



Annual General Meeting

The Queen's Club, Palliser Road, West Kensington, London, W14
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Saturday 22nd September 2007

Time: 13.40

1	Welcome & Introduction	Action
1.1	Derek Simmons (DAS) thanked everyone for attending the Annual General Meeting and declared the meeting open.	
1.2	Craig Crowley (CAC) welcomed everyone and went through the agenda items that would be covered at the AGM. He reminded everyone that the AGM focuses on the financial year of April 2006 to March 2007. He added that any questions should be for matters relating to the AGM only. Any other issues could be covered at the meeting afterwards.	
	Roll Call – UKDS Members	
2.1	CAC did a roll call of members to see who was in attendance to check that the AGM had a quorum. This was confirmed.	
3	Minutes from UK Deaf Sports 2005 AGM at Cardiff	
3.1	Brain Kokoruwe (BK) queried 4.2.6 and said that he wasn't aware money being given to Red Lizard. He asked how this was decided without the members being aware.	
3.1.1	CAC clarified that it wasn't a loan, it was the start-up costs for the magazine. Red Lizard had done all the planning and the Board made a decision. He said that the wording was wrong and it was not a loan but a payment for professional services. Now that Red Lizard is no longer operating this money has been return so no money has been lost.	
3.2	4.2.2 Roanna Simmons asked whether the payment to Fusion was ongoing.	
3.2.1	CAC clarified that it was a one off payment was for producing the professional fundraising strategy in April 2006. It was linked to the strategic plan and the recommendations resulted in the set up of the GBDOC.	
3.3	The minutes of the 2006 AGM were approved. Proposed by Great Britain Deaf Women's Football and seconded by Deaf UK Athletics.	

4	Annual Report 2006-2007 The Annual Report was issued and the Chair and Treasurer's reports presented and summarised.	
4.1	Chair's Report CAC highlighted that UKDS had been to both EDSO and ICSD Congresses. At the ICSD Congress in Salt Lake City UKDS's ICSD membership was formally ratified.	
4.1.1	UKDS is a central point of contact. UKDS have held a Sports Forum and been to conferences to raise profile of UKDS. At the 2006 AGM the magazine <i>achieve</i> was launched and towards the end of the year the website had been redesigned.	
4.1.2	As part of socially inclusive sport UKDS arranged a meeting of deaf football organisations to discuss a 'blue-print' and a way forward for GB and the Home Countries.	
4.1.3	UKDS has been ratified as a member of the English Federation of Disability Sport. The other Home Countries are aware of UKDS but UKDS are not yet their members.	
4.1.4	There have been a number of successes and challenges over the last year. ICSD changed its name at congress to IDC but then at the Deaf Sports Reform in July they still used ICSD. They also said that the word Deaflympic couldn't be used however this has now changed. This is why the name of the organising committee for the GB Deaflympics team has changed but is now GB Deaflympic Organising Committee (GBDOC).	
4.1.5	UKDS launched the magazine <i>achieve</i> last year which was produced by Red Lizard. Unfortunately Red Lizard folded so that magazine production had stopped. CAC said that there would be more information on this later.	
4.1.6	UKDS now have National Governing Body status which means it has more respectability when approaching other organisations. UKDS is also a registered charity which brings some benefits.	
4.1.7	Due to future lack of funds, UKDS has also had a fundraising plan produced and is working to it.	
4.1.8	UKDS also now has a partnership with BDSC. CAC explained that this started as an informal relationship but has now got more of a structure and things are going positively. CAC felt that it was important to tell the Deaf Sport Community that UKDS and BDSC are working together and successfully.	
4.1.9	Looking forward CAC said that the funding issue is very serious. UKDS need support from the NDSOs. If the numbers are small, for example UKDS only have a small membership, then UKDS won't be able to ratify international events etc of non-members and the more numbers there are the more support there will be.	
4.1.10	The GBDOC has had 3 meetings so far and things are moving on in preparation for the next Deaflympics.	
4.1.11	CAC felt that the key word is "equality". The government, UK Sport and the Home Country Sports Councils say that UKDS is equal and	

