

BOARD MEETING MINUTES(Meeting held by "Go-to-Meeting" conference call on

11 April 2021)

PRESENT:

John Bell (JB) – President/Chairman Garry Collins (GC)- Regional Director Darryl Clout (DC) - Regional Director Ian Howard (IH) – Regional Director Claudius Lam (CL) – Regional Director Hazel Wilson (HW)- Appointed Director

IN ATTENDANCE:

Gary Smith (GS) – Chief Executive Roger Black (RB) - Minute taker

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES:

The President opened the meeting at 12.00 hours (UK time) and welcomed all to the Board meeting.

Gerry Baker (GB) forwarded an apology for non-attendance.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

There were no changes required to that already recorded.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Tabled: Minutes of January 2021 Board meeting.

The minutes of the January 2021 meeting were accepted as a true record of the proceedings and approved unanimously.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

There were no matters arising not covered in the agenda.

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In advance of the meeting, JB provided a short but concise written report to the Board, concentrating on three important and relevant current topics currently being considered by the Board. He stressed and recommended that the Board should step up its PR and promotion of ongoing projects, which he thought would enhance the image and credibility of the World

Bowls organisation. In addition, and following on from positive press in the "Inside Bowls" publication via GS's interview with David Rhys-Jones, JB suggested there was a need for the publication of a further newsletter to cover and expand on these items - the Events Review, a relaunch of the Global Marketing Initiative and a relaunch of the Development Strategy. Referring specifically to the Events Review, this was regarded as a very worthwhile and successful exercise and that the final summary of recommendations contained therein were good for the sport and for World Bowls. GS confirmed that the Working Group recommendations had been sent to the Board to consider/agree/ disagree/discuss the recommendations and confirmed that a summary of the discussions at the individual meetings held during the consultation process had been sent to the Member Authorities and Member International Bodies who had participated in the individual meetings.

At the suggestion of GC, the various recommendations were then considered by the Board. There was a thorough discussion on the contents and recommendations contained within the report with only minor amendments being required.

The Board agreed that the WB Championships be held every two years commencing in 2023 with no changes to the formats and would be open to all Member Nations to enter. Para Disciplines would be included at the earliest opportunity with the disciplines to be the same as those for the Commonwealth Games.

The Board acknowledged the value of National Teams using the same colour of bowls but were also aware of the potential financial impact on smaller, less well-resourced MNA's. It was suggested that further negotiations with bowls manufacturers may elicit a solution. Ideally, the hosting of the World Bowls Championships should rotate between Regions.

There were differences of opinions expressed during the discussions with MNA's on the World Singles Champion of Champions, but overall it was well received as selection was based on individual achievement and not solely on selection. The discussions recognised the event was expensive to organise and run as WB currently cover the competitors' accommodation expenses and ways would require to be explored to reduce the costs of this event.

The recent survey confirmed that WB were obligated to promote, govern and sustain the indoor code of the sport as well as the outdoor code. GS reminded the Board that it has taken years to reach the point where the IIBC (formerly WIBC) was now fully embraced and integrated into the World Bowls organisation and it was emphasised that WB fully supported the indoor events. A discussion ensued on the number of entries allowed from MNA's for the WB/IIBC indoor events and the Board agreed an amendment to the original accepted proposal that from 2022, eligibility to enter indoor events for those nations that still have separate indoor and outdoor National Authorities will be restricted to the National Indoor authorities only. DC enquired about the qualification criteria adopted by MNA's and GS confirmed that selection was a matter solely for the National Authority to determine. Where there was no separate Indoor Association, WB's MNA's would be eligible to enter.

JB then referred to the recommendation that an outdoor World Junior/Youth team event be established on a four yearly basis to be held in the even-number years that are not a Commonwealth Games year, and with an entry eligibility for the event to mirror the biennial World Bowls Championships. This was popular with those taking part in the review process.

JB continued the discussion regarding the Regional International events and that, building on the increased frequency of the World Championships ,World Bowls felt that regional events provide another great opportunity to gain positive exposure for the sport around the world. It is also felt that they should be a valuable element in introducing emerging nations to international competition and for them to benefit from the interaction with larger MNA's, thereby improving performance along with the anticipated increase in interest and ambition from the smaller nations.

