

Final Minutes: Board of Directors		 BADMINTON ENGLAND
Date:	9 February 2021	
Time:	2pm to 3.30pm	
Venue:	Zoom Conference Call	
In attendance:	Mike Robinson	Chairman
	Adrian Christy	Chief Executive
	Joyce Church	Elected Director
	Nick Cox	Elected Director
	Peter Emptage	Elected Director
	Pete Fitzboydon	Elected Director
	Jim Mann	Senior Director
	Jackie Newcombe	Elected Director
	Mike McSweeney	Elected Director
	Alison Odell	Elected Director
By invitation:	Mark Boote	Finance Director
	Giles Dunning	Chief Operating Officer
	Jon Austin	Performance Director
Apologies:	Elaine Fletcher	Interim Executive Assistant to Chief Executive (Minutes)

1	INTRODUCTION
1.1	<p>The Chairman commenced the meeting by asking, for the record, if there were any declarations of interest, there were none recorded</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the CEO for circulating the paper ahead of this meeting and although there was no specific reference to a recommendation the Chairman would ask the CEO if he is in a position to make one.</p> <p>The Chairman referred to the Sport Winter Survival Package agreement as it is relevant to today's discussion and made the Board aware that an email had been received from Sport England stating that costs incurred in good faith in connection with the organisation of the YONEX All England Championships would be treated as eligible costs and therefore be recovered from the fund even if the event did not go ahead and therefore the net position from the event would not be changed.</p> <p>The Chairman handed over to the CEO to discuss his recommendation and highlight the principal issues for discussion.</p>

The CEO thanked the Board for making themselves available at such late notice and summarised the key points that came out of the meeting with the West Midlands Director for Public Health.

The CEO recommended to continue with the staging of the YONEX All England Championships for the following principal reasons;

- The government is not requiring elite sporting events to stop
- The West Midlands Director of Public Health, despite all the concerns, particularly around the variants of concern, does not believe the YONEX All England Championships poses a public health risk locally
- The compliance with the measures and protocols of the UK Government, the Badminton World Federation and the arena, including the level and frequency of testing
- Recognition that the hotels will be solely occupied by the Championships but also the work being undertaken in collaboration with Public Health in mitigation of the risk posed by hotel personnel
- The testing of players playing in tournaments pre the YONEX All England Championships and the testing that is required on arrival into the UK
- We can cancel the Championships if the concerns required us to; if we decided today not to stage the tournament, we cannot reverse the decision back

The Chairman asked the Board for any comments or questions.

A discussion took place around the risk and concerns to technical officials, volunteers and staff may have being in a closed environment and the potential of key staff dropping out close to the event.

The Board also sought to understand the protocols for security surrounding the hotels and if a bubble was compromised, and the relevant Covid measures.

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A discussion took place around the quality of entry:

- [REDACTED]
- Until we are closer to the Championships, we are unsure of the quality of players – the draw will be published on 22 February
- Stakeholders who are contributing financially are fully committed to the YONEX All England Championships and it is as a real opportunity to relaunch badminton in this country, as lockdown measures may be eased.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by confirming the Board's unanimous decision to proceed with the YONEX All England Championships 2021.

Action:

- a) At the Board meeting on 24 February, present clarity around the protocols in place for security surrounding the hotels and the Covid measures to provide reassurance to the Board (AC)

2021 Board Meeting dates (4 - 6 pm):

- Wednesday 24 February
- Wednesday 31 March
- Wednesday 28 April
- Wednesday 26 May
- Wednesday 23 June

General Meeting dates (1 pm):

- Thursday 29 April 2021
- AGM, Saturday, 26 June (starting at 2pm)

Decision Summary:

Reference	Board of Directors Decision	Decision Maker	Agreed Date
Recommendation by the CEO to proceed with the YONEX All England Championships 2021	The Board unanimously agreed to the recommendation to proceed with the YONEX All England Championships 2021	BoD	9 February 2021