resolved to leave the general format as it was until after the effects of P2P had been seen.

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 Barry Capal stated that the EBU was currently in dispute with a supplier.

13.2 It was reported by Barry Capal that he had found that the prize structure at the Ranked Masters Pairs was welcomed by the players.

13.3 Confirmation was given that the prize fund for events would be reduced from 20% of the entry fee (less vat) to 17.5% as from 1st September 2009.

- 14.** The dates for the two remaining meetings in 2009 were confirmed as:
Tuesday 2nd June & Wednesday 21st October.