It is therefore recommended that Regional Events in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania should be stimulated and enjoy enhanced World Bowls status in the future. They should become a vital part of the overall World Bowls framework of international events. It is recommended that views be sought from relevant interests on how such enhanced status can be effectively achieved.

Existing events such as the European Championships, Asian Championships and African States Tournament, the latter of which is currently considered to be struggling, are already in place and it is recommended that the establishment of an Oceania Championships, and a Pan American event be actively progressed. Regional Controlling Bodies of these events will be encouraged to review the formats utilised at the events and to experiment with innovative features e.g. during play substitutions or rotation of players within teams during games etc. DC reminded the Board that Covid-19 had impacted on discussions on the Oceanic Championships. These events would contribute to more welcome exposure of the sport to all regions. Financial assistance would be considered by WB to establish and support these events - good for the regions, good for the sport and the smaller MNA's in each region will benefit from the development of the sport and gives them an opportunity to be part of International competition and can only improve their performance. The Board agreed enhancing regional events would benefit the sport and strengthen events.

Open events and test matches, the latter having seen a decline over the recent years, were to be encouraged by MNA's although World Bowls were not directly involved in these events.

The inaugural World Bowls Challenge was seen on the ground to be a great success by all parties involved. However, it was evident from the discussions at the event review that its global reach and attractiveness was disappointing and the financial costs involved would have to be taken into account should the event be repeated.

The recommendation is to encourage MNAs to establish events such as the Challenge or Bowls Australia's BPL, which could ultimately lead to a credible 'World Tour' of such events attractive to competitors, playing and non- playing public, broadcasters, other media, sponsors, spectators etc. JB reminded the Board that MNA's were able to change the format of play and that they should be encouraged to start to change the existing culture of the sport as experienced at club level to appeal not just to current players but to appeal to and attract a much wider market of potential participants.

An amendment to the recommendation that World Bowls stage a Senior Event (Over55s?) on a two-yearly basis in the even-numbered years commencing in 2024 rather than every four years was proposed and agreed. DC thought the concept of such a senior event would be well received, as did HW and the Board.

JB recorded his thanks to all those who participated in the World Bowls Events Review.

Resolved:

World Championships to be held every two years w.e.f. 2023.

World Championships are open to all Member Nations to enter.

Para disciplines to be included as soon as practical.

A Senior event to be held every two years.

A Junior/Youth outdoor event to be held every four years.

The current annual indoor WB/IIBC events to continue.

Entries for Indoor events from nations that still have separate indoor and outdoor National Authorities will be restricted to the National Indoor authorities only from 2022.

JB then referred to his report and the Global Marketing Initiative and whether the Board wish to resuscitate this initiative, which he still believed can make a valuable contribution to the recovery and development of the sport. JB thought the timing of the original launch had not been best and thus the Initiative had never received the attention and recognition by MNA's it deserved. BA had agreed they were willing to amend the content to make it readily accessible to all areas. HW supported the idea of a re-launch and it was agreed the matter would be further discussed at the next meeting of the Communications & Media Committee on how best to relaunch the Initiative.

GS thought that a re-launch would be more effective from the Regional Directors (RD) as part of their communication strategies, a concept supported by JB.

The Relaunch of the Development Strategy was then discussed and similar to the above, there was a need to provide details of the best means of effectively promoting/marketing this initiative which has the potential to assist the majority of membership. This should involve clearly defining responsibilities, identifying practical delivery mechanisms (including establishing the best means of involving the larger MNAs and other key stakeholders e.g. manufacturers etc). The Strategy had been revised and JB stressed, should be promoted to attract more bids for assistance but the absence of bids was disappointing. Once more a relaunch should come from the RD's and promoted on social media platforms.

RD's were asked to provide any item of news from within their region, initially to JB and GS, before being forwarded to David Allen, WB's PR & Media Manager for inclusion in the next newsletter, which would be published as soon as possible. In response to a question from CL it was agreed that ideally a WB newsletter should be issued every quarter.

