## Minutes of ABTT Training and Education Committee,

## on Tuesday 9th June, 2020, 14.00 – 15.15

By Zoom

**Attending;** Sebastian B (Chair), Rikki N (RN), Lousie B (LB), Steve M(SMc), Mig B (MB), Peter M (PMc), Martin S (MS), Kathryn G (KG), David B (DB), Mark W (MW),

**Apologies:,** Geoff J (GJ), Robin T (RT), Clare H (CH), Ros M (RM), David E (DE), Dave G (DG), Tom M (TM), John Y (JY),

**1. Minutes of the last meeting.**

Only Mig, Robin, Mark and Katheryn attending. Informal notes included integrating our Bronze course with Mig’s technical course and Mental Health in theatres.

**Information:**

**2. Future of Training Courses.** Under the current C-19 conditions; Summer School courses still in question. RN noted some issues with the Bronze Flying module. MB has researched delivery of our courses, using the GSA guidelines and smaller groups, suggesting some content could be delivered online. MB willing to share her research. RN noted some access companies are producing some guidelines. MW noted the impending DCMS guidelines for opening theatres, the ABTT is producing detailed guidance within the main guidance. MW described some suggested techniques for replacement online training.

MB described other organisations’ shared guidance, eg ROH and Pirate Crew, through our recent webinar. We have some concerns the practical elements of our courses might be difficult to deliver. MB asked for clarification which tutors are shielded, affecting delivery at the GSA. SB noted BECTU’s work with the DCMS drafting guidance for the Film & TV sector.

PMc urged us to contact our regular venues about late 2020 courses. SMc noted C-19 testing is key to course deliver.

**Action;** MB to forward her guidance to RT and GS to help plan our next courses, and ask GS for list of tutors shielding.

**3. Online training.**

SMc describe he’s tasked with time consuming re-writing much of their course material for online suitability. PMc echoed this with some positive feedback from students. SB suggested creating online content has a future value, without diluting the vocational emphasis.

**Action;** SB to liaise with RT and GS planning immediate course delivery.

**Discussion:**

**4. Revise our meeting schedule (SB)**

January and March 2020 meetings were cancelled for different reasons. Generally agreed to use Zoom style tool to enable meetings for the immediate future. Our July meeting might not be possible live. Agreed to Zoom meeting instead. Agreed to discuss January 2021 date in our next meeting.

**5. CSCS Card (SB)**

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PMc outlined this pan European technical skills standard enabling cross country recognition for technicians. It is open source with a practical assessment. PMc suggested we should engage with this initiative. The C-19 situation has postponed this project. One of the organisation has agreed to present this standard to us, at some future point. MW noted the similarity to the UK CSCS standards used in the construction sector. We note the BECTU Safety Passport doesn’t replace this.

MW asked if we want the ABTT to become an accredited training centre? SB believes the financial and organisational requirements and resources are too complex for us. We should look to other current training centres adopting the assessment element for our sector.

**Action;** Committee to check the ETTE handbook for similarities to our current standards.

**6. Webinars 10th & 11th June (SB)**

SB recorded huge thanks to Mig and Elysia for their hard work arranging 10 webinars across two days, planned for 10th and 11th June, a mix of delivered and interactive sessions. The University of Surrey have allowed us to use their Zoom account for these webinars. Agreed PMc to join the panel for our educational webinar. MB described the process for these webinars and noted the unique range of panellists on a range of topics and the diversity of people booked. We plan to record each to post links on our website for those who can’t join.

It has been suggested we plan to deliver further, regular webinars on H&S in theatres (Raising the Curtain), subject to a perceived demand. MB suggested we could arranged a webinar on Diversity. Feedback on the webinar series to be added to our next meeting.

**7. AOB:**

Noted that RT will be on furlough from the 10th of June.

PMc noted OISTAT to publish a best practice document on remote training delivery.

SB introduced Martin Stewart to our committee, currently working at the Everyman Cheltenham.

**Meetings in 2020; (locations subject to change)**

Thursday 30th July, 14.00 – by Zoom.

Tuesday 13th October, 14.00 – London, tbc.