



**GBG Zoom Meeting held on  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 12.00 pm**

In attendance

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| Peter Hannibal (GBG)                 | Paul Comer (Moto)             |
| Amanda Fry (GBG)                     | Nigel Kelly (Novomatic)       |
| Alan Humble (Crane PI)               | Brian Jamson (Roadchef)       |
| John Stergides (Electrocoin)         | Tracy Baitup (Roadchef)       |
| Mark Edmundson (GeWeTe)              | Lee Morton (Scientific Games) |
| Andy Bullock (Innovative Technology) | Tez Field (William Hill)      |
| Graham Roberts (Inseinc)             | Steve Brownlow                |
| Lee Jefferson (Inseinc)              | Graham Glanfield              |
|                                      | Tony Eyre                     |

		<b>ACTIONS</b>
1	<p><b><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></b></p> <p>PH welcomed everyone to the update meeting. Apologies were noted.</p>	
2.	<p><b><u>Matters brought forward from the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>PH had no matters to bring forward from the last meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July and none were raised by members.</p>	
3.	<p><b><u>New Issues</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Face Coverings from tomorrow</u></b></p> <p>PH advised that DCMS has changed the wording in the Bingo Association’s operating guidelines “All bingo customers are required to wear a face covering during their visit to Bingo although they are able to remove this once seated in the Bingo hall to consume food and drink” which comes into effect from tomorrow, along with all other venues.</p> <p><b><u>Reopening – latest info</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Casinos are still closed everywhere</li> <li>b. LBO’s are open in England, Scotland and Wales subject to regional Covid restrictions</li> <li>c. Bingo are open in England &amp; Wales, subject to Covid restrictions, but not open in Scotland.</li> <li>d. AGC’s &amp; FEC’s are open in England &amp; Wales, subject to Covid restrictions, but not open in Scotland yet.</li> </ul> <p>PH advised that in terms of the local restrictions</p>	

	<p>a. Aberdeen was locked down at 5.00 pm on Wednesday and will be reviewed in 7 days time</p> <p>b. We are expecting some news this afternoon on the situations in Leicester and the North West</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>General Updates</u></b></p> <p><b><u>NEXSTART</u></b></p> <p>PH advised that there are 2/3 cases a week on the liquor licensing front of over zealous licensing enforcement officers who are going into premises with “all guns blazing”. However, when the review starts to happen it transpires that the elected councillors are not in agreement with this heavy handed approach the regulators are taking so there is a conflict within local authorities about how to approach Covid enforcement. Much of it is caused by conflicting guidelines and interpretations by different regulators causing confusion.</p> <p><b><u>Social Distancing – Welsh Government update</u></b></p> <p>PH advised that the Welsh Government put some new guidelines out yesterday on social distancing</p> <p><a href="https://gov.wales/taking-all-reasonable-measures-minimise-risk-exposure-coronavirus-workplaces-and-premises-open">https://gov.wales/taking-all-reasonable-measures-minimise-risk-exposure-coronavirus-workplaces-and-premises-open</a></p> <p>Social distancing in England and Scotland is guidance and therefore not enforceable however in Wales Social Distancing is in the regulations so you can be prosecuted if you don't comply. This new guidance whilst helpful, now contradicts the regulations so there will be added confusion.</p> <p><b><u>GC Summer Bulletin</u></b></p> <p>The Gambling Commission published their Summer Bulletin which we circulated earlier.</p> <p>PH brought everyone's attention to the section in the Local Authority bulletin that tries to explain machine percentage pay out and return to player. It is very detailed and not easy to understand. It is a little bizarre that the GC think it necessary or appropriate to educate licensing officers on how machine games are structured.</p> <p><b><u>Members</u></b></p> <p>There were no other issues raised by members.</p> <p>PH advised that the licensing officers on Nexstart say there are no issues on gambling. All the issues seem to be with the police and health and safety guys who are trying to understand how to enforce regulations.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Ongoing Matters</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Games Design Consultation</u></b></p>	

