



**Special Meeting of Deaf Sport Specific Groups
Manchester United FC
Saturday 14 June 2003**

1.0 Welcome

Craig Crowley welcomed everyone to the meeting and outlined the agenda. Thanks were given to Manchester United Football Club's Conference and Education team for their generous gesture to allow us the use of the International Suite.

2.0 Attendance

60 people were in attendance (See *Appendix A* on page 7-8, for names and organisations)

3.0 Apologies

13 sent in their apologies for absence (See *Appendix B* on page 9, for names and organisations)

4.0 Business & Resolutions

4.1 DSSG Chair Address by Craig Crowley

'Time for a Positive Change'

"Urgent action required to move forward from Deaf Sport strategy group" CAC Chair

4.2 Summary

- Concerns about the management of the BDSC
- Loss of confidence from the deaf sports public
- Urgent recommendations from the Deaf Sports Strategy group
- **Set up a new deaf sports body**
- **Agree to a new model constitution**

4.3 Development progress

- Deaflympics working group
- UK sport involvement
- Recruitment of UK Deaf Sport development manager post
- On-going consultation with other organisations
- Constructive DSSG meetings
- UK Sports acceptance of DSSG proposal bid
- Election of new members of DWP

4.4 Progress since DSSG Forum

- See Hear TV debate on deaf sport

- UK Sport acceptance of exchequer grant award
- Formal acceptance of hosting of EFDS
- Joint DSSG/BDA statement
- Advertisement and interview of deaf sport development manager post
- Dissolution of DSSG into a new deaf sports organisation

4.5 Objectives

- Available funding from UK Sport
- Set up new publicity/marketing plan
- Set up new website
- Set up new roadshows in Scot, Wales NI and North and South England
- Election of new management group

4.6 Finance

- Will cover the development managers salary
- Responsibility to set budget within funding targets from sports councils/organisations and NGBs in the UK
- Set realistic expectations for future expenditures

4.7 Resources

- UK Sport funding will make positive use of resources, but in such a way that costs will be properly managed

4.8 Why change into a new deaf sports organisation?

Build up string partnership with

- Deaf sport specific groups
- National Governing Bodies of Sport
- Sports Councils /Sports Organisations
- Deaf Organisations

4.9 Schedule

- 10 march 2003 UK sport confirmed proposal bid by DSSG
- April/May 2003 open advertisement for the development manager post
- 13 June interviews. Two people have been selected for a second interview schedules for end of June.
- 14 June special meeting of deaf sports groups/assoc. in Manchester
- 23rd June 2nd interviews
- 4th July roadshow visit to Scotland confirmed
- early July DWG meeting of DS Groups
- 15 July First meet of UKDS Management Group - London

4.10 Key action plans

- development of the new constitution of deaf sports body
- roadshows to Wales (2/9/03); NI North and South England (t.b.c.)
- new UK Deaf Sport formal meeting October 2003 (t.b.c.)
- completion of social inclusion policy
- completion of business plan for the Development Manager

- completion of the Performance Plan for the DWG October 2003

4.11 Constitution

Philip Gerrard: In order to establish a new organisation a model constitution has been drawn up with advice from the Charity Commissioner's (CC). The constitution is based on a Model produced by the CC and adapted to suit the purposes of a new deaf sports organisation. The contents have been checked by a solicitor qualified in such matters.

The Constitution can now be accepted in principle and will be subject to amendments at the first AGM to be held **no later than June 2004**.

5.0 Motion: To receive and accept the Chairs recommendation for a new deaf sports body

EDGA, MDSA, EDF, ECAD, BDTPB, WF, CTSW, BDGC, GBF, BCFC, DERU, DDFC, DUKA, BHDFC, WDG, WDRU, LDFC, SJFC, SWN, BV, EDLBA, BDTA **(22 in favour)**

6.0 Motion To receive and accept the recommendation for the new constitution and new name UK DEAF SPORT

EDGA, MDSC, EDF, EDCA, BDTPB, EWF, WDLBA, CTSW, BDGC, DN, GBS, DDFC, WAS, GBB, EFDS, DUKA, BHDFC, WDG, WDRU, LDFC, SJFC, CDSC, BV, SWN, EDLBA, BDTA **(26 in Favour)**

