
Minutes of the 6th Meeting: 10 September 2001

Present

CHAIRMAN Sir Rodney Walker

MEMBERS

Gareth Davies	Craig Reddie
Diana King	Eric Saunders
Adrian Metcalfe	Sarah Springman
Myra Nimmo	Gavin Stewart
	Des Wilson

CO-ORDINATING GROUP OF CHIEF OFFICERS

Richard Callicott	Chief Executive, UK Sport
Simon Clegg	Chief Executive, British Olympic Association
Nick Harkness	Sports Council for Northern Ireland

UK SPORT STAFF

Jerry Bingham	Head of Strategy, Ethics & Research	(Council Secretary)
Roger Moreland	Director, UK Sports Institute	
Liz Nicholl	Director, Performance Services	
Neil Shearer	Director of Corporate Services	
John Scott	Director, International Relations & Major Events	
Michele Verroken	Director, Anti-Doping	

Apologies For Absence

- 1 Apologies had been received from Trevor Brooking, Alastair Dempster, Tanni Grey-Thompson, Zahara Hyde Peters, Huw Jones, Eamonn McCarten and Ian Robson.

Introduction

- 2 The Chairman introduced the meeting by informing Members that the Government-commissioned Elite Sport Funding Review (the Cunningham Review), copies of which were made available at the meeting, would be officially published the following day (11 September). Richard Callicott would be contacting the Chief Officers to seek their views and, if and where possible, to coordinate a joint response. He also told Members that they would shortly be receiving letters from both Philippa Drew (DCMS) and himself in connection with the Members' performance appraisal exercise required by the Department.

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- 3 The minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2001 were confirmed as a true record.

Matters arising

- 4 With reference to paragraph 6 of the minutes (Financial Management Report), Michele Verroken reported that approximately 150 planned doping tests had not been carried out as a result of the effect of the foot-and-mouth disease outbreak, but added that a number of these would be undertaken before the year end.
- 5 With reference to paragraphs 13 and 14 of the minutes (Anti-Doping Programme for the 2002 Commonwealth Games), the following reports were made:
- 5.1 **That there is no specific level of testing included in the contract between the Commonwealth Games Federation and M2002, simply a statement to the effect that testing must take place.**
 - 5.2 **That UK Sport will be seeking to coordinate on WADA's behalf, the WADA-required component of the Commonwealth Games testing programme**
 - 5.3 **That UK Sport staff would be meeting M2002 representatives on 19 September to determine a proposal for the testing programme to be considered by the CGF Honorary Medical Adviser**
 - 5.4 **That the Chief Officers of the Home Country Sports Councils had now accepted that UK Sport does not have the funding capacity to carry out the pre-Games testing of**

all the home country teams

- 6 In the course of discussing drug-related issues, reference was made to an article in the day's Daily Mail concerning a suggested meeting on 11 September between the Sports Minister, BOA and CCPR representatives and a number of national governing bodies about the current anti-doping system in the UK. At issue, according to Simon Clegg, was the perceived conflict of interest embodied in UK Sport's responsibility for both funding and testing athletes – a situation which, it was claimed, would be rectified by the establishment of an independent UK anti-doping agency. It was noted that the DCMS had confirmed the view that UK Sport was in fact the independent anti-doping organisation for the UK and that another agency was unnecessary, particularly given the progress made to achieve the national anti-doping policy
- 7 The Chairman said that UK Sport was disappointed with the way in which this matter had progressed and that the organisation stood ready to debate the conflict-of-interest issue – as it had been for several years. The latest information was that the Chairman and Chief Executive of the CCPR had now withdrawn from the purported meeting.

UK Sports Institute (UKSC 39 2001)

- 8 Roger Moreland reported on the UKSI Board meeting of 5 September at which the Board had reviewed the UKSI Vision Statement. The Board's confirmed that it should reinforce the Institute's role in contributing to UK Sport's main aim of 'winning medals'. However, in view of the continuing discussions on what the aim should be and how it should be measured, specific reference to the aim would be omitted from the UKSI Mission Statement. The next stage of the Board's work would be to consider some key performance indicators in this respect.

