



**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF SELECTION COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
ON MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2020, COMMENCING AT 11.00 AM**

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sally Brock.

Claire Robinson was invited to join the meeting as an observer as her term of office does not officially start until the EBU AGM on 25th November.

The squad leaders who are not Committee members (Sally Brock – U26 women, Michael Byrne – U21, Giorgio Provenza – U16) were also invited for agenda items 8, 9 and 10.

The Chair congratulated YDB and JW for re-election and CR for being elected.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 3rd July 2020

2.1 Accuracy

The minutes were approved without change.

2.2. Matters Arising and Actions which are not agenda items

The draft budget for the juniors to be presented for sponsorship was re-raised and PB and CB were to complete this.

ACTION CB PB

No progress has been made on this due to the pandemic

ACTION: CB to invite the De Botton team to the Champions Cups

The de Botton team was invited to the Champions Cup and accepted, but it was subsequently cancelled due to the pandemic

ACTION: CB to look into booking hotels for Europeans 2021.

Not actioned due to the pandemic.

ACTION: AM to email Jeremy Dhondy asking if the other home nations would be interested in a home nations international

Complete. BGB reported back that the other home nations had no interest in such an event.

ACTION AM to draft text for the website and for the PL captains re the Premier League.

Complete

ACTION: AM PB to email updates on the GCoC to CB to publish on the website.

Complete

3. REVIEW OF DECISIONS TAKEN BETWEEN MEETINGS

After consultation with Premier League team captains, determined to cancel first weekend 1 of the Premier League 2020 and then cancel the entire Premier League.

After receipt of an invitation from the Polish Bridge Federation to send a team to a virtual seniors event, selected first the Mossop team (who declined) and then the Dhondy team (who accepted). AM was recused from this decision.
Selected two teams to play in the Lady Milne 2020 Trophy to be held online. MB, PB, and David Bakhshi was recused from this decision.
Selected the winners of the Teltscher trails (the Mossop team) to play in the Teltscher Trophy 2020 to be held online. AM was recused from this decision.
Circulated an invitation to the PCU Universities online event to squad leaders and to University Bridge Club contacts.

4. SELECTIONS FOR EUROPEAN TEAMS 2021

The Committee reflected on its decision to be minded to reinvite the same teams from the previous year, and to ensure that decisions for funding would be made on a known basis.

The Committee determined to make invitations on an unfunded basis and if funding becomes available, then it would be a bonus to the players. At the very least, it is hoped that entry fees and uniforms could be paid for each team.

4.1 Open team - Mike Bell and David Bakhshi were recused

The Committee determined to select for the team, as Alex Hydes had declared himself unavailable:

- Ben Norton - Mike Bell
 - Andrew Robson - David Gold
 - Michael Byrne - Kieran Dyke
- Reserves: Ben Handley-Pritchard - Tom Townsend

4.2 Women's team - Mike Bell and Gillian Fawcett were recused

The Committee determined to select for the team

- Nicola Smith - Sarah Bell
- Sally Brock - Fiona Brown
- Catherine Draper - Gillian Fawcett

David Burn was selected as a coach. No decision was made at this stage concerning a NPC.

4.3 Seniors team

The Committee determined to select for the team

- Gunnar Hallberg - David Mossop
- Norman Selway – John Holland
- Paul Hackett – Brian Senior

4.4 Mixed team

The Committee determined to select for the team

- Joe Fawcett - Heather Dhondy
- Frances Hinden - Graham Osborne
- Kay Preddy -

The team is invited to suggest either a replacement pair or player for Kay to play with, assuming Michael Byrne accepts the invitation to play in the open team.

5. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

(SHOULD TEAMS QUALIFY FROM THE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS)

The Committee agreed to invite those teams that qualified, and to make them aware that the funding would be reviewed nearer the time of the event due in late August/early September.

6. **ONLINE CAMROSE 2021**
The Committee decided to hold a pairs trial to select the teams.
7. **OTHER HOME INTERNATIONALS 2021**
The Committee left decisions about how to select teams for the 2021 Lady Milne and Teltscher Trophy to be discussed by email.
7.1 Lady Milne
7.2 Teltscher
8. **BUDGET** Junior Squad Leaders in attendance
The Squad Leaders Giorgio Provenza and Michael Byrne joined the meeting.

The chair suggested that they should commit as much as they could to what has already been committed previously.
The amount of funding was still unknown, so the discussion focused on what to do with a worst case scenario. The plan was to pay entry fees and then focus funding on juniors, with potentially funding the open and women's teams if funding allowed.
The Junior European Pairs were very unlikely to be funded.

David Bakhshi and Ian Payn left the meeting due to prior commitments.
9. **REVIEW OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE JUNIOR PLAYER AND JUNIOR PAIR OF THE YEAR** Junior Squad Leaders in attendance
A suggestion to create one prize per squad was rejected to protect the prestige of the prize.

Action: Paul Barden, Michael Byrne, Giorgio Provenza, David Bakhshi and Sally Brock to discuss the issue and report back to the next meeting.
10. **JUNIOR MATTERS NOT COVERED ABOVE** Junior Squad Leaders in attendance
Channel Trophy Selection recommendations were advised to be given within a fortnight.
The Junior Camrose may be given after the Channel Trophy.
The Three Seas Selections were approved for the U16s.
11. **COMMITTEE ADVICE TO NPCs AND PLAYERS ON COMPLETION OF CONVENTION CARDS**
The Committee reinforced to remind partnerships to heed the advice of the Convention Card system reviewer.
12. **POLISH SENIORS EVENT**
12.1 Number of teams per country allowed to entry
The invitation letter indicated only one team was permitted. However, some other NCBs had later received invitations to send a second team.
12.2 Dispute between Dhondy team and Polish Bridge Federation regarding payment
This is being sorted by Mr Dhondy and the Committee did not consider it a matter it should involve itself with.
13. **A.O.B.**
The Selection Committee congratulated the Lady Milne England team for winning and the EBU team for narrowly missing out on second, and the England team for winning the Teltscher Trophy. Thanks were also offered to Gordon Rainsford and his team for running a smooth event. The NPCs of the Lady Milne and Teltscher teams were thanked for sending in their excellent reports in a very timely manner.
12. **Date of Next Meeting**
To be discussed via email as necessary

Meeting Concluded 1:50pm.