7.0 Motion: To receive and accept the formal agreement of Deaf Sport Specific Groups' as founder members of UK Deaf Sport

EDGA, MDSA, EDF, EDCA, BDTPB, EWF, CTSW, BDGC, DN, GBF, BCFC, DERU, GBS, DDFC, WAS, EFDS, GBB, DUKA, BHDFC, WDG, LDFC, WDRU, CDSC, SJFC, SWN, BV, BDTA, GBWF **(28 founding members)**

8.0 Motion: To receive and accept the re-appointment of Chair and members of DSSG as Management of UK Deaf Sport for 12 months.

Elected: Craig Crowley, Stuart Harrison, Sharon Hirshman, and Philip Gerrard.

DERU, GBS, BCFC, BDTA, BV, SWN, CDSC, SJFC, EDGA, WDRU, WDG, LDFC, CTSW, BHDFC, DUKA, FDFC, GBB, EFDS, WAS, DDFC, MDSC, EDF, EDCA, BDTPB, EWF, WLBA, GBWF, BDGC **(28 in favour)**

9.0 Motion: To receive and accept the future nominations for the vacant posts within the new deaf sports body

It was agreed to leave the nominations for the vacant post in the DSSG until the next formal meeting in October 2003.

The member Organisations will now be invited to attend the UK Deaf Sport Forum meeting to raise issues.

UKDS will now seek to visit Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to inform people of strategy and involve people in consultation
EDLBA, BV, SWN, EDGA, LDFC, WDG, CTSW, BHDFC, DUKA, FDFC, EDF, GBB, EFDS, WAS, GBS, BDTPB, DERU, BCFC, GBF, (19 in favour)

10.0 Any Other Business

Craig Crowley reminded the floor of the main objectives of the DSSG that will now be carried out by UKDS. The establishment of a new post. The process is almost complete

Doug Alker BDA addressed the delegates:

"I am here as an observer and we at the BDA recognise the importance of the UKDS for the future. We believe in the empowerment of deaf people and their involvement in the development of deaf sport.

I would like to pass on my congratulations to everyone for their bold decisions today and well done to you all.

The BDA looks forward to the future and working with the UKDS and everyone associated."

11.0 Deaflympic Working Party DWP

Chris Ratcliffe (Team Manager DWP)

The DWP is made up of DSSG and BDSC reps

Chris Ratcliffe Team Manager/Logistics

Teddy Webb Ex Technical Director and Swimming

Mike Webster BDSC Sec (CISS Admin)

Nick Brookes Finance/Fundraising

New people to include ASAP

Website webmaster

Other volunteers

Sports Directors of Deaflympic sports

Coaches

The DWP will be expecting high qualification standards. Some sports bodies will be used to the criteria expected and it will be new to others. Those not making the standards for Melbourne 2005 will be given support from DWP and UKDS to bring up to standard.

It is expected that teams or individuals being selected for Melbourne will be potential medal winners, standards from GB are not very high at the moment. Most sports will be looking at development of Performance Plans ready for 2009 Deaflympics.

We have less than 18 months before Melbourne 2005

Teams need to be selected and preparation plans executed.

There are a possible 16 sports that could be bidding for places at the Deaflympics

Final decisions will be left with UKDS Management

DWP will be concerning itself with Melbourne 2005, but will be laying the foundations for the 2009 Deaflympics and beyond so that hopefully in 8 – 12 years time we may see new GB sports emerging such as Volleyball etc

Sports Directors of Deaflympic sports will be contacted by letter with regular information exchanges and meetings

July 2003 will be first meeting of the DWP to be hosted by the BDTA at The Queens Club, London. This will be a meeting of the Sports Directors of Deaflympic sports. The meeting will outline what is to be expected of each other. Performance Plans, management Plans and hopefully meet each individual Director to look at their PPs and then go back to work on them with your sport.

The DWP expects the meeting to be a good one

The DWP has already been in discussions with the BPA British Paralympic Association Athens 2004 Manager to discuss her role and learn from her.

