

# Annual General Meeting



Reg. Charity No. 1111776

## MINUTES (CONFIRMED)

Date of Meeting: 23 January 2010  
Time: 13:00 – 14:00pm  
Venue: Latter-Day Saints Chapel, 64-68 Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London

### AGM7.1 **Attendance**

#### AGM7.1.1 **Present (UKDS Board of Trustees)**

Philip Gerrard (Acting Chair)  
Steve Wherry (Vice Chair)  
Josef Baines (Secretary)

#### UKDS7.1.2 **In attendance**

Derek Simmons (Hon. President)  
Gordon Hay (Coordinator) – Minutes taker  
Richard Weinbaum (UKDS' Deaf Sports Personality of the Year Committee)  
Jackie Harrison (UKDS' Deaf Sports Personality of the Year Committee)  
Jonathan Reid (Incoming Trustee)  
Stuart Harrison (Incoming Trustee)  
Caroline Hurley (Incoming Trustee)  
Dominic Everett (UKDFF Steering Group)  
Oliver Eadsforth (UKDFF Steering Group)  
Martin Strutt (UK Deaf Table Tennis Association)  
Lyndon Borrow (Deaf Basketball UK)  
Brian Kokoruwe (Deaf UK Athletics)  
Guy Finney (Deaf UK Athletics)  
Martin Willis (GB Deaf Women Football)  
Niall Fearon (GB Deaf Women Football)  
Vincent Dickson (GB Deaf Swimming Club)  
Mark Perry (British Deaf Tennis Association)  
Tish Kerfoot (British Deaf Winter Sports Association)  
Andrew Stibbs (British Deaf Winter Sports Association)  
Simeon Hart (English Deaf Golf Association)  
Kevin Whalley (English Deaf Golf Association)  
Marcel Hirshman (England Deaf Rugby Union)  
Joseph Sheridan (Scottish Deaf International Football)  
Paul Johnson (Ten-Pin Bowling)  
Terry Riley (Chair, British Deaf Association)  
Seán Curran (Federation of Disability Sports Organisation)  
Ramon Woolfe (Observer)  
Christof Niklaus (Observer)

#### AGM7.1.3 **Apologies**

Craig Crowley (Trustee)  
Chris Ratcliffe (M2005 Team GB Chef de Mission)  
Lyndon James (England Deaf Rugby Union)  
Simon Jones (English Deaf Squash Association)

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Brian Rawlinson (English Deaf Squash Association)  
Janet Thomson (Badminton)  
Thomas Smith (Cycling)

## AGM7.2 Welcome

AGM7.2.1 The Hon. President welcomed everyone, thanked them for attending and hoped all will have a productive day. He opened the UK Deaf Sport's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and invited the Acting Chair to take the floor. This was followed by housekeeping rules.

## AGM7.3 Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting

**RECEIVED & NOTED** Unconfirmed minutes of the meeting of 22 November 2008.

**APPROVED** The minutes were approved by Members as an accurate record of the meeting.

## AGM7.4 Annual Report 2008 / 2009

AGM7.4.1 The Acting Chair summarised the Outgoing-Chair's report in his absence. Some factors outlined;

- ✍ UKDS Campaign in May/June 2008 against the decision of funding cuts by the Government in favour of London Olympics / Paralympics 2012
- ✍ GB Deaflympics Organising Committee (GBDOC) made important milestones in its build-up
- ✍ A contribution of £150,000 from independent donors
- ✍ Participation of 112 athletes, officials and administrators of GB Team at Taipei Deaflympics – September 2009
- ✍ Proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the British Olympic Association

Among the ways UKDS progressed in this work were:

- ✍ A series of meetings the Outgoing-Chair conducted with Honorary President, Derek Simmons, and Lawyer during the appeal process with Sport Resolutions UK over the decision by UK Sport not to fund UK Deaf Sport for Taipei Deaflympics
- ✍ Deep evaluation of key UKDS strategic and potential fund-raising objectives
- ✍ Series of meetings with key Government personnel and Disability Sport Federations
- ✍ A deep look at UKDS's past to determine best practices and key assets to build on for future growth of standards in Deaf Sport and even greater impact

**RECEIVED** UKDS Audited Account 2008 / 2009

AGM7.4.2 The audited account has been presented to the Members.

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## AGM7.5 Election of Board of Trustees

AGM7.5.1 The names of interested candidates and current Trustees to be re-elected were presented. No new nominations had been received.

AGM7.5.2 The Acting Chair explained the Outgoing-Chair was successful in becoming President of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) in September 2009 and started the presidency duties in mid-October.

AGM7.5.3 It has been clarified to the Members that the Outgoing-Chair has formally stepped down at the UKDS' Board of Trustees meeting on 18 November 2009, and the current Board of Trustees elected an Acting Chair until the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

**APPROVED** Members unanimously accepted the New Board of Trustees.

AGM7.5.4 The Hon. President welcomed the new-elected Board of Trustees.

## AGM7.6 Any Other Business

AGM7.6.1 The new Chair stressed that A.O.B. on the Agenda should not be part of the future Annual General Meetings, but welcome any A.O.B.s for today.

AGM7.6.2 Regarding the Constitution and upcoming Memoriam of Article & Association's re-structuring, Members would benefit if there is some sort of diagrams to make the document "deaf friendly". *[Dominic Everett, UKDFF Steering Group]*

AGM7.6.3 The nomination for the Presidency of the ICSD submitted by UKDS came as surprise to all Members, with no formal notification or consultations. *[Niall Fearon, GB Deaf Women Football]* The new Chair explained that, at the time of the nomination, there was no clear procedure for nomination which involves UKDS Members, the same applied to Technical Directors posts. UKDS received no funding from the Government due to the fact that the Government do not acknowledge Summer & Winter Deaflympics, thus UKDS Board of Trustees felt that it is essential for the nomination of Craig Crowley for the ICSD Presidency forward to enable changes to be made at the International level and create better opportunities and pathways for Deaf Sport in the UK.

**ACTION** UKDS will improve communication with regard future news, sanctions and nominations with Members.

AGM7.6.4 Clarification on Members' Voting Rights is needed with regard Election of Board of Trustees. *[Dominic Everett, UKDFF Steering Group]* The Chair explained that the names has come forward stating their interest to become Trustees, and every Member has a document to nominate further names. If UKDS received more than the maximum number of Trustees allowed (12),



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then, a vote is needed from each Member (by post) to pick 12 names. In the current case, the Board of Trustees' number stood at 8, therefore, no voting is needed. The Chair's explanation is backed up by the Chair of the British Deaf Association which followed similar procedure.

AGM7.6.5            The venue of future UKDS' Annual General Meetings needs to be flexible and it would be brilliant if the venues being in Scotland and Wales. *[Christof Niklaus, Observer]* The Chair has noted this statement and will discuss this with the Board of Trustees.

### AGM7.7            **Date of the UKDS' 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

AGM7.7.1            The date on the Agenda stated "2011". *[Simeon Hart, English Deaf Golf Association]* The Chair apologised for the typing error, as the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting is for 2009 which was supposed to take place in September 2009, the same month Team GB flew to Taipei for the 21<sup>st</sup> Summer Deaflympics. The AGM has been moved to today. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting shall take place in 2010 to cover the 2009/2010 Annual Report.

AGM7.7.2            The UKDS' 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting will take place in 27 November 2010 in London to coincide with the UKDS' Deaf Sports Personality of the Year Awards.

Signed as an accurate record of proceedings by Philip Gerrard, Chair.

Signed: P. P. Gerrard

Date: 27 - 11 - 2010