



Minutes of the UK Deaf Sport (UKDS) AGM meeting held at The National Cycling Centre, Manchester
10 November 2018

Present: (UKDS Board of Directors)

Piers Martin (Executive Chair and Director)
Lara Lill (Senior Independent Director)
Gareth Hunt
Graeme Knight
Peter Fitton
Tom Seabrook
Brendan Foley
Andy Mawdsley

In attendance:

Valerie Copenhagen (UKDS Head of Participation)
Philip Gerrard (UKDS Honorary Vice-President)
Stuart Harrison (UKDS Honorary Vice-President/ England Deaf Golf)
Matthew Monkson (England Deaf Golf)
Guy Finney (UK Deaf Athletics)
Sharon Heshmann (GB Deaf Football)
Christof Niklaus (GB Deaf Football)
Sean Noone (England Deaf Football)
Jennifer Lynch (England Deaf Futsal)
Sharon Howarth (Greater Sport Manchester)
Jo Hitchings (UKDS Secretariat)
Interpreter x 1

Apologies Received:

Craig Crowley MBE (UKDS Honorary President)
Vincent Dickson (UKDS Honorary Vice-President)
Tim Chapman (UKDS Board Member)
Alex Newton (UKDS Board Member)
Jacqui Traynor (UKDS Board)
Claire Stancliffe (Athlete Commission)
James Dixon (Athlete Commission)
Tom Baxtor (Athlete Commission)
Bethan Lishman (Athlete Commission)
Catherine Fletcher (National Deaf Tennis Coach)
Jan Lishman (GB Deaf Athletics)
Oliver Eadsforth (EDF)
Andrew Taylor (Deaf Sailing)
Chris Beech (GBDF)
Rod Oaton (England Deaf Golf)
Jim Joyce (GB Deaf Swimming)
Nigel Seamarks (GB Deaf Swimming)
Paul Gotta (GB Deaf Swimming)
Philip Gardner (Deaf Chess)

REF	MINUTE	ACTION
1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	
1.1	The Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM, thanked them for attending and officially opened the AGM.	
1.2	The Chair explained that whilst the AGM would focus on the required formalities, it would also provide an update on key activity during the year and the outcomes of the Membership Structure Review.	
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2.1	Apologies were noted as above.	
3.	MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM	
3.1	<u>The minutes of the AGM meeting of 18 November 2017 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting: proposed by Guy Finney and seconded by Philip Gerrard.</u>	
4.	ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2017-18	
4.1	The draft UKDS Annual Report and Unaudited Accounts to 31 March 2018 were received and noted.	
4.2	The Chair invited any questions on the Annual Report and Unaudited Accounts 2017-18. There were no questions from attendees.	
5.	CHAIR'S UPDATE	
5.1	<p>Piers Martin, Executive Chair, gave an overview of key UKDS activity in the last year which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continued delivery of the UKDS Strategy focused on 3 key areas of Leadership, Participation and Performance - Completion of the Governance requirements for the organisation to comply with the Code for Sports Governance - Recruitment of new Directors to ensure compliance with the Code of Sports Governance and with the required skillset to ensure the delivery of the UKDS strategy - Focus on sustainability for the organisation including securing funding from Sport England and regular engagement with Department for Digital, Media and Sport (DCMS) - Review of the UKDS membership structure - Continued delivery of International Relations strategy including the appointments of Philip Gerrard to EDSO Secretary General and Gordan Hay to EDSO Legal Commission 	
6.	ORDINARY RESOLUTION: APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS	
6.1	Those new Directors present at the AGM introduced themselves and explained their motivations for joining UKDS Board.	
6.2	<u>Peter Fitton, Tom Seabrook, Brendan Foley, Andy Mawdsley and Jaqui Traynor were appointed to the Board as Directors: proposed by Guy Finney and seconded by Matthew Monkson.</u>	
6.3	The Chair highlighted the opportunities for individuals with the appropriate skillset to join Leadership, Participation and Performance Groups.	
7.	PARTICIPATION	
7.1	<p>Valerie Copenhagen, Head of Participation, UKDS provided an overview of key activity in the last year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on the three key areas of the Participation Strategy: Support, Lead and Grow - Development of key partnerships to help deliver the strategy - Securing Sport England funding 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on how to get more deaf and hard of hearing people to start, stay and support sport and physical activity - Conducting a range of research to help inform future activity and monitor impact of new activity and initiatives 	
8.	MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE	
8.1	VC provided an overview of the outcomes from the Membership Structure Review. VC outlined the proposed new UKDS membership structure and invited sports to consult with their membership on the proposals and provide any feedback to UKDS in advance of the membership structure being introduced in 2019.	
9.	CLOSE	
	There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 14.15.	