In response to a question from HW, it was confirmed that the newsletter was independent from the online magazine "Inside Bowls". GS explained that the Inside Bowls magazine is not a World Bowls publication—it is totally independent and there was a partnership agreement with its Owner/Editor David Allen in terms of content. GS reminded the Board it was labelled as the official World magazine, not the official World Bowls magazine. As the WB logo also appeared on the front of the magazine alongside this wording, it was considered that that this could give the impression that it is a World Bowls magazine and thought that the WB logo should be removed from this area. A suggestion was made by GS & IH that the WB logo should only be used on specific World Bowls news page articles within the magazine. This would remove any confusion and remove the need for any disclaimers regarding any content that has not been agreed with World Bowls being included in the magazine. The Board agreed.

JB asked that HW raise the matter with David Allen at the next Media & Communications Committee meeting.

Action:

RD's to provide any newsworthy items from their region for inclusion in the next newsletter. WB logo to be removed from the front of the "Inside Bowls" magazine and only shown against WB matters.

HW to raise the issue with David Allen.

6. REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Tabled: Written reports from the Regional Directors were circulated in advance prior to the meeting.

Europe:

GC provided a very detailed report on his region in which not much was happening generally due to Covid-19.

A BIBC AGM had been held last month and the meeting confirmed it remained their intention to join with the Women's British Isles Council to create one body by January 2022.

The European Bowls Union, now Bowls Europe, had now been officially registered as a company in Scotland at Company's House, with their first AGM to be held in September 2021 with the election of five Directors.

GC continued to provide a general update on what was happening within each MNA, most of which were affected in some way by Covid-19 - Cyprus, IOM, Malta, Netherlands, Spain, Scotland and Turkey mainly being directly impacted. In England, Ireland, Jersey, Israel, Wales and Guernsey it was hoped to have a "return to play" albeit with restriction on numbers etc. In Wales progress was continuing to unite the men and women outdoor bodies.

France is planning on playing Switzerland Covid-19 permitting, and in the Development Member countries – Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary and Sweden, there was currently very little activity.

Contact had been established with Portugal and discussions continued to have Bowls Portugal become a member of WB once more.

In addition to the report, GC advised he had also established a contact in Gibraltar.

Asia:

CL reported that a Whatsapp communication group was created to enhance communications within his region's MNA's. In China, the Asian Championships had been postponed until August 2022; Hong Kong had accepted the re-scheduled World Championships for 2025; in India and the Philippines all competitions had been cancelled; play had continued in Macao and Malaysia, with the latter having planned to hold the 2nd Asian Mixed Championships in August 2021. In Japan, the World Masters 2021 Games in Kansai, postponed to May 2022 are still going ahead but the 7th Japan Open Bowls Tournament International, planned for August 2021 has been cancelled.

Completion of the renovation of the Kobe Shiawasenomura green has been delayed until May

2021.

There were no further updates available although enquiries had been received and responded to from Sri Lanka and UAE.

Oceania:

DC provided a short concise report in which he recorded that there were no issues in Australia or New Zealand and BA were waiting for the Queensland Government to confirm a commitment to funding for the 2023 World Championships. Niue had requested assistance with obtaining coaching assistance but have not responded to emails seeking details of their requirements.

Africa:

GB advised there was nothing to report in his region and that he was still waiting to hear about the postponement of the African States tournament.

Although bowls play is now allowed, it is anticipated a third pandemic wave will arrive by the end of May, resulting in further disruption in the coming months. No contact has been possible with Zambia and an enquiry as to membership has been received from Nigeria, which is being pursued.

Americas:

IH provided a detailed and concise report on the activities within the MNA's in the Americas region summarised as follows:- in the Falkland Islands, Argentine and the USA, club play continues albeit affected by the consequences of Covid-19 except for the Falklands Islands where there is no Covid-19. In the USA, social media platforms indicate an increase in enthusiasm for the sport and in New York Central Park, efforts are being made to rehabilitate the bowling green in this iconic part of the city. A comprehensive summary on the respective 7 Divisions within the USA was completed by the Bowls USA President and made available to IH and subsequently copied to the Board.

It is unlikely the North American Challenge will take place in 2021.

In Canada, all play indoor and outdoor has been cancelled, but with the hope play might be possible before the end of the September, the end of their season.

In Jamaica progress is continuing in building a compliant bowling green. A school's pilot project has had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 but will be re-instated next year.

