



Minutes of the UK Deaf Sport (UKDS) AGM held by conference call  
21 November 2020, 11.00am

**Present: (UKDS Board of Directors)**

Piers Martin (Chair and Director)  
Lara Lill (Senior Independent Director)  
Andy Mawdsley (Director)  
Brendan Foley (Director)  
Tim Chapman (Director)  
Peter Fitton (Director)  
Jacqui Traynor (Director)  
Tom Seabrook (Director)  
Graeme Knight (Director)  
Craig Crowley (Honorary President)  
Philip Gerrard (Honorary Vice President)  
Stuart Harrison (Honorary Vice President)  
Jo Hitchings (Notetaker)

**Voting Members:**

British Deaf tennis  
Basketball England  
GB Deaf Athletics  
England Deaf Golf  
GB Deaf Football  
England Deaf Football  
Scotland Football  
GB Deaf Swimming

**In attendance:**

Sueli Pereira	Sharon Hirshman
Christof Niklaus	Daniel Summersgill
Donal Desmond	Derek Grabham
Susanna MacDonald	Simeon Hart
Rachel Holman	Martin Bogard
Stephanie Kendall	Memnos Costi
Thomas Irish	Lisa Young
Matt Bradshaw	Nathan Young
David de-Beger	Derek Todd
Arjith Ravi	Ryan Pendley
Robert Jackson	Janet Sadler

**Apologies Received:**

Kick Boxing Council  
Scotland Curling

REF	MINUTE	ACTION
<b>1.</b>	<b>CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS</b>	
1.1	The Chair welcomed everyone to the AGM.	
1.2	The Chair highlighted that 2020 has been a challenging year for members of the deaf community. During this period UKDS has not only survived but has grown and thrived during this period.	
1.3	The Chair provided an overview of key UKDS activity over the last year which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued Governance work to ensure required compliance</li> <li>Building a diverse Board with required skills</li> <li>Securing and managing Sport England funding</li> <li>Increasing organisational sustainability, securing other revenue sources such as Comic Relief</li> <li>Strengthening the Membership base</li> <li>Expansion of UKDS staffing</li> <li>Establishment of the Athlete Commission, with members elected</li> </ul>	
1.4	The Chair thanked VC, the Board, Honorary President and Vice Presidents and UKDS's partners and members for their support during this period.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
2.1	The Chair noted the apologies received and highlighted the two proxy votes submitted to UKDS prior to the AGM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kick Boxing Council</li> <li>Scotland Curling</li> </ul>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM</b>	
3.1	<u>The minutes of the AGM of 23.11.19 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting: Proposed by Andy Mawdsley and seconded by Tim Chapman.</u>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2019-20</b>	
4.1	The Annual Report and Unaudited Accounts for the year 2019-20 were received and noted.	
4.2	VC introduced Stuart Brown and Sophie Timson from Hanburys.  SB explained that Hanbury's were appointed as UKDS's financial service provider in August 2019. Since their appointment, internal processes have been reviewed and improvements implemented.	
4.3	VC invited any questions on the Annual Report and Unaudited Accounts 2019-20. There were no questions from attendees.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>ORDINARY RESOLUTION: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS</b>	
5.1	The Directors due for re-election – Piers Martin, Lara Lill, Graeme Knight and Tim Chapman introduced themselves and provided their motivations for being on the UKDS Board.  The above Directors stepped down.  The total number of Members eligible to vote was 10 including 2 proxy votes.  Members voted for the election of Directors with the following results:  For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 2	

	<u>Piers Martin, Lara Lill, Graeme Knight and Tim Chapman were re-appointed to the Board as Directors.</u>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
6.1	The positive progress which had been made by UKDS in the last year was highlighted.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>AGM CLOSE</b>	
7.1	There being no further business the Chair closed the formal part of the AGM at 12.04.	