



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EBU LIMITED**  
**via Zoom 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

**Present:**

Ian Payn (IP)

Gillian Fawcett (Vice Chairman) (GF)

Jerry Cope (JC)

Gordon Rainsford (Chief Executive) (GR)

Anthony Golding (AG)

Rob Lawy (RL)

Ron Millet (RM)

Bev Purvis (BP)

Patrick Shields (PS)

Sam Kelly (Minutes) (SK)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Graham Smith (GS)

**2. Brief update on EBU officers**

IP provided a brief update on the roles of the officers. He also requested a report from GF with regards to the C19 sub-committee meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April. The minutes for that meeting had previously been sent to the board. It was confirmed that the majority of the actions have already been completed by GR. It was noted that the meeting was very productive and that another one was to be held next week.

**3. Communication recommendations**

GR stated that the online games and BBO clubs had generally be very welcome by members.

There were 6,000 player sessions this week on BBO and over 1300 distinct players.

**4. New Board Member**

IP confirmed the news that a new board member has been agreed, Kiat Huang.

**5. County Update**

PS reported on a variety of games being organised by different counties and clubs, including Swiss Teams and Swiss Pairs events; the Midlands County WG was meeting by Zoom and is capturing and sharing these ideas. This was seen as positive progress and a validation of the good work County Working Groups can achieve.

**6. EBED Update**

There was a discussion around EBED's Zoom Teacher presentation, which was very well received. It was noted that efforts should be made to publicise what is available from EBTA for the small annual charge. Given that teachers are moving to online classes, PowerPoint presentations would seem to be a gap that teachers may find useful. IP asked RL and GF to raise with EBED.

**Any Other Business**

JC had technical issues with the call and advised he would email his finance report to the board members.

It was discussed that if there were surplus funds from BBO, these should be used to bring back the club grants.

It was also suggested that now would be a good time to ask our members for volunteers, especially in relation to marketing, public relations and sponsorship.

Next Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – 3pm

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