IH also copied to the Board background information on discussions relating to Bowls USA and the considerations relating to specific proposals for Hastaworld to assist Bowls USA to promote the sport in identified areas of USA. Hastaworld is a company involved as a go-to events and a wellbeing provider developing programmes which build business culture from major global sport events to unique pop-ups.

Arising from these discussions, it was agreed that the company will present a proposal to World Bowls detailing how the company considers it can assist World Bowls and MNA's. The proposal is awaited.

7. MEDIA & PR & SOCIAL MEDIA REPORTS

The minutes of the last Communications and Media meeting had been forwarded to the Board along with a document from Aidan Davis from BA about a more professional "signature" to use when emails were being sent out by either WB or the RD's. There was also an opportunity under the signature to advertise upcoming major events or other matters thought to be of interest. HW also suggested that all emails emanating from the offices of WB should show the logo, as many other MNA's and organisations did, and also contact information together with WB social

media platforms following on a comment from GC that a template could be designed to embrace all the information that was required - eg website, facebook and twitter icons etc. same way as Bowls Australia did at present and which was becoming more common. The Board supported the email suggestion.

HW also proposed that, from a branding perspective, when a media release is due to be issued to MNA's, it should be issued alongside an appropriate press release, the latter to be embargoed until such time as MNA's had time to assimilate and distribute internally if required. Social media platforms would be updated at the same time as the press release was published. The Board agreed.

GC & GS had produced and circulated the statistical information and details relative to the website, commenting that despite a quiet time due to Covid-19, there was still an increase in people making impressions and accessing the social media platforms.

An MNA during the review process had suggested that more use could be made of the website on the run-up to major events to insert information and articles such as player profiles, player interviews, advice on different playing formats etc.

Resolved:

When a Media release is due to be issued to MNA's, an appropriate press release should also be issued but embargoed until such time as MNA's had time to assimilate and distribute internally if required.

The Board supported the email suggestion from HW.

8. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT:

Tabled: Chief Executive's written, detailed and comprehensive report was circulated to all Directors prior to the meeting.

GS updated the Board on the position regarding the office premises located within Sportscotland, Edinburgh, Scotland - all office premises are still currently closed until further notice due to current government pandemic restrictions.

Affiliation & Membership Matters

The Board was furnished with the latest details of registered membership, expanding and clarifying where appropriate as follows:-

Bangladesh - As agreed at the previous meeting, Bangladesh's membership was terminated. No response has been received to the notice of termination.

PNG - GS informed the Board that he remained in regular contact with the PNG NOC regarding the ongoing progress to resolve the constitutional issues relating to the MNA. Their 2021 annual return and 2020 & 2021 fees have still not been received and at present PNG remain suspended from membership.

India - Affiliation fees received from India but their annual return figures were still to be received.

Zambia -The annual return and fees from Zambia were outstanding and no responses to any correspondence sent to them has been received. Regional Director GB has indicated that no progress has been achieved with local attempts to contact Zambia B.A. as recorded earlier in the minute.

Late withdrawal invoices remain outstanding and as previously agreed this amount has been

included as a bad debt to be written off in the 2021 forecast. As such they remain suspended from membership.

Kenya-The Board has agreed to write off the final £500 of the outstanding balance once their further expected payment had been received reducing the outstanding balance to £500 bearing in mind their appreciated efforts and commitment to date to clearing the debt.

Events

2021 World Championships - As it was not possible to re-arrange the 2021 World Championships (originally the 2020 World Championships) to any time in 2022, it was resolved that the event be cancelled.

It was subsequently agreed, as an early result of recommendations arising from the Events Review, that the World Bowls Championships will now be held on a two-yearly basis in the odd-numbered years commencing in 2023, and would be open to all Member Nations to enter. The Atlantic and Asia Pacific Championships (previously used as qualifying events for the World Championships) would be immediately terminated. These changes have been widely welcomed. It has been agreed that the revised 2023 World Championships will be staged on Gold Coast, Australia and discussions continue between Bowls Australia and their key stakeholders on dates for the event in 2023, with a further update in this regard now expected in June 2021. Hong Kong LBA has agreed to host the revised World Championships in 2025.

The member authorities in Cyprus and China, previously agreed hosts of the 2023 Atlantic & Asia Pacific Championships respectively, were duly advised of their cancellation.

