



Parliamentary
All Party
Betting & Gaming Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held via Zoom on
Monday 28th February 2022 at 2pm

In attendance: Scott Benton MP (Chair) (SB)
 Aaron Bell MP (AB)
 Philip Davies MP (PD)
 Sir Peter Bottomley MP (PB)
 Viscount Astor (WA)
 Lord Lipsey (DL)

 Steve Donoughue (Secretariat) (SD)
 Andrew Woodman (on behalf of Andrew Bridgen MP)

Apologies: Baroness Golding
 Lord Donoughue
 Joe Gideon MP
 Helen Grant MP

Minutes:

1. The AGM was judged to be quorate with SB in the Chair
2. SB affirmed that the minutes of the last AGM had been circulated
3. Election of Officers:
 - 3.1. Scott Benton MP re-elected as Co-Chair. PD proposed, WA seconded, elected unanimously
 - 3.2. The following to be re-elected as Co-Chair and Vice Chairs:

Co-Chair	Baroness Golding
Vice Chair	Mark Pritchard MP
Vice Chair	Aaron Bell MP
Vice Chair	Lord Mancroft
Vice Chair	Lord Moynihan
Vice Chair	Lord Smith of Hindhead

Vice Chair Lord Donoughue

Vice Chair Viscount Astor

PD proposed, WA seconded, elected unanimously

3.3. That Philip Davies MP be elected a Vice Chair. SB proposed, WA seconded, elected unanimously

4. SB stated that there had been no income or expenditure in the past year and therefore no income and expenditure statement was necessary
5. End of administrative part of AGM, SB moved on to forthcoming meetings of the Group. SB proposing that there should be a meeting on the National Lottery competition citing anger at reports that the Gambling Commission were considering awarding the licence to incumbent, Camelot. SD stated that industry news was that judicial review was being considered by other competitors as Gambling Commission risk profiling unfairly skewed against competitors.
6. PD argued that arguably one of the biggest risks to gambling came from the Online Safety Bill which has the ability in the Lords to have gambling included as a harm.
7. DL pointed out that debate in Lords on gambling advertising the next day (01/03/22)
8. PD, AB and SB agreed that CEO and Chair of Gambling Commission should be invited to meet with the Group.
9. General consensus that Gambling White Paper looked very bleak for future of gambling industry and that gambling Minister, Chris Philp MP seemed aligned with anti-gambling groups. Minister had been invited to attend AGM. SB and PD to meet with him shortly.
10. Meeting closed at 2.30pm