

## GBG Members Zoom Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 11.00 pm

## In attendance

Peter Hannibal (GBG)
Steve Sharp (GBG)
Amanda Fry (GBG)
Rob Wheeler (GBG)
Simon Reynolds (Buzz Bingo)
Patrick Hassett (Entain)
Stuart Green (Game Nation)
Tim Stratton (Game Payment Technology)
Aristidis Sikouras (GeWeTe)
Howard Gant (IHL)

Andy Bullock (Innovative Technology)
Lee Jefferson (Inseinc)
Evgeny Shulyak (JCM Global)
Paul Monkman (Luxury Leisure)
James Sturgess (Luxury Leisure)
Wayne Forster (Moto)
Brian Jamson (Roadchef)
Tracy Baitup (Roadchef)
Lee Morton (Scientific Games)
Tez Field (William Hill)
Graham Glanfield

		ACTIONS
1	Introduction and Apologies	
	SS welcomed everyone to the GBG Members meeting. Apologies were noted.	
2.	Matters brought forward from the last meeting – 23 Nov 2021	
	There were no matters arising from the last meeting	
3.	Update for Members	
	(a) Update from the <u>GBG Board Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan</u>	
	SS advised that Minutes of Board Meeting will be put on website and AF will let members know once they are on there. We are currently concentrating on Strategic Aim 2 (Land Based Gambling) and Strategic Aim 5 (Data). We are still discussing how to engage with casinos. There are three stages to our Media Strategy: Business to business communication with trade press to encourage new members to join, engaging more formally with the GC and DCMS and other departments regarding the new GBG. When we have the High Street credentials the third stage will be public facing.	Action AF
	(b) Strategic Road Map	
	Strategic Aim 2 (Land Based Gambling) – next task is to set up the working group. Strategic Aim 5 (Data) needs a strong governance panel	

	to make sure we are compliant and ethical throughout. If anyone is interested and would like to be involved, please let PH know.	Action Members
4.	GBG Organisational Matters	
	(a) <u>Finances</u>	
	AF gave the meeting an update on the current financial situation. All invoices have been sent out for the period 1 Nov 2021 to 31 Oct 2022 and we have received 70% of the revenue. There is one bad debt from the previous six months and currently 10 members have payments outstanding from this period.	
	(b) General Manager	
	PH advised that in the new plan we have a role for a General Manager. We will advertise this on LinkedIn but if anyone knows anyone who might be interested, please let PH know.	Action Members
	(c) New Members	
	PH advised that we have a list of non-members which could generate extra revenue if they join, which will ease the financial burden for all. We will be looking to our current members for help in recruiting some of these potential new members. SS advised that the more money we get in the more projects we can get involved with and the more effective and representative we will be.	
5.	Update on Industry Matters	
	(a) APPBGG Report nearing completion	
	PH advised that the All-Party Parliamentary Betting and Gaming Group now has 7 Lords and 5 MP's sitting on this Group. They put a call out for evidence towards the end of 2021 into a review of the Gambling Commission. They have put together a draft report and within it there are 7 case studies of operators having bad experiences when interacting with the GC.	
	The Racing Post has an exclusive preview this Friday and it will be published on Monday.	
	(b) Gambling Act Review	
	There is nothing further to add at this time.	
6.	Any Other Business	
	(a) Test Purchasing Consultation. The expert panel for age restrictions have made a submission and their main points were	
	<ul> <li>Consider introducing test purchasing and plans that cover remote gambling as well as physical in-person gambling.</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>There is no clear standard for how to conduct online age checks nor any requirement for test purchasing to ensure the online sector is effectively preventing underage access to gambling.</li> <li>More research needs to be done as to the reasons behind unchallenged results (is it because of staff intimidation?).</li> <li>As part of the anonymised summaries, it states in the report whether a failure to verify age is due to human or computer error.</li> <li>Has there been any independent review as to what is best practice and what should be desired by the public or reliant parties who would like to protect children?</li> </ul>	
	(b) Rob Birkett's blog to Local Authorities – this is about Local Authority approach to addressing gambling harms and are asking Local Authorities to adopt the Public Health principle. If anyone is interested in the Local Authorities and what they do please read the blog and let PH know what they think.	Action Members
6.	Date of next meeting  The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 11.00 am.  AF will send out a calendar invite	Action AF

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