2021 World Singles Champion of Champions - As resolved at the previous Board meeting, this event, scheduled to take place at Naenae Bowling Club, Wellington, NZ has been cancelled and MNA's advised accordingly. They have also been advised of the eligibility criteria to participate in the 2022 World Singles Champion of Champions scheduled for the same venue.

2021 World Under 25's - This event is currently scheduled to be held at County Antrim IBC, N. Ireland in December 2021 and initial details and entry forms have been circulated to MNA's of both World Bowls & IIBC.

2022 World Bowls Indoor Championships - The 2020 version of this annual event due to be held at Bristol, England was cancelled and it was subsequently resolved that the event could not be held in 2021. The 2022 event is due to be held in the UK and a meeting with the Secretary of IIBC and Chief Executive of English Indoor B.A. has been arranged for 14 April to discuss dates etc.

2021 European Bowls Championships - These Championships which were due to be staged in Ayr, Scotland have been cancelled.

2021 African States Tournament - This event is scheduled to be staged in Namibia but it is currently uncertain as to whether it will proceed.

Asian Championships - XinXiang, Henan, China-These Championships were scheduled to take place in October 2021 but have now been postponed and will be staged in August 2022.

World Bowls Challenge - No further update has been received from Bowls Australia in furtherance of previous exchanges expressing interest to continue to stage this event.

Olympic & Paralympic Games - Since the last Board meeting, it has been announced by IOC that Brisbane, Australia is the preferred candidate city to host the 2032 Olympic & Paralympic Games. It is recognised that lawn bowls has a fantastic opportunity to be a host city pick as a sport to be included at these Games and Bowls Australia has immediately initiated lobbying in this regard. World Bowls will support the lobbying process and MNA's will be encouraged to do so through their NOC's/National Sports Authorities.

World Bowls Events Review Working Group - The individual meetings with key MNA's and International Bodies continued in February 2021. The Board has received the Working Group's detailed summary of the discussions at the comprehensive programme of meetings held with individual key MNA's & Member International Bodies and the Working Group's recommendations arising from those discussions. The discussions and decisions regarding the recommendations are detailed earlier in these minutes.

WADA:

One of the requirements in relation to WADA compliance is for World Bowls to have a relationship with a WADA approved Athlete Passport Management Unit (APMU). Such an arrangement with the Drug Control Centre, Department of Analytical, Environmental & Forensic Science, London has now been established. In February the WB Medical Consultant Dr Colin Reid and GS attended a conference meeting with representatives of the APMU. Discussions soon resulted in an agreement by all parties that, in reality, the risk assessment factors in the sport, and the small number of tests undertaken on a regular basis involving the same athletes, would mean that there would be very little chance that the services of the APMU would be required. Nevertheless the formal arrangement required for WADA compliance is in place should their services ever be required.

Laws Committee & CGF Matters:

Tabled: Report from Kerry Clark CNZM, OBE (KC) Chair of Laws Committee

GS reported that enquiries on the Laws continue to be received and are referred to the Laws Committee for their consideration and formal response.

KC reported that there had not been a lot of activity for the Laws Committee since his last report, due in part to the effects of the lockdown on bowls activity internationally caused by the Covid-19 pandemic in many countries. The Laws Committee held a zoom conference to discuss the accreditation and re-accreditation of ITO's, which had been held in abeyance since early 2020 due to Covid-19, and a report was sent to GS, subsequently copied to the Board, with several recommendations for the Board to consider.

There are a number of ITO's whose certificates have expired and who wish to be re-accredited and, in addition, there is a need to get accreditation opportunities underway in MNA's who are scheduled to hold Tier 1 events in the next 24 months i.e. Birmingham 2022 for Commonwealth Games and Gold Coast, Australia for World Bowls Championships 2023.

As such, it is recommended that priority needs to be on accreditation and re-accreditation in the United Kingdom, and Australia and arrangements are being considered and discussed to carry

out programmes in both the UK and Australia in the summer months, Covid-19 permitting. There will also need to be a focus on increasing the ITO numbers in Hong Kong and the wider Asian area with Hong Kong due to host World Bowls in 2025 and this too is being currently explored with HKLBA.

