

Minutes of December 2017 Trustee meeting

Minutes of the Trustee Meeting for English Bridge Education & Development CIO Held at
Young Chelsea Bridge Club, 54 Goldhawk Road, London, W12 8HA
on Thursday 1st December 2016 at 12:30pm

Present:	Andrew Petrie (AP)	Chairman
	Mike Hill	Trustee & Treasurer
	Gary Ames (GA)	Trustee
	Jeremy Dhondy (JD)	Trustee
	Bernard Eddleston (BE)	Trustee
	Caroline Small (CS)	Trustee
	David Waxman	Trustee

This was a Trustee only meeting with no formal minute taker. This is therefore simply a formal record of decisions and actions agreed by the Trustees at the meeting.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Barry Capal and Rob Lawy

Minutes

The minutes were approved

Strategy

The Trustees agreed that the charity needed a Chief Executive and that initially we would seek to appoint someone on a 2-day a week basis and with a 2 year fixed term contract. The Trustees had a wide ranging discussion on Strategy, in preparation for updating the charity's strategic objectives as part of the 17/18 business planning process.

Action: AP to define what is encompassed by Development (in EBED's name)

Finances

The proposed pricing principles were agreed as an initial definition but it was recognized that further refinement would be necessary.

Action: AP/MH to ensure that 2017/18 prices are approved as part of the 17/18 budget process (NB including FTB pricing)

Action: MH to provide a breakdown of costs for TD & Teacher Training Courses

Education

The Board agreed the name change of the Accelerated Learning Programme from Fast Forward Bridge (FFB) to Fast Track Bridge (FTB) and that FTB should not be subject to a licence or any similar restriction. They were strongly of the opinion that every teacher should have the opportunity to receive a briefing about its purpose and deployment.

Action: SM to organise

The Board wanted an urgent overhaul of the EBTA member database and the way the information is displayed to users.

Action: RB/SM to organize in time for this year's DT advert

Research into the health and social benefits of playing bridge

The Trustees approved the following funding:

- £20K for MRI scanning of 2 groups of 15 people (bridge players and non-bridge players)
- £2K per year for three years to help fund a PhD student at Stirling University
- £350 for follow up analysis of the Stirling survey results

The Trustees also agreed the following

- An article should be produced by CS explaining the 'scanning project' and inviting people to help fund it through an individual small donation. This article would be published in English Bridge and on the EBED website. There would be a link to this article on the EBU website.
- On the EBED website there would be a 'donate now' button.
- An email would be sent to all survey respondents, drawing their attention to the article and the appeal for donations
- CS would identify a small number of people who might be willing and able to make a more significant donation to the 'scanning project'. She will then arrange a meeting with them to discuss possible areas of interest. (NB She may need an introduction through JD)

Youth Advisory Group (YAG)

The Trustees confirmed that the £10K annual budget for Regional Youth activities would be controlled by the YAG Chairman but authorisation should be in accordance with EBED signatory limits for each item of spend.