



**Minutes of The Gambling Business Group Limited Board Meeting
on Monday 6 July 2026 at 1.00 pm at
TLT LLP, 20 Gresham Street, London EC21V 7JE**

Present Steve Sharp (Chair)
 Peter Hannibal (Chief Executive)

In attendance: Paul Terroni (Novomatic)
 Mark Jepp (Game Nation)
 Mark Stebbings (Inseinc)
 Andrew Ludlow (Boomerang Digital)
 Vicky Spicer (Light & Wonder)
 Simon Reynolds (Buzz Bingo)

Via Teams: Charlotte Meller (General Manager)
 Nick Jackson (Welcome Break)

Apologies Leo Walker (Evoke Plc)

		<u>ACTIONS</u>
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2	<u>Minutes of Meeting held on 13 April 2026</u> SS opened the meeting and confirmed that this part would be recorded to help with the minutes, then deleted. There were no declarations of interest. SS noted that there were no outstanding matters arising from the previous meeting which would not be covered under the main agenda. Members did not raise any additional points from the previous meeting at this stage.	

3	<u>Finance & Membership Update</u> PH provided a finance and membership update. ○ Financial position remains on budget 9 months into the financial year ○ Better Change has joined the GBG since the last Board meeting ○	
4.	<u>Political Landscape</u> Discussion on the implications of a new Prime Minister and the potential change in DCMS Ministers and Secretary of State, and importance of working with the other trade bodies on relevant briefings. Noted that Baroness Twycross, who had been invited to this meeting, was keen to see Facial Recognition technology in place and so an invite will be reissued for Sept/Oct if she is still in post.	Exec
5.	<u>Legislation and Regulation Update</u> <u>Bingo/Cat D consultations</u> Both responses expected in “due course”. DCMS has dispensation to publish after summer recess if they don’t publish before. <u>Gambling Impact Assessments (GIAs)</u> Increasing pressure on Government to implement these, although DCMS is alert to the need to progress the bingo changes first. GC is expected to consult on updates to the statutory Guidance to Licensing Authorities starting this summer, with GIA guidance included as part of that. It’s not clear if there will also be separate GIA guidance for industry. Noted that the SMF said it would focus on Aim to Permit next after its MGD deliberations. <u>Illegal machines</u> GC has advised LAs to be alert to the fact they are finding more illegal machines on their high street visits and encouraged them to check that their licensees are meeting all legal requirements. <u>GMTS update</u> The machines group would convene soon to discuss the GC’s GMTS update (circulated to Members on 2 July). <u>Operator Fees</u> Will be asking Members what impact the re-banding and 25% increase has had on their businesses. Noted that DCMS has stated it does not intend to look at S&P at this time (beyond Cat D). <u>AML Risk Assessment</u> GC advised that an updated draft was with HMRC and that industry had been consulted, although none of the Trade Bodies had been approached.	

6	<u>PR/ Communications</u> Members encouraged to follow GBG's LinkedIn Page and share/like articles as appropriate and GBG Noted dialogue with the Racing Post with a meeting due to be arranged soon.	Exec
7.	<u>GBG Strategy Update (paper circulated)</u> A paper was circulated with the agenda.	
8.	<u>Emerging Issues</u> Update provided on the recent Social Market Foundation on SMF and the pending follow cross industry meeting. Board very keen for the trade bodies to work together on this issue, which is a huge threat to all land-based businesses. Agreed to provide an update to the Board after the trade body meeting.	Exec
9.	<u>Any Other Business</u> MJ advised that Sylvia Oates had not responded to his email about BIDs and asked if GBG could assist. MJ thanked GBG for getting other operators involved with the serial complainant issue, as the additional statements had helped strengthen the case.	CM
10.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> The next meeting is on Monday, 12th October 2026 at TLT	