	that they have sports for all that treat all impairments the same but that is not happening.	
4.1.12	<p>Finally CAC thanked the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UK Sport for its funding (although this will end in March 2008) • EFDS for hosting UKDS staff and office • Athletes, officials and coaches for their work and achievements. 	
4.2	Treasurer's Report: UKDS Treasurer David Blackburn had sent his apologies so Vice-chair Philip Gerrard (PG) gave the Treasurer's report. He asked the questions be held until the end of the presentation. He referred people to the relevant pages of the Annual Report.	
4.2.1	In the year 2005/06 UKDS had an income of £76,000. The expenditure was £90,000 the majority of which was on staff costs. Additional expenditure was on membership fees, communication support, staff and volunteer travel, the website and the magazine. This resulted in a £14,000 deficit.	
4.2.2	The income breakdown was £42,000 from the UK Sport grant and £30,500 from Access to Work for communication support.	
4.2.3	In expenditure there was an additional £12,000 spent on 'others' this included room hire, a digital camera, insurance, support services, postage cost and professional fees.	
4.2.4	The deficit of £14,000 is covered by the £18,000 reserve brought forward from the previous year resulting in UKDS having £4,000 in remaining funds.	
4.2.5	The report repeats what the Chair said about funding problems.	
4.2.6	As a registered Charity the accounts have to be audited and they have been. A full copy of the accounts is available from UKDS offices on request.	
4.3	Questions	
4.3.1	Martin Bogard (MB) commented that the Government's recognition of equality is important which is good but deaf people aren't on it. CAC responded that there is an issue with the government. He explained that in December 2006 UK Sport decided not to fund UKDS in the future. This is because of London 2012 and all the money going to that. A lot of charities are in a similar position.	
4.3.2	BK thanked PG for the accounts presentation. He said that he was worried about the lack of income and asked what is stopping UKDS going to other sources for funding, why do they only go to UK Sport CAC explained that UKDS currently have commitments to UK Sport relating to performance issues. After the 2005 Deaflympics UK Sport asked UKDS to get write a strategic plan which UKDS did and matched all necessary criteria but now UK Sport say go to the Home Country Sports Councils but they can't help. UKDS have helped some NDSOs to apply for Awards For All grants but UKDS is unable to do so as it doesn't meet the criteria. Now that UKDS has the	

	<p>fundraising strategy from Fusion there is something to follow to help with finding funds. It was thought that the £42,000 from UK Sport would be ongoing and enough to keep UKDS going however the position has now changed. CAC added that the NDSOs need to work with UKDS to apply for funding and to ensure that applications aren't duplicated. The more members UKDS has the stronger and more unified UKDS will be.</p> <p>PG added that UKDS had not yet bid for any funding and Fusion had been brought in to advise on the best way to do it. Funding is a problem for lots of charities so UKDS need to be clever and use the funds and resources available in the best possible way.</p>	
4.3.3	<p>Teddy Webb (TW) referred to the grant of £42,000 and explained that previously BDSC had received that grant but when the funding was stopped they set themselves up independently. However the funding they had received had been £42,000 for all the time that they received it and it has not gone up with inflation as was expected. He added that fundraising is important and it is useful to bring someone in to focus on that.</p> <p>CAC thanked TW for his comments and added that UKDS was the last organisation from UK Sport to get funding from the exchequer grant award and it has stayed the same and not increased. He reiterated the importance of fundraising and that it shouldn't be duplicated and having a structure would help this. The GBDOC has its own separate plan on how to raise funds.</p>	
4.3.4	<p>PG reminded everyone that not only was the £42,000 from UK Sport going to stop but for the Deaflympics as in 2005 they had also given a grant of £75,000 which they won't give this time. He added that for £75,000 they got 16 medals and yet they spend hundreds of thousands on the Olympics and don't get near as many.</p>	
4.3.5	<p>Dominic Everett (DE) responded to the Chair's report. He said he was aware UKDS was suffering from a lack of financial resources and they wanted more support from the NDSOs. He asked for clarification on what support NDSOs can give in addition to membership.</p> <p>CAC said that this would be discussed in the meeting following the AGM.</p>	
4.3.6	<p>The Chair's report and accounts were approved by the members. Chair report proposed by GB Badminton and seconded by BDSC. Accounts were proposed by BDSC and seconded by ????</p>	
5	<p>Election of Board Members</p> <p>Voting forms were sent out to NDSOs. There were no new names nominated so members only had to vote for or against those listed. All voted for.</p> <p>Chris Ratcliffe was confirmed as a Trustee and TW confirmed as a Co-opted Member. There was no change to the other posts.</p> <p>CAC announced the Nick Brookes was resigning from the board of trustees as he felt he had too many other personal commitments.</p>	

