



UK Deaf Sport  
 Annual General Meeting  
 Wythenshawe Forum, Manchester  
 Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2004

1	Welcome & Introductions	Action
	Craig Crowley (CAC) welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the agenda.	
2	Attendance	
2.1	See appendix for list of delegates	
3	Apologies	
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3.2	CAC also conveyed apologies from two Board members, Philip Gerrard was absent because his partner has just given birth, CAC would convey everyones congratulations to them. Helga McGilp had not arrived and CAC hoped that she was safe and not ill or in danger	
4	Notes from 2003 Special Meeting	
4.1	P.Powe: page 3 (5.0) abbreviation WDG should read WDGA	SHarrison to amends
4.2	M Perry: page 3 (4.11) MP has not seen the Consitution CAC: The matter will be dealt with at the Annual Report later.	
4.3	G Buck: Order of Clarification. Is it DWG or DWP CAC; Confirmed DWP	SHarrison to amends
4.4	G Fletcher; what does DWP mean? CAC: Deaflympic Working Party	
4.5	Notes of 2003 Special meeting were accepted as an accurate record	
4.6	G Fletcher: Point of clarification. Who is allowed to vote at this meeting? CAC: This will be addressed during 'Motions acceptance' later in meeting	
5	UK Deaf Sport Annual Report 2003/2004 (Summary address by CAC)	
5.1	The Annual Report covers the period April 2003 to March 2004 and UK Deaf Sport has been operating since June 2003	
5.2	It has been a busy and rewarding year for UK Deaf Sport and member organisations. National Governing Bodies have started to take notice of	

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	deaf sport and some have begun to negotiate with UKDS at the strategic level for the benefits of everyone from grass roots to elite performers.	
5.3	During June to October 2003 UKDS visited Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. It is acknowledged that the dissemination of information is still relatively slow but this continues to improve as UKDS has a growing profile in the community.	
5.4	UKDS has appointed: Stuart Harrison as Development Manager for UKDS Chris Ratcliffe as Chef de Mission for 2005 Deaflympic Working Party	
5.5	The Deaflympic Working Party includes 2 representatives from the BDSC and UKDS is happy to report that there has been an excellent working relationship developing in preparation for M2005	
5.6	There have been many objectives for UKDS this year and the work has not been easy but objectives have been achieved	
5.7	Development Plans are in place for both the Deaflympics and Home Nations sports developments	
5.8	The Annual Report lists the organisations that UKDS has been working with over the last year and this list is expected to have a continued growth	
5.9	The Deaflympics The Board has been very pleased with the excellent work by Chris Ratcliffe and the DWP and the Sports Directors/Representatives DWP was very successful with a £75,000 grant from UK Sport. Unfortunately this was a shortfall on the expected amount but it did reflect a 40% cut at UK Sport which has reflected in all their awards to Sports Performance this year.	
5.10	During the latter half of this year, UKDS has been in contact with the Charities Commission and expects to become a Registered Charity as soon as possible. The UKDS Model Constitution is being examined by the Commissioners and UKDS will come back to members if there is a need for changes/approvals. The Special Meeting held this morning was an opportunity for Members to discuss the structure of the UKDS Board and comment and propose a Membership system for UKDS	
5.11	The Accounts for 2003/4 have been audited by EFDS auditors and are an accurate and true account	

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5.12	Looking towards 2004-2005 and our biggest challenge will be the Deaflympics in January and CAC is confident that Chris Ratcliffe and Stuart Harrison and all others will continue to work as a good team and that team selections and preparations will be comparatively excellent and wished everyone good luck for a successful performance	
5.13	During 2004/2005, UKDS will be registered as a Charity and the membership of the Board will be increased to have a true UK representation and also have the benefit of co-opted members from NGBs and other partnerships	
5.14	One main objective for UKDS is to become more active in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The past 12 months has seen a lot of work supporting deaf sport in England and now it is time to work further afield. UKDS respects the differing needs of the Home Countries and especially the situations in Ireland and will work with representatives in both the North and South Ireland as people have the right to make their own decisions on representation.	
5.15	The Business Plan for next year will be a reflection of the criteria set down by UK Sport and Home Country Sports Councils. It will be working towards breaking down barriers	
5.15	The Finances will continue to be managed by EFDS on behalf of UKDS and at the 2005 AGM, members will have a greater say on the accounts as we will be a Registered Charity which EFDS will continue to 'look after' for the interim	
5.16	When UK Sport first gave UK Deaf Sport our grant they anticipated that it will take us at least 3 years to get things settled. So I thanks veyone for their continued patience and give us a chance to work!	
5.17	If you have any issues regarding the Annual Report, please get in touch with Stuart Harrison	
5.18	The Annual Report was accepted as a true record.	
6	Motions & acceptance of Membership & Representation (Summary of the Special meeting held earlier : Sharon Simmonds)	
6.1	Structure of the Board Majority agreement to accept the proposed new Board Structure to include; Officers; National Representatives and Co-opted members.	
6.2	Membership Proposals	
6.21	Two Categories of membership agreed	