UK Awards Panel: Report of the Meetings held on 20 July and 2001 (UKSC 34 2001)

Awards Panel Membership

- 9 **Consequent in part upon the resignation of Waimarama Taumaunu and Richard Gordon, Members approved the appointment of Paralympic swimmer, Chris Holmes MBE, as a new member of the Awards Panel.**

Exchequer Review

- 10 Liz Nichol introduced the report concerning the Panel's deliberations on the review of Exchequer funding. The review attempts, inter alia, to make a clear distinction between the funding sources available for Olympic and non-Olympic sports and to help governing bodies understand how they can move from one funding category to

another. **Members welcomed the review as an excellent starting point for further debate with governing bodies and others, subject to the following comments and cautions:**

- 10.1 The paper must not imply that UK Sport is only interested in Olympic and Paralympic sports. The way in which the message is presented and therefore perceived is very important.**
- 10.2 It must be clear that the review is creating a logical framework to guide the effective management of limited Lottery and Exchequer resources, and the important link between resource allocation and clear objectives. The aim is to ensure that sports receive an appropriate level of funding within the resources available; that the level is decided against a clear set of criteria; and that the decision is clearly understood.**
- 10.3 It must be clear that resource management will need to be kept under regular review to take account of changes that are beyond the control of UK Sport.**
- 10.4 Whereas UK Sport's support for successful Olympic/Paralympic sports is clear and directly linked with high level Olympic and Paralympic targets, the same does not apply to the non-Olympic sports and disciplines, partly as a result of which there are inconsistencies in current non-Olympic awards. The review must address these points.**
- 10.5 It must be acknowledged that the Elite Sports Funding Review (Cunningham Review) (see paragraph 2 above) was likely, subject to Government consideration, to have a significant impact on UK Sport's funding strategies and that the Exchequer review would therefore need to be located within the context of UK Sport's overall role and resources.**

Award recommendations

- 11 Members noted the following awards which had been made in advance of the meeting on the specific authority of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman:**

Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain

- 11.1 a Lottery award of £10,000 to provide emergency funding to support the recruitment and funding of a temporary elite diving coach**

British Amateur Wrestling Association

- 11.2 an Exchequer award of £3,000 to the British Amateur Wrestling Association in support of costs to help John Melling prepare for the world championships in September 2001**

United Kingdom Sports Association for People with a Learning Disability

- 11.3 an interim standstill Exchequer award of £12,500 to the UKSAPLD for the period 1 August to 31 October 2001**

- 12 Members endorsed the following in-principle Lottery-funding recommendations of the Panel arising from its 20 July meeting:**

Wheelchair Basketball

- 12.1 That an in-principle award of up to £21,600 be made to the Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association, subject to further research and development testing (into mobility in a team environment) involving the UKSI technology group.

Orienteering

- 12.2 That a standstill programme award of £27,720 be made to the British Orienteering Federation for the period 1 February to 31 March 2002.

Water Ski

- 12.3 That a standstill programme award of £28,286 be made to the British Water Ski Federation for the period 1 February to 31 March 2002 .

In making these two awards, Members noted that the Panel would be making longer-term recommendation on the funding of orienteering and water skiing at the January 2002 Council meeting as part of its non-Olympic review.

Boccia

- 12.4 That an award of £21,880 be made to Great Britain Boccia based on programme requirements between for the period 1 October 2001 to 31 March 2002, bringing the total programme award for the year to £57,500 – £3,500 above the planning figure.
- 12.5 That this funding level will be “evened out” over the period to Athens subject to confirmation of funding.

Powerlifting¹

- 12.6 That a programme award of £17,216 be made to the British Weightlifting Association (through the British Disabled Lifters Association) for the period 1 October 2001 to 31 March 2002, bringing the total programme award for the year up to the planning figure of £48,000.

- 13 Members then endorsed the following in-principle Exchequer recommendations of the Panel arising from its 20 July meeting. These standstill awards had been recommended in order to provide relevant governing bodies with consistency of funding pending the outcome of the Exchequer review.

British Gymnastics

- 13.1 That a standstill grant of £362,500 be made to British Gymnastics for the period 1 October 2001 to 30 September 2002.

¹ Boccia and powerlifting were not considered at the July Panel meeting as the case profiles were not available at that time. The case profiles were subsequently communicated to Panel Members by E Mail.

Water Skiing

- 13.2 That a standstill grant of £174,500 be made to the British Water Ski Federation for the period 1 November 2001 to 31 October 2002.

Orienteering

- 13.3 That a standstill grant of £85,000 be made to the British Orienteering Federation for the period 1 January to 31 December 2002.

Mountaineering

- 13.4 That a standstill grant of £146,000 be made to the British Mountaineering Council for the period 1 January to 31 December 2002.

Swimming

- 13.5 That a standstill grant of £170,000 be made to British Swimming - Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain - for the period 1 October 2001 to 30 September 2002.

Canoeing

- 13.6 That a standstill grant of £225,000 be made to the British Canoe Union for the period 1 November 2001 to 31 October 2002.