	However he would still be involved in the GBDOC.	
6	Any Other Business	
6.1	Guy Finney raised his concerns about the UK Sport funding ending in March 2008. He asked who will pay the memberships to ICSD for events. He also said that last year there was talk of a bid for the 2017 Deaflympics.	
6.1.1	CAC responded that the membership to ICSD would be covered so that was not a problem. He said the 2017 is no longer a priority. The focus now has to be getting equality from the Government. For a big event it is clear that there needs to be support from National Governing Bodies otherwise it would be difficult.	
6.2	MB was attending the meeting on behalf of GB Deaf Badminton. They had raised concern that they had not had any congratulatory messages from UKDS for their recent competition. They also commented that no representatives from UKDS attend international competitions to show support. They felt it would be good for morale and create more of a bond and more interaction between the team and UKDS	
6.2.1	CAC said that he valued the comments as they were important for UKDS. He apologised for not writing to the team and realised that this was important. He added that unfortunately the structure isn't in place to allow UKDS officials to attend all events. He explained that as members of UKDS the NDSOs were in theory representing UKDS. He added that the UK structure is different to that in Europe. However the comments have been noted and will be given serious consideration and the links and support are important	
6.2.2	DAS thanked MB for raising it. He asked organisations to make sure that they inform UKDS of events and competitions and who the winners are so that they can be written to and congratulated. GB Men's Football and DUKA were recently congratulated on the website. He said that if UKDS is told then it can respond.	
6.2.3	MB replied that UKDS had been written to but there had been no response. CAC noted this and said he would investigate	CAC
6.3	Bryan Whalley commented that he had been a teacher for 14 years and in that time he had seen lots of changes. He noted that lot most people attending today's meeting were signing and not many were oral and no one with cochlear implants. With more deaf children being mainstreamed he questioned their representation. He added that he was fascinated by the political structure and how some people viewing things as deaf first, sport second when for many it is the other way around. He said that recently with Deaf Tennis he had attended a Deaf Day at City Lit but there were only two schools in attendance. He added that the NDCS had got £1 million for football development. He asked how they got it and suggested this could be something to think about for funding.	
6.3.1	CAC thanked Bryan for raising the points. He responded that NDCS had got the funds from the Football Foundation and that UKDS had	