In relation to ITO's residents in India and South Africa, the LC has a view that if an MNA wishes to have ITO's then they need to have this qualification recognised within their National Officiating Programme and they should arrange with World Bowls for an accreditation program for interested umpires to be carried out. The expense involved in sending a WB assessor to an MNA to accredit/re-accredit one or two people is not justified. Therefore, if an MNA wishes to have resident ITO's then the LC believe that they should have at least 10 umpires willing to undertake the ITO assessment and, on that basis, World Bowls may consider sending an assessor to carry out the program on a cost-shared basis.

It is thought the ITO program has substantially improved the technical skills of those officiating at Tier 1 and Tier 2 events and it needs to be continually promoted. It is critical that those officiating at our top events are the best available.

It will be necessary, in due course, to amend the World Bowls Selection Policy document for ITO's and NTO's but it is suggested that this waits until the current review of events is finalised.

Resolved:

The Board agreed with all the recommendations proposed to them in the email copied to them from KC.

GS advised that David Grevemberg, CBE, has recently resigned from his position as CGF CEO and moved on to another organisation.

The overall CG2022 competitions schedule has now been published.

KC advised that he continues to have zoom conference meetings with CGF and CG2022 Birmingham official, as the WB International Federation Technical Delegate to the CGF, on a wide range of associated Lawn Bowls matters and has recorded that he is impressed with the presentations made and the enthusiasm of the staff involved. Alistair Hollis from Bowls England attends as an observer and arrangements are in force to have regular conference calls to deal with individual topics. A Competition Manager for Lawn Bowls at CG2022 is still to be appointed.

Legal Matters:

Appointed Directors - HW's initial two-year appointment term expires at the end of May 2021 and the Board unanimously agreed to confirm continuation of her appointment for a further period of two years.

Following on the review of WB events and the decision that the next World Championships are to be held 2023, and thereafter every two years in odd-numbered years, GS highlighted that the current Articles of Association, Clause 14.1 relating to the timing Biennial Council Meetings now requires to be amended to take account of this change. At the request of DC, GS would prepare a paper and circulate it to the Board to consider the required amendment to the Articles.

Action:

GS to prepare a paper on changes to Article 14.1

Development:

The revised Development Strategy has been finalised and now awaits being put into an attractive format and relaunch.

GS added he attended a conference meeting in February 2021 with IH, Veronica Sum President of Bowls USA and Will Hoy, Global President of Events, Hastaworld, mentioned in the report furnished by IH for his region.

Bowls Manufacturers, Testers & Synthetic Surfaces:

The revised ownership/company structure of Henselite has now been finalised and invoices have been issued to all Licensed Bowls Manufacturers and Testers for their licence fees.

The Licensed tester, Bowls Doctor (Barry Cox) has advised that he will not be renewing his licence and he has therefore been advised of the requirement to relinquish his Working Reference Bowl to the WB Accredited Consultant, Don Sherman.

GS intimated he has had a further telephone discussion with a representative of a synthetic surfaces testing laboratory company who first expressed interest in seeking Accredited World Bowls Testing Laboratory status a couple of years ago. It is anticipated that a formal application will be presented to World Bowls in the near future.

Strategic Planning:

Once the meeting minutes had been prepared and issued and the contents assimilated, JB suggested a meeting of the Planning Committee on 2nd May 2021.

9. FINANCE REPORT.

Tabled: Financial documents for the current financial year up to the end of March

GS reported that he has continued to prepare all the documentation relating to the 2020 financial year in readiness for delivery to the WB accountants to undertake the annual audit and preparation of audited accounts. Finalisation of documentation and ultimate delivery to the accountants will require access to the office and lifting of current restrictions.

GS advised that a question had been raised by IH on the amount shown in the forecast of £15k for regional development. As no indications have been received that indicated a possible request to use some of this in 2021, it was agreed after discussion that this should be changed to £2k.

Action:

Regional Development-2021 budget to be reduced from £15k to £2k.

10. GENERAL BUSINESS:

IH raised the matter of transgender – HW reminded the Board this had been raised at a Board meeting in October 2019 and a decision was made that any action would depend on the individual laws of the land in which any event took place and WB would follow any such laws and be guided by relevant National Sports Authorities. GS confirmed that this was the established WB response to enquiries on this subject.

Future Meetings:

It was proposed to hold the next conference meeting on 11th July 2021-12.00am UK start time.

Roger Black 17th April 2021