



Minutes of the UK Deaf Sport (UKDS) AGM held at Stifel Offices, London on 18 November 2017
Draft to be approved at the AGM on the 10 November 2018

Present: (UKDS Board of Directors)

Piers Martin (Chair)
Tim Chapman
Vincent Dickson
Gareth Hunt
Danny Lee
Lara Lill
Alex Newton
Christof Niklaus
Philip Gerrard

In attendance:

Valerie Copenhagen (UKDS Head of Participation)
Thomas Irish
Katrina McDonald (Advisor to Thomas Irish)
Guy Finney (UK Deaf Athletics)
Martin Lewis
Jacqui Traynor
Stephanie Dear
Bethan Lishman (UKDS Athlete Representative)
Tony Stoyles (England Deaf Rugby)
Nick Doyle (England Deaf Rugby)
Jason Taylor
Alan Paul
Interpreters x 2

Apologies Received:

Craig Crowley MBE (UKDS Honorary President)
Graeme Knight (UKDS Director)
Claire Stancliffe (UKDS Athlete Representative)
James Dixon (UKDS Athlete Representative)
Becky Horsbrough
Karen Botting
Nigel Seamarks (GB Deaf Swimming)
Melanie Davis
Richard Weinbaum (DSPY)
Richard Jones (Manchester Deaf Centre)
Rod Oaten (England Deaf Golf)
Brian Baxter (GB Deaf Swimming)
Margaret Baxter (GB Deaf Swimming)

| REF | MINUTE | ACTION |
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| 1. | CHAIR'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS | |
| 1.1 | The Chair welcomed everyone to the 2017 AGM, thanked them for attending and officially opened the AGM. The Chair thanked Gareth Hunt for hosting the AGM. | |
| 1.2 | The Chair explained that whilst the AGM would focus on the formalities required, it would also provide an update on key activity over the last year, including the Deaflympics 2017 in Samsun. | |
| 1.3 | Apologies were noted as above. | |
| 2. | MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM | |
| 2.1 | <u>The minutes of the AGM of 12 November 2016 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting: proposed by Lara Lill and seconded by Christof Niklaus.</u> | |
| 3. | ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2016-17 | |
| 3.1 | The UKDS Annual Report and Unaudited Accounts to 31 March 2017 were received and noted. | |
| 3.2 | The Chair invited any questions on the Annual Report and Unaudited accounts. There were no questions from attendees. | |
| 4. | CHAIR'S UPDATE | |
| | <p>Piers Martin, Chair, gave an overview key UKDS activity in the last year which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Continued implementation of the strategy focused on 3 key areas of Leadership, Participation and Performance – UKDS and DeaflympicsGB rebranding – Securing Sport England funding, which was linked to governance reforms such as new Board members appointed with specific key skills and expertise – Successful Deaflympics for the GB team – Head office moved to Loughborough Sport Park, with finance and marketing support from the English Federation of Disability Sport – Enhanced external communication, particularly through social media | |
| 5. | PARTICIPATION UPDATE | |
| 5.1 | <p>Valerie Copenhagen, Head of Participation, gave an overview of key Participation activity in the last year which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review of existing programmes to ensure funding and resources are maximised effectively to enable more people to start, stay and support deaf sport – Successful SE Funding application – Strengthening relationships with key partners | |
| 5.2 | The Chair thanked VC for her support and the expertise she has brought to the role. | |
| 6. | PERFORMANCE UPDATE | |
| 6.1 | <p>Danny Lee, Director and Chair of the Performance Committee, gave an overview of key Performance activity in the last year which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Key focus of Deaflympics with resources being focused on 5 sports – Development of selection policies focused on selecting athletes in the medal zone or with the potential to win medals in 2021/2025 – Focus on ensuring support staff available to support the athletes during the Deaflympics – Focus on communication of performances via social media – Continuing the work started with NGBs to bring deaf athletes into their system – Planning for 2021 – Lobbying for inclusion of Rugby 7's in 2021 – Working with new sports | |

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| 7. | DEAFLYMPICS GB UPDATE | |
| 7.1 | <p>Christof Niklaus, Director and Chef de Mission, gave a verbal overview of Deaflympics which took place in Samsun in July 2017 including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – A summary of Deaflympics GB performances – The focus and commitment from the athletes to achieve the performances – The focus on #ONETEAM for both culture and social media awareness – The positive Media reaction post games – The recognition received from the Government Receptions hosted by Ministers in London and Scotland – Planning for 2021 | |
| 8. | ORDINARY RESOLUTION: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS | |
| 8.1 | The Board retired and were proposed for election by Jacqui Traynor and Tony Stoyles. The Board was unanimously re-elected. | |
| 9. | ANY OTHER BUSINESS | |
| 9.1 | Insurance cover: Danny Lee confirmed that all deaf athletes would have adequate insurance cover whilst in attendance at the Deaflympics 2017. | |
| 10. | CLOSE | |
| 10.1 | There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.20pm and invited those present to stay for lunch. | |