United Kingdom Sports Association for People with a Learning Disability

- 13.7 That a standstill grant of £50,000 be made to the United Kingdom Sports Association for People with a Learning Disability for the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002 (of which £16,666 had been agreed at the March Council for the period 1 April to 31 July 2001, and £12,500 by Chairman's action (see above) for the period 1 August to 31 October 2001.)

Members noted that UKSA has been given notification that this grant is likely to reduce from 1 April 2002.

British Weightlifters Association

- 13.8 That an award of up to £40,000 be made to the British Weightlifters Association for the period of one year from 1 September 2001 (and in principle for a further two years) to enable a full time Chief Executive to be appointed, subject to BAWLA remaining the sole domestic body in affiliation to the international federation..

British Gliding Association

- 13.9 That an award of £20,000 be made to the British Gliding Association for the period 1 October 2001 to 30 September 2002;
- 13.10 That an additional one off award of £10,000 be made to BGA to take account of the recent success in international competition and to help with squad training.

- 14 Finally Members noted that the Panel had made modernisation programme awards to UK Athletics (up to £75,000 – previously approved in-principle by Council); to the National Ice Skating Association (up to £25,000) and the British Triathlon Association (up to £25,000).

Women in Sport (UKSC 41 2001)

- 15 **Members agreed to establish the proposed UK Coordinating Group on Women in Sport, with the membership to be agreed by the Chairman and the Chief Executive.**

Sports Dispute Resolution Panel – Application for Funding (UKSC 42 2001)

- 16 Richard Callicott and Michele Verroken introduced paper UKSC 42 2001 concerning the future funding of the Sports Dispute Resolution Panel (SDRP). They explained that the funding recommendations included in the paper recognised the potential which SDRP has for helping sports to resolve disputes, to help SDRP meet governing body demand and to assist it in developing income-generating services.
- 17 To facilitate their decision, Members received a presentation on the work of SDRP from its Director, Jon Siddall. Discussion focused on the lack of a clear SDRP fee-charging system and the potential consequences for the organisation were UK Sport's "subsidy" to be withdrawn. Mr. Siddall emphasised that the application was as much about recognising SDRP's role as it was about financial viability per se: increasingly SDRP wants to work with the Sports Councils in a proactive and complementary way.
- 18 Mr. Siddall left the meeting in order for Members to conclude their discussions. **It was subsequently agreed in principle that SDRP funding be increased in two stages – £60,000 from September 2001 to April 2002:**
- 18.1 **To provide a full time core administrative service for referrals,**
- 18.2 **To provide sport with access to the panel of independent arbitrators and mediators, for appointment to hearings under the governing bodies rules and at cost to the governing body (subject to the establishment and implementation of an agreed minimum standard for panel members by April 2002).**
- 18.3 **To provide SDRP with the opportunity to develop a fee structure for commercial and non-commercial disputes and to enable SDRP to develop their service agreements with governing bodies and sports organisations.**
- 18.4 **To enable SDRP to plan the implementation of a preventative programme as outlined in para 18.8 below.**
- 18.5 **To accommodate requests for arbitration and mediation hearings under the rules of SDRP at full cost recovery.**

and further core funding from April 2002 of £100,000 per annum for a period of up to three years, subject to confirmation by the UK Awards Panel within the context of the Exchequer review (to be presented to Council in November):

18.6 To continue the provision of core administration services for referrals

18.7 To continue to provide sport with access to the panel of independent arbitrators and mediators (of an agreed minimum standard), for appointment to hearings under the governing bodies rules and at cost to the governing body.

18.8 to develop a preventative programme in the resolution of disputes by providing access to legal expertise to assist with the review of governing body constitutions and regulations as part of the modernisation programme.

19 Members also requested officers to investigate ways in which SDRP could be helped to reduce some of the costs (eg. marketing) apparently built into its budget.

Audit Committee: Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 July

20 Members received the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 9 July 2001, subject to a re-drafting of paragraph 12 of those minutes.

Budget and Outturns to 31 July 2001 (UKSC 43 2001)

21 Members noted the report.

Any Other Business

22 Sarah Springman informed Members that she had decided to resign from the Council because of an increasing number of personal and professional commitments and that this had therefore been her final Council meeting. The Chairman paid tribute to the outstanding and unmatched contribution which Sarah had made to UK Sport (and the GB Sports Council before it) over a number of years and, on behalf of Council, wished her every success in the future.

Date of Next Meeting

23 Monday 12 November 2001 at 10.30am at 40 Bernard Street, followed at 2pm by the Council's Annual Open Meeting – to be held at the British Medical Association HQ.