

# **Board Meeting Summary 4th June 2020**

## Chairman's Welcome

Chairman welcomed everyone to call and thanked everyone for the extra time they have made themselves available for recent Board matters.

#### **Declarations of Interest**

None (not already noted)

## **Apologies**

None

# Agreement of minutes from 15th May and matters arising

No points of accuracy. No matters arising. Taken as a true record.

## **Chairman's Report**

No further questions

## **CEO's Report**

Brief update received on latest discussions with ITTF on major event hosting and the development of World Table Tennis.

No further questions

## **Head of Operations & Governance Report**

Discussions on the AGM took place – the meeting shall be held via Zoom due to the covid-19 crisis. Any voting shall be done using the polling option on Zoom. Confirmation that all propositions have been removed but voting/polling still needed on some business.

Only pre-registered attendees will be sent dial in details for the call.

Risk register to be updated and kept as a live document as much as possible.

## Finance Report / Covid 19 Financial Impact

The audited accounts for 2019/2020 were approved. The staff were congratulated on achieving a clean audit report again and also for reducing the budgeted deficit. The Company Secretary (CEO) was authorised to sign the audited accounts which should be filed at Companies House.

## **Financial impact of Covid 19**

Discussions took place on the financial impact of Covid-19 and the financial planning being undertaken. The major risk will come with membership renewals and cancelled /delayed events. The Board acknowledged the work done by staff to date to reforecast Q1 and Q2 and identify savings to carry forward.



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#### MAG

SV advised that appointment of the three vacancies has been held back so it didn't clash with the current Director Election. The process will commence shortly.

The annexe submitted by MAG asking if they can take on board the IT Strategy was discussed. The outcome was that SV is to speak with Neil Hurford and work out a strategic project brief.

### **ETTU Committee Nominations**

Discussions on the ETTU committee nominations took place and the impact of how our influence on various committees' benefit TTE in line with our international relations strategy. Nominations as proposed were approved and forms to be sent to ETTU by deadline.

# TT365 / Tees Sport

SD advised she had spoken with Alan Ransome regarding the potential conflict of interest with his/Tees Sport sponsorship and public support of TT365. Tees Sport is an important partner and sponsor of the association. Leagues are obviously able to choose which management system they would like to use but the Board raised a concern that should there be any call for leagues/members to disaffiliate that would damage the association and the regulation of the sport. A letter is to be written to confirm the Board's view that a conflict exists and it will monitor the situation.

## **New Season Planning**

It was agreed by all that we continue to plan to start the new competition season as of Sept 2020 and communications are kept clear and as up to date as possible. Ensure the cancellation process/dates and refund policy is well published.

Discussions then took place on the British League and rebates. More financial informed required.

Post note - decision made electrically 24 hours later to award £60 rebates against next season entry fees.

## **Competitions Review**

The Board approved the written brief. Principles of the review include to make the structure more sustainable and reduce the financial cost to the association.

The process for the review not yet defined.

## **European Youth Championships**

Rolled over to next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June as still waiting for ITTF decision on resumption of international competition. Also waiting for ETTU clarification on the event format etc.



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# **Covid 19 Return to training**

Government has set out guidelines on return to training for elite athletes.

As above due to postponed ITTF EC Meeting this is carried over until 19 June meeting

## **Governance Statement**

The Board were all agreed on the Governance Statement for inclusion in the Annual Review.

## **Network Appointments**

Tom Purcell now leading on Network Group and the review of Terms of Reference. Decisions on Committee Chair appointments delegated to Governance and Risk Committee.

## **AOB**

Query raised about TAP/executive decision to introduce fines for Tournament Organisers who persistently do not submit results in a timely manner, therefore impacting the ranking runs and resulting in member complaints. Board suggested this is reviewed to find incentives rather than fines.

DG advised he is attending the Herts virtual AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> June.

Next meeting (extraordinary catch up zoom meeting) is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> June 1pm.