The 2006 Commonwealth games could be a possibility for Deaf sports to be represented. The DWP will investigate this

12.0 Questions from Delegates

Helen Thew (Becoming Visual)

Question: How will people be contacted to have full information about the standards and expectations of the DWP for Melbourne 2005?

Chris R: There will be a letter sent to everyone for information. See me afterwards and I will take your names and addresses.

Jackie Perkins (Deaf Netball)

Question; It would be interesting to know what sports are at the Deaflympics. How can you get a new sport into the Deaflympics? We are interested to have Netball in the Deaflympics.

Chris R: There are a number of countries playing netball and there should be no reason why not. However I recommend that you go slowly and build up. You will have to follow CISS regulations and remember that CISS also encourage World Championships and Global region competitions (European etc)

My role will be to focus on Melbourne 2005 only and UKDS Development Manager will work with you for the future.

Christof Niklaus (Fulham Deaf Football)

Question Will there be issues relating to UKDS and the CISS?

Craig Crowley: The BDSC are part of the DWP this is to ensure that all CISS regulations and deadlines are met for the Melbourne 2005 Games. BDSC hold the CISS card and this is respected.

At the CISS Congress, it will be BDSC who represent the UK and not UKDS.

There will be two delegates to attend the Congress in Melbourne will this still be BDSC by 2005?

There is still a lot to clarify between BDSC and UKDS but this is a political discussion and will not interfere with the work of the DWP where BDSC and UKDS are working together for Melbourne 2005

Dean Humphries (Great Britain Football)

Question We are going to Spain for the European Championships. Who do we work with: UKDS or the BDSC?

Chris R: You will be working with the DWP so in a way it will be both UKDS and the BDSC who are the DWP

This is because the Europeans are preparation for the Deaflympics therefore you work with DWP

I will be writing to you and all Sports Directors to inform you of what is to be expected from you and what is required in your PPs Performance Plans. You will need to demonstrate that your teams or individuals are realistic medal potential. Your Performance Plans (PPs) are very important to DWP

Gordon Hay (Black Country DFC)

Question You mentioned there are possible 16 Deaflympic sports. Will they all be given equal treatment or will there be priority sports?

Chris R: All Deaflympic sports will work with the new Development Manager for 2009. You must reach standards to get into Melbourne 2005

There are other sports that are not Deaflympic or CISS (Rugby, Golf, and Netball) you have World Championships etc and will be assisted by UKDS as you are popular sports and can compete internationally but will also need PPs

Peter Powe (Welsh Deaf Golf)

Question We have two Chairmen one is UKDS and other is BDSC how does this work?

Craig C: Yes, there are two Chairs (UKDS and BDSC). Glynn Rosser (BDSC) and I have been holding talks and writing to each other over all the issues we have discussed today.

Where we have agreement so far is related to the Deaflympic Working Party where Mike Webster is involved as BDSC Secretary to enable the paperwork to be officially recognised by CISS for the 2005 Deaflympics. Teddy Webb is also involved from BDSC with his years of experience as a Technical Director for the CISS and his knowledge of the World Games.

Where we have a difference of opinion is related to the future of deaf sport and the future of the BDSC. This is a political debate and has no bearing on the CISS and Deaflympics.

Glynn and I will continue to have discussions and hopefully we will reach agreements as soon as possible.

What is important to note is that the UKDS will continue it's work as we have been recognised by UK Sport as the body to lead on the Deaflympics and the future of Deaf sport in the UK.

The UKDS is the lead organisation for the Deaflympics and goes through the BDSC for administration purposes