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	<p>1) UKDS Members (AGM Voting rights)  2) UKDS Registered Members (No AGM voting rights)</p>	
6.22	<p>Agreed that UKDS members to be categorized as:  <b>GB/UK Deaf Sport Organisations</b>  <b>National Deaf Sport Organisations</b>  <b>Associate members</b> (for those sports working towards full membership, needing to develop links with governing body of sport)  <b>Regions</b> (consultation still required with existing regions as either BDSC or non BDSC)</p>	SHarrison
	Voting Mechanisms	
	<p>Voting Mechanism passed, to be looked at by the Board &amp; added to constitution. This was M Perry's proposal, with small amendments from the floor:</p> <p><b>a) election of 4 National Representatives.</b></p> <p>Only members based in each country can vote for their national representative. GB bodies will have one vote per country. This means GB bodies, National bodies, Associates and Regions can vote (1 each).</p> <p>After election of National Representatives, any new Board officials(chair, vice chair, treasurer, secretary) may be elected.</p> <p><b>b) election of Board officials</b></p> <p>Only GB body &amp; national body can vote. National Representatives will have 4 votes each (on behalf of smaller members). Rule is:</p> <p>Maximum 4 votes per sport eg GB body 4 votes OR National bodies, 1 vote each x 4  National Representatives: 4 votes per country, after taking advice from smaller members</p> <p>The idea is to make sure that UK Deaf Sport voting respects equal votes per sport &amp; home nations. Otherwise, the English influence will be too big, especially through the number of 'smaller' members.</p>	Board



	<p>Criteria for membership/voting includes evidence of working relationship with governing body of sport. This means GB football will not be eligible for top membership/voting category.</p> <p>This voting will be required in any extraordinary meetings to pass Vote of no confidence.</p>	
7	<p>Nomination/Election of Officers</p> <p>Elections to the Board for 3 year term (nominations were unopposed):</p> <p>Chair: Craig Crowley (Proposer ;P Gerrard, Seconder: H McGilp)</p> <p>Vice Chair: Philip Gerard (Proposer: S Hirshman, Seconder H McGilp)</p> <p>Treasurer: David Blackburn (Proposer: C Crowley, Seconder S Hirshman)</p> <p>Secretary - vacant</p> <p>M. Fowler wished it recorded that D Blackburn has been stated by CAC as representing Welsh Rugby. But was not proposed by Welsh Rugby CAC: acknowledged</p> <p>National Representatives elected to Board for 1 year term (again nominations unopposed):</p> <p>England: Sharon Hirshman (Proposer: H McGilp, Seconder C Crowley) &amp; Luke Taylor (Proposer: A Scolding, Seconder S Wherry) (only one vote shared for English reps)</p> <p>Wales: Richard Jones (Proposer: J Davies, Seconder M Fowler)</p> <p>Scotland: Helga McGilp (Proposer: S Hirshman, Seconder C Crowley)</p> <p>Northern Ireland: Don Conway (Proposer Angela Ashe, Seconder Mikhail Johnson, both of UDSC)</p>	



	Date of next AGM	
	11 June 2005 Country and Venue to be announced	Responsibility?
	Final Notices (Stuart Harrison)	
	Vote of Thanks Helen Cudlip (PA/Communicator to Development manager) UK Deaf Sport will be at NDCS Exhibition 19 <sup>th</sup> June Planning seminar/conference in Scotland in partnership with Strathclyde University, during October – details to follow	

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## **Appendix**

### **Attendees List**

The following people attended the AGM:

Alban Welch	INTERPRETER
Andrew Scolding	English Deaf Football
Bela Hegedus	GB Deaf Table Tennis
Brian Kokoruwe	Deaf UK Athletics
Brian Rawlinson	English Deaf Squash Association
Claire Kimble	Deaf Darts Tournament
Colin Macdonald	UK Deaf Orienteering and UK Deaf Winter Sports
Craig Crowley	Chair UKDS
Darren Tobin	Wales Deaf Golf Association
Dave Portsmouth	Deaf Darts Tournament
Derek Simmons	President UKDS
Don Conway	Irish Deaf Golf
Geoff Fletcher	North West Deaf Sports Council
George Buck	GB Deaf Table Tennis
Helen Cudlip	UKDS
Helen Tagg	INTERPRETER
Janet Thomson	GB Badminton
Jason Davies	Wales Deaf Golf Association
John Evans	National Deaf Children's Sport Association
Luke Taylor	English Deaf Rugby Union
Malcolm Green	GB Deaf Swimming Association

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Mark Perry	British Deaf Tennis Association
Melvyn Kimble	Deaf Darts Tournament
Michelle Fowler	Welsh Deaf Rugby Union
Mark Wheatley	Red Lizard
Paul Anthony	Deaf Darts Tournament
Paul Carter	Southern Deaf Sports Association
Pauline Ridgeway	INTERPRETER
Peter Kendall	
Peter Powe	Wales Deaf Golf Association
Richard Jones	Wales Deaf Rugby
Roanna Simmons	Brighton & Hove Albion Deaf Women FC
Sharon Hirshman	UKDS Board Member
Stuart Harrison	Dev. Manager UKDS
Sylvia Mackenzie	English Deaf Lawn Bowls Association
Teddy Webb	Deaflympic Working Party
Timothy Scannell	
Tuna Bangs	London Deaf Sports Council
Vincent Dickson	GB Swimming

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## Apologies List

The following people sent their apologies:

Apologies	
Alex Dury	Deaf Studies Trust
Angus Robertson	LSF
Barry Avison	NWDAF
David Blackburn	CEO DRWC 2005 LTD
David Wilson	Scottish deaf golf
Helen Thew	Becoming Visible
Jackie Perkins	netball
James Townsend	
Jeff Davies	FA
Joe Patton	UK Sport
Josie Cichoskyj	GT Manchester Disability
Judy Rogers	ETTA
Kevin Whalley	EDGA
Lesley Reeves	
Mahesh Patel	EFDS
Mike Aston	Deaf Sailing
Nick Brookes	Deaflympic Working Party
Peter Hay	Scottish Deaf Bowlin Association
Philip Gerrard	UKDS Board Member
Phillip Gardner	GB Deaf Football

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Sandra Campbell	Deaf UK Athletics
Scott Richies	Scottish Deaf Golf have AGM
Steve Wherry	England Deaf Rugby Union

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