

MINUTES

Meeting Date & Time Location	EBED Trustee Meeting 20 August 2020 at 16.00 via Zoom	
Attendees	Andy Margetts – Chair (AM) Terry Hewett – Trustee (TH) Gillian Fawcett – Trustee (GF) Absent: Mary Sharp – Trustee (MS) &	Dom Wilson – Trustee (DoW) Michael Hill – Treasurer (MH) Giorgio Provenza – CEO (GP) Douglas Wright – Trustee (DBBW)

1 - EBS

- The launch of EBS was reviewed and the following points noted:
 - feedback has been limited to date but around 70 teachers had accessed and looked at EBS in the first week;
 - the student's launch preparations are on track;
 - further work will be done to boost the FAQ help as we start to receive feedback on any difficulties being encountered;
 - further videos to assist both students and teachers are in the offing;
 - new EBS lesson authors are being approached to assist with expanding the offering;
 - ongoing technical support requirements are being assessed (both for glitch resolution and planned future system development); and
 - how to use EBS will be built into the revised online CTT course that is about to be trialled.

2 – Finances

• AM reported on a conversation with Jerry Cope (EBU treasurer). Although the EBU is not yet in a position to commit to a resumption of regular donations, it wished to make an exceptional donation for the period up to the end of 2020 with funds being earmarked for a specific rather than general purpose. It was agreed that this would most usefully be used to accelerate the development of EBS to allow the Year Two course to be developed in parallel with the Year One course rather than in series.

3 – Youth

• The next YAG meeting is in early September. Liz Dale has stepped down from the committee and TH has thanked her for her significant contribution to the group's work. TH proposed William Clennell and Simon Cope as new member of the committee both of whom were duly approved. GP will consider other potential candidates to invite to join the group.

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GP is considering what ideas we can learn from the computer gaming community to develop the
youth game further. GF drew the board's attention to Graham Hazel's Real Bridge initiative which
will provide a bridge-playing platform with on-line video streaming and its possible application for
Youth Bridge.

4 – Other matters

• AM reported that, with GP now on board, this Autumn would see a review of the previous strategic plan (from December 2018) and the development of a new plan for the future.

5 - Next meeting

• The next meeting will be the normal quarterly board meeting on Thursday, 3 September at 12.30pm, the agenda and papers for which will be issued later today.

MEETING CLOSED at c. 16.30

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