13.0 Next Formal Meeting – October 2003

Venue to be confirmed

APPENDIX A

DELEGATES AT UKDS MEETING 14 JUNE 2003

	Delegate	Organisation	
	Craig Crowley	Deaf Sport Strategy Group	DSSG
	Chris Ratcliffe	Deaf Sport Strategy Group	DSSG
	Sharon Hirshman	Deaf Sport Strategy Group	DSSG
	Stuart Harrison	Deaf Sport Strategy Group	DSSG
	Philip Gerrard	Deaf Sport Strategy Group	DSSG
1	Vince Dickson	GB Swimming	GBS
2	Doug Alker	British Deaf Association	BDA
3	Colin McDonald	GB Winter/Adventure Sports	WAS
4	Paul Johnson	Brit. Deaf Ten Pin Bowling	BDTPB
5	Dean Humphries	GB Football	GBF
6	Sylvia McKenzie	Eng. Deaf Lawn Bowls Assoc.	EDLBA
7	Janet Thompson	GB Badminton	GBB
8	Andrew Scolding	English Deaf Football	EDF
9	Paul Young	Leeds Deaf F C	LDFC
10	Lesley Reeves	GB Women's Football	GBWF
11	Sharon Hirshman	England Women's Football	EWf
12	Kim Harbut	Hampshire Deaf Football	HDF
	Mark Pegg	Hampshire Deaf Football	HDF
14	Mahesh Patel	E F D S	EFDS
15	Leo Mansell	Black Country FC	BCFC
	Gordon Hay	Black Country FC	BCFC
	Tony Redshaw		
18	Brian Kokoruwe	Deaf UK Athletics	DUKA
	Candy Hawkins	Deaf UK Athletics	DUKA
20	Teddy Webb	EFDS	EFDS

21	Mark Perry	Brit. Deaf Tennis Assoc.	BDTA
22	Rajeev Bagga	CTS Warwickshire	CTSW
23	Marcel Hirshman	England Deaf Rugby Union	DERU
24	Jackie Perkins	Deaf Netball	DN
25	Peter Powe	Welsh Deaf Golf	WDG
27	Hazel Evans	Welsh Council BDA	WCBDA
28	Richard Jones	Welsh Deaf Rugby	WDRU
	Michelle Fowler	Welsh Deaf Rugby	WDRU
	Craig Russell		
30	Alex Drury	S W Netball	SWN
	David Ravlrch		
	Brian Parkinson		
	Jon Smith	English Deaf Football	EDF
35	Brian Green	Doncaster Deaf FC	DDFC
	Luke Taylor	English Deaf Rugby	EDR
	Austin Reeves	observer	
	Jeff McWhinney	British Deaf Association	BDA
39	Lesley Reeves	St Johns F C	SJFC
	Memnos Costi	St Johns F C	SJFC
41	Dawn Marshall	Becoming Visible	BV
	Helen Thew	Becoming Visible	BV
	Lynne Parker	British Tennis Foundation	BTF
	Chris Ratcliffe	Deaflympic Working Party	DWP
45	Roanna Simmons	Brighton & Hove Deaf FC	BHDFC
	Corrina Simmons	Brighton & Hove Deaf FC	BHDFC
	Andrew Rees	British Deaf Tennis Assoc.	BDTA
48	Colin Maile	Croydon Deaf Sports Club	CDSC
49	Simeon Hart	Eng. Deaf Golf Assoc.	EDGA
50	Christof Niklaus	Fulham D FC	FDFC
	Mike Webster	Deaflympic Working Party	DWP
	Derek Rowley	Milton Keynes	
	Chris Gwynn	GB Football	GBF
	Brian Hill	England Deaf Football	EDF
	Ivy Cook	EDF	EDF
	Carl Miller	observer	

APPENDIX B
APOLOGIES AT UKDS MEETING 14 JUNE 2003

Name	Organisation	
Philip Donovan	Wales DSC/ BDSC Bowls	WDSC/BDSC B
Vicky Paull- Martin	Fulham D FC (Ladies)	FDFC
Philip Gardner	GB Deaf Football	GBF
John Cameron	MDSA Vice President	MDSA
Mike O'Mahony	Eng. Deaf Cricket Assoc.	EDCA
George McGowan	Scottish DSC Football	SDSCF
Cliff Boucher	Warks Deaf Lawn Bowls Assoc.	WDLBA
Peter Hay	Scot. Deaf lawn Bowling Assoc.	SDLBA
Alan Cunningham	BDSC Table Tennis	BDSCTT
Ian Sadler	Birmingham Deaf Golf Club	BDGC
Ann Lucas	Mids Deaf Sports Assoc.	MDSA
Kevin Whalley	Eng. Deaf Golf Assoc	EDGA
Martin Broomfield	CTS Warwickshire	CTSW