



UK Deaf Sport

Minutes of the UK Deaf Sport (UKDS) Board meeting held at Resource for London

Saturday 23rd April 2016 at 13.30

Approved at the meeting on the 13th July 2016

Present		
Piers Martin	Executive Chair and Director	PM/Chair
Vincent Dickson	Director	VD
Gordon Hay	Director	GH
Paul Huggins	Director	PH
Danny Lee	Director	DL
Christof Niklaus	Observer/Director (part)	CN

Also in attendance (non-voting)		
Craig Crowley MBE	Honorary President	CC
Lee Dolby (part)	Director of Development	LD

Apologies for absence		
Philip Gerrard	Director	PG
Graeme Knight	Director	GK

REF	MINUTE	ACTION
1.	CHAIR'S WELCOME	
1.1	The Chair welcomed all Directors, plus CN and LD to the meeting. He noted apologies as recorded above.	
1.2	The Chair explained that following the Board recruitment process, a proposal was presented to the Board later on the Agenda. These positions to be co-opted Directors subject to approval at the next AGM. CN was one of those proposed and had requested to join the meeting. <u>The Board agreed for CN to attend, leaving the room for the discussion on his appointment.</u>	
1.3	The Chair informed the Board that LD had accepted a position at England Golf and had resigned his position as Director of Development, leaving on the 6 th May. The Board thanked LD for his work for UKDS and wished him well for the future.	
2.	CONFLICTS OF INTEREST	
2.1	The Chair noted no new conflicts and no conflicts in relation to the Agenda.	
3.	PARTICIPATION	
3.1	The Board agreed to bring forward relevant sections of the Agenda to allow LD to leave.	
3.2	LD gave a presentation to the Board on the 16-17 Participation Strategy, to fit with the new UKDS strategy agreed by the Board.	
3.3	DL emphasised that it was critical that the Board had information on targets, deadlines and budgets in order to oversee delivery of the strategy.	
3.4	LD gave a second presentation on the Reaching Communities bid. He explained that he and Clive Breedon had spent a significant amount of time preparing the bid and they were expecting a positive outcome.	
3.5	CC asked if this would cover all the home countries. LD replied that this was an England Specific bid but that he was working with Scotland and Wales on similar bids.	
3.6	<u>The Board agreed the bid subject to the address being changed from a staff member to a Director.</u>	

3.7	LD explained to the Board the situation regarding Talent funding from Sport England (SE). The Chair agreed to pick this up with SE.	PM
	[LD left the meeting]	
4.	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
4.1	<u>The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th February were approved.</u>	
4.2	There were no matters arising.	
4.3	<u>The Chair agreed to add an action column to the minutes.</u>	PM
5.	CHAIR REPORT	
5.1	The Chair reported to the Board on his activity since the last Board, specifically on the strategy, restructure, staff, governance and meetings with PG, CC, SE and the English Federation for Disability Sports (EFDS).	
6.	RESTRUCTURE	
	[CN left the room]	
6.1	The Chair informed the Board that there had been 5 applicants for the Board, as per the information circulated prior to the meeting, and that he had spoken to 3 whose CVs most appropriately matched the skills required. He therefore proposed the following be invited onto the Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gareth Hunt - Christof Niklaus - Lara Lill <u>The Board agreed the proposal.</u>	
	[CN returned to the room]	
6.2	In line with the Board restructure agreed at the last meeting, the Chair proposed 3 Committees which would be responsible for overseeing a strategic area, each led by a Board member: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leadership: PN - Participation: CN - Performance: DL <u>The Board agreed the proposal.</u>	
6.3	CC proposed that in order to ensure close communication with deaf athletes that James Dixon and Claire Stancliffe be appointed as Athlete Representatives and invited as observers to Board meetings where appropriate. <u>The Board agreed the proposal.</u>	PM
7.	MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS	
	The Board received a finance report from Deaf Direct/Royal Association for Deaf People. The Chair emphasised that the priority was to get the budgets in order for 16-17 as soon as possible so that the Board could exercise appropriate oversight.	
	<u>The Board approved the report.</u>	
8.	CREDIT CONTROL	
	The Board received a Credit Control report. <u>It was agreed by the Board to write off the smaller amounts. GH agreed to liaise with Deaf Football to recover audiogram fees.</u>	GH
9.	ICSD	
9.1	The Board discussed the availability of funds for the European Congress. <u>GH agreed to forward information on the Congress to PM and he agreed to meet with GH and PG on the 6th May to discuss.</u>	GH PM/GH
10.	PERFORMANCE	
	DL reported to the Board on the work of the Performance Committee, specifically in relation to the Deaflympics 2017, which was the priority. He spoke to the presentation he had given at the	

	AGM in Chris Ratcliffe's (Chef de Mission) absence. He also highlighted the concern over funding and the cost to the athletes, which the Committee were working hard to reduce.	
11.	GB DEAF FOOTBALL	
11.1	The Chair informed the Board of ongoing issues with Deaf Football. It was agreed that CN and GH, supported by CC and PG, would take on the issue.	CN/GH
12.	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
12.1	CN stated that whilst the AGM had been a success, more time for general questions from the floor would have been useful for communications with members.	
12.2	VD raised concern about the medal winning expectations as the platform for DeaflympicsGB selection, as no funding is there for the training process. The Board discussed this and the need for UKDS to demonstrate a step change in performance standards in order to be in a position to request government funding for DeaflympicsGB or support for a bid to host the Summer Deaflympics.	
13.	DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING	
13.1	The Board discussed timings and venues for the Board meetings. <u>It was agreed to alternate between London and Loughborough to reduce travel time and expense.</u>	PM
13.2	<u>The dates of the next Board meetings were agreed as:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September 28th 16.00-19.00, Loughborough - November 12th AGM and Board, London 	PM
14.	CLOSE	
14.1	There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 16.00.	

P. Martin

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Piers Martin
Chair