



**GBG Zoom Meeting held on
Tuesday 16th June 2020 at 11.00 am**

In attendance

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| Peter Hannibal (GBG) | Nigel Davis (Praesepe) |
| Amanda Fry (GBG) | Quentin Stott (Reflex Gaming) |
| Joanne Craig (Blueprint Gaming) | Steve Brownlow (Reflex Gaming) |
| Stuart Green (Game Nation) | Brian Jamson (Roadchef) |
| Steve Bierrium (Genesis Games) | Tracy Baitup (Roadchef) |
| Mark Edmundson (GeWeTe) | Lee Morton (Scientific Games) |
| Simon Reynolds (GVC Group) | Wayne Ellard (Scientific Games) |
| Gary Pearson (ITL) | Mark Evers (Shipleys Leisure) |
| Wayne Forster (Moto) | Nick Jackson (Welcome Break) |
| Nigel Kelly (Novomatic) | Graham Glanfield |
| Andrew Ludlow (NRM Group) | David Lucas |
| Amanda Kiernan (Praesepe) | Tony Eyre |

		<u>ACTIONS</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome and Introduction</u></p> <p>PH welcomed everyone to the update meeting.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Current Updates and Updates from last meeting</u></p> <p><u>Debit Cards on Machines</u></p> <p>PH advised that he held a meeting last week to discuss the Debit card on machines. Peter thanked Nigel for proof-reading the notes which will be distributed later today. This was to request the use of debit cards on machines as part of the recovery process and there were a couple of issues which are highlighted. PH asked members to read the document and let him have any thoughts/input.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Feedback from NEXSTART Meeting</u></p> <p>PH advised that there has not been a further meeting since we met on Friday. PH advised he attended a couple of Zoom Meetings about town centres and managing pedestrian flow.</p> <p>DL advised that as far as alcohol is concerned there are lesson from last week re definitions with regard to pubs, bars and nightclubs. DL advised that we are still waiting to hear whether the 2 metres will be reduced but we might not know for a couple of weeks which is very close to 4th July so will not help in the preparations.</p>	

	<p>Andrew Ludlow advised that he attended a number of webinars – there appears to be a requirement for businesses to say they are certified as Covid-19 secure. Government are setting up a good to go scheme for businesses to certify that they are Covid-19 secure which builds up consumer confidence. Is anything in place for AGC’s, pubs or bingo? DL advised that it is all about giving people reassurance that the premises comply but everyone obviously has to complete risk assessments. Andrew Ludlow advised that BH&HPA had set up an online portal to answer 20 questions Andrew will send the information to PH/DL to pick up offline.</p> <p>Simon Reynolds is not aware there is a separate self cert audit process that Andrew is suggesting. DL advised that the risk assessment is relevant to the venue and Joanne advised that all the Trade Associations have produced risk assessment templates for their members.</p>	PH/AL/DL
4.	<p><u>New Matters</u></p> <p><u>LA June Bulleting from the GC</u></p> <p>PH advised that the GC have just published the LA June Bulletin which is produced every month for Local Authorities. We will circulate the link after this meeting.</p> <p>The overall performance of premises based Gambling UK, is in decline. Premise numbers have dropped from 9.6% year on year which is mostly driven by betting shops. These numbers undermine the Gambling Commissions request for more funds and resources to do the job properly. The Gambling Commission are clearly regulating a smaller industry than they were.</p> <p>Other information in the Bulletin regarding consultation on Regulatory Panel Reforms which GBG have been working on (to do with compliance breaches and the process for determining the outcomes) PH advised that GBG has had one meeting and is in the process of putting together a response. PH advised that he is working with the Betting & Gaming Council and a couple of other stakeholders.</p> <p>PH drew members attention to a section on Page 3 where the Gambling Commission have commented on bingo via remote communication – this relates to offering alternative remote access to bingo players while the premises are closed</p> <p>PH also pointed out that the GC advice to LAs on premise annual refunds and partial payments is that no regulations are provided for refunds to be made under Section 184 of the Gambling Act and so LA’s do not have the discretion to refund annual fees.</p> <p>DL advised that members should sign up for these bulletins because they are a useful insight into what the GC are advising LAs regarding gambling regulation.</p>	<p>AF</p> <p>PH</p>

	<p><u>APPG for Gambling Related Harm</u></p> <p>PH advised that the APPG have published their full report today on the Online Gambling Harm Inquiry. We will circulate the document after this meeting</p> <p><u>Government Response to DCMS Select Committee Report on Immersive and Addictive Technologies</u></p> <p>DL advised that DCMS originally published this report and the Government response was published last week which considered some important and serious topics to immersive technologies and particularly online gaming. AF will circulate the link following this meeting</p> <p>Joanne - these online gaming sites are not regulated and kids are becoming addicted and then becoming problem gamblers so if we can get that side of the industry regulated it will be a positive.</p> <p>PH replied that anything that takes us to a clearer distinction between gaming and gambling would be better and then it can be determined who regulates it.</p> <p>Andrew Ludlow advised that there has been a lot of activity recently with main stage bingo being played on Facebook and these Facebook pages are creating quite a lot of traction. There is an example where there have been in excess of 700 players participating in main stage bingo via Facebook and we need to look at the distribution channels and the way people are using technology in different ways to engage with customers.</p> <p>Simon Reynolds advised that the Commission are launching the next round of consultations at the end of the month on product design, VIP's and formalising the guidance they launched on 12th May</p> <p>PH asked Simon what is happening with the design games workshop – Simon advised it is working on 3 or 4 things which was included in the GC statement about raising standards and there will be more workshops throughout the summer to then publish a code in September</p>	<p>AF</p> <p>AF</p>
5.	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>The next update meeting is on <u>Friday 19th June at 1.00 pm</u></p>	