	supported them but was unable to bid itself as the infrastructure isn't there. At the recent International Deaf Sport Reform there was no plan for cochlear implants or deafened people they were very 'Deaf only' focused. CAC felt that if this is the case then the future doesn't look hopeful. The government says that it should be sport first and deaf second which UKDS agrees with. They have the sports pathways which cover children to adults but there are gaps which could allow them to miss talented deaf children and unfortunately UKDS doesn't currently have the structure to fill the gaps.	
6.4	BK said that communication was important and he felt that there was not enough of it in the deaf sports community. He explained that he was involved in the set up of the Deaf Sports Strategy Group and after that he set up DUKA for deaf athletes. They tried to get funding to match to mainstream amounts but it was refused. He went on to say that he had managed to set up a meeting with the DCMS and told UKDS who attended the meeting as well. UK Athletics were also at the meeting which led to good connections but he was unsure if other NDSOs knew what had been discussed at the meetings	
6.4.1	CAC said that the meeting with DCMS was a good example. After initial meetings they then passed UKDS back to UK Sport and we get the information from them. He added that the UKDS membership structure had only recently been set up. He realised that UKDS need to inform the members more and hopefully this will now happen. It is important that the NDSOs support UKDS then if UKDS is unable to help it will be able to direct NDSOs to the right place. CAC gave an example of an NDSO that went to talk to the government about world class performance funding without consulting UKDS. He explained that this would not work as they would be unlikely to get a response. It would be more successful to go through UKDS. He added that this was not the fault of the NDSOs as they were not aware of the structure which is why it was important for there to be 2 way communication	
6.5	TW explained that he is also involved in European Deaf Sport and there has been lots of talk about funding cuts. It's the same for other countries in Europe as well. There are 43 countries and only 2, the Ukraine and Germany, are in a good position. In 2005 it was Ukraine who won the most medals and that is because they have a good structure so sports in the UK need to work together to achieve something similar.	
7	Date and Venue of UKDS AGM 2008	
7.1	The AGM this year was originally scheduled for Northern Ireland however this had to be changed due to lack of funding. Next year the AGM will be either in Wales or Scotland in early September. Venue and date to be confirmed.	
8	Close of Meeting	
8.1	DAS thanked the Chair, Vice chair, the Trustees and Co-opted Members for their hard work over the year. He said that the	

	<p>contribution everyone had put forward today are vital and very important to UKDS. He added that he felt that some of the problems mentioned today could be overcome if everyone worked closer together and kept each other informed.</p> <p>He said that equality is a major issue as Deaf sportspeople are losing out and this lack of equality creates inequity and it's definitely most unfair. This needs to be overcome and the Government and Home Country Sports Councils need to be made aware. He said that he thought everyone would agree that they were sport first and deaf second but that equality was still important to help deaf sportspeople achieve in sport.</p> <p>He reiterated the last paragraph in his address in the Annual Report in which he said "united we stand, divided we fall" and he asked that everyone work closely with UKDS.</p> <p>DAS then closed the meeting at 3pm with thanks to everyone for attending and contributing.</p>	
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John Brownley

22/11/08

Appendix 1

UK Deaf Sport Trustees and Staff

Present at AGM

Name	Position
Craig Crowley	Chair
Philip Gerrard	Vice Chair
Derek Simmons	Honorary President
Steve Wherry	Trustee
Lynn Parker	Trustee
Helen Cudlip	Administrator

Apologies received

Name	Position
David Blackburn	Treasurer
Nick Brookes	Trustee
Chris Ratcliffe	Trustee

Appendix 2

Attendees

NAME	ORGANISATION
Mike Webster	British Deaf Sports Council
Teddy Webb	British Deaf Sports Council
Bryan Whalley	British Deaf Tennis Association
Brian Kokoruwe	Deaf UK Athletics
Guy Finney	Deaf UK Athletics
Steven Bostock	Deaf UK Athletics
Eddie Vidler	English Deaf Lawn Bowls Association
Sylvia Mackenzie	English Deaf Lawn Bowls Association
Martin Bogard	GB Deaf Badminton
Vincent Dickson	GB Deaf Swimming Club
Paul Johnson	GB Deaf Ten Pin Bowling
Dominic Everett	GB Deaf Women's Football
Roanna Simmons	GB Deaf Women's Football
Ryan Lewis	GBDOC
Gordon Hay	
John Lilley	
Jonathan Reid	
Josef Baines	

Appendix 3

Apologies

NAME	ORGANISATION
Janet Thomson	GB Deaf Badminton
Chris Gwynn	GB Deaf Men's Football
David Thomson	Scottish Deaf Squash Association
Bobby Rogers	UK Deaf Cue Sports
John James	Welsh Deaf Football Association