



**GBG Zoom Meeting held on
Thursday 16th July 2020 at 12.30 pm**

In attendance

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| Peter Hannibal (GBG) | Nigel Davis (Praesepe) |
| Amanda Fry (GBG) | Anthony Boulton (Project Games) |
| Joanne Craig (Blueprint Gaming) | Steve Brownlow (Reflex Gaming) |
| Alan Humble (Crane PI) | Rob Wheeler (Rimini) |
| Stuart Green (Game Nation) | Brian Jamson (Roadchef) |
| Mark Edmundson (GeWeTe) | Tez Field (William Hill) |
| Graham Roberts (Inseinc) | Ewen Macgregor (TLT) |
| Lee Jefferson (Inseinc) | Byron Evans |
| Wayne Forster (Moto) | Tony Eyre |
| Nigel Kelly (Novomatic) | |

		<u>ACTIONS</u>
1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>PH welcomed everyone to the update meeting. Apologies were noted.</p>	
2.	<p><u>Matters brought forward from the last meeting</u></p> <p>AF notified everyone about the NEXSTART website which houses all the documentation with regard to re-opening after Covid-19. It will be improved with an index so you will be able to search for the relevant documents.</p> <p>PH reminded the meeting that the GC wanted to slightly amend the 20% rule guidance with their 'expectations' relating to unimpeded access. PH's concerns are that once you include this criteria to social distancing it becomes even more difficult to manage and is therefore reluctant to amend the document. However, it is with John White at the moment waiting for a response.</p> <p>ND explained that in reality it is no different to turning a machine off while waiting for parts. We (Cashino) have not had a problem with this or capacity and we are operating to the legal advice we have.</p>	Action PH
3.	<p><u>Updates</u></p> <p><u>NEXSTART</u></p> <p>PH advised that the Casino and Bingo re-opening documents are intended to be on the website with the other information. The BGC are</p>	

	<p>still drafting and changing theirs so they are reluctant to release it just yet. AF will chase Paul Swindon for the Bingo document.</p> <p>PH advised that there is an issue arisen in Scotland with the re-opening of pubs with the police advising machines to be turned off. Scottish Government confirm that machines <u>are</u> allowed to be turned on in line with risk assessments but will clarify formally on Friday. In the meantime, pubs are not advised to challenge the police instruction to avoid confrontation. TLT are advising BBPA in Scotland to make sure it is dealt with properly.</p> <p>PH advised that the GC are doing a slight update to their FAQ's clarifying which venues should be open and which shouldn't. eg Casinos can't open anywhere yet. LBO's in Scotland will have some of their restrictions lifted.</p> <p><u>Members</u></p> <p>There is concern about wearing masks in retail from 25th July and how previous linking to 'non essential retail' might prompt an overspill into betting shops and AGC's</p> <p>Tony Boulton advised that Bacta have spoken to DCMS who confirmed that AGC's were not part of general retail so there was not the enforcement required for masks to be worn. ND advised that we have not received that in writing and Local Authorities may still view us as a retail environment and it is how we sort that. PH advised that the LA's representatives on NEXSTART do not think there is a requirement either.</p> <p>PH advised that Andrew Cotton has brought up an item about 'Payment of Premises Licence Annual Fees' advising the majority of premises licence annual fees will be due by 31st August and It could well be the case that LA's will not issue a request for the fee this year, so Operators will need to be alert to this. We will have to see if this becomes an issue or not but as we have discussed before, there is nothing in regulation that allows LAs to defer the fees.</p>	Action AF
4.	<p><u>New Matters arising in last 7 days</u></p> <p>PH advised that Buzz Bingo are closing 26 clubs.</p> <p>The GC implied this morning that there are a number of casino licensees who have notified them of their intent not to re-open.</p> <p>Tony Eyre asked if we know how many locations are not going to re-open to try and establish what the impact has actually been? PH advised that we do not know and the GC are being understandably confidential about who has contacted them (particularly as it could involve redundancies).</p> <p>AF sent out a slide deck on consumer attitudes yesterday but as it was a large attachment it did not reach everyone. It will therefore be available on our website. There are some interesting trends with regard to consumer expectations that can be tracked through the last few weeks,</p>	Action AF

	for example; where consumers were thinking they were through the worst of it a few weeks ago and now there are less people thinking we are through the worst of it.	
5.	<p><u>Any other Business</u></p> <p>Tony Boulton advised that as there has been the reduction in the VAT rate for some sectors Gauselmann are picking up the momentum with the Treasury on that spreading across to MGD. We have heard it is a possibility so he thinks it might be worth pushing. The more communications/pressure they get will highlight the situation more fundamentally to them.</p> <p>PH acknowledged the excellent result Bacta achieved in Scotland with the business rates.</p>	
6	<p><u>Date of next meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday 23rd July at 1.00 pm</p>	

Meeting finished at 10.15