
Minutes of the 3rd Meeting: 13 May 2002 (held in Manchester)

Present

CHAIRMAN

Sir Rodney Walker

MEMBERS

Alastair Dempster
Adrian Metcalfe
Zahara Hyde Peters

Craig Reddie
Eric Saunders
Gavin Stewart

CO-ORDINATING GROUP OF CHIEF OFFICERS

Richard Callicott	Chief Executive, UK Sport
Simon Clegg	Chief Executive, British Olympic Association
Eamonn McCartan	Sports Council for Northern Ireland
Ian Robson	Chief Executive, sportscotland

UK SPORT STAFF

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

Apologies For Absence

- 1 Apologies had been received from Trevor Brooking, Gareth Davies, Judy Simpson, David Moffett and Huw Jones.

Introduction

- 2 The Chairman introduced the meeting by welcoming Brian Stocks (Director of Sport, Manchester 2002) to the meeting. The Chairman asked Mr. Stocks to convey to his assistant, Gill Ebsworth, the Council's thanks for the excellent arrangements which had been made for the meeting. In addition, he informed Members that UK Sport's final draft Lottery Strategy had now received Secretary of State approval: it was understood that she had written to Scottish, Welsh and N. Irish ministers to check they had no comments before issuing with final approval.
- 3 Brian Stocks made a presentation to Council on the organisation of, and planning for, the forthcoming Commonwealth Games. Craig Reddie emphasised that the Games represented an important opportunity to enhance the reputation of the UK within the international sporting community, not least because some three-quarters of the 72 national Commonwealth Games Associations were also their country's National Olympic Committee. The Chairman reported that the Government had decided to host a conference of Commonwealth Ministers at the Midland Hotel, Manchester on 24 July, at which the principal subjects for discussion would be anti-doping, social inclusion and women in sport.

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2002

- 4 The minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2002 were confirmed as a true record, subject to the 2004/5 Lottery award to the British Paralympic Association and Paralympic Sports (para 8 of the Minutes referred) being confirmed at £615,000.

Draft Management Accounts for year ended 31 March 2001 – Exchequer and Lottery (UKSC 21 2002)

- 5 Richard Callicott introduced paper UKSC 21 2002, representing the first draft statement of accounts for the year to 31 March 2002. Members noted the report, and that the figures presented were subject to audit by the National Audit Office (NAO).
- 6 As Chair of the Audit Committee, Craig Reddie reported that NAO had complimented UK Sport on the speedy production of the draft 2001/2 accounts. At the same time, it had expressed its concern that the 2001/2 Lottery budget had not been formally approved by Council and that some individual budget holders had not last year signed Statements of Compliance. It was noted that the full minutes of the Audit Committee held on 9 May 2002 would be available at the July Council.

UK Sports Council: Exchequer & Lottery Budgets 2002/3 (UKSC 20 2002)

- 7 In reviewing the proposed 2002/3 budgets, Members observed:
- 7.1 that the outturn figure for Lottery income in 2001/2 was £25.7 million, yet the projected figure in the 2002/3 budget was £28.146 million: it was noted that UK Sport had nevertheless still not received any clear guarantees from Government about the source of funds required to meet World Class Programme commitments
- 7.2 that, with Grant-in-Aid having remained static in recent years (apart from hypothecated additional resources for UKSI and the Modernisation Programme), it seemed likely that UK Sport must have had to make cuts in its administrative costs during this period in order to protect money for sport per se. Officers were asked to produce an historical analysis of the relationship between these two elements of the budget.

Action: Richard Callicott/Neil Shearer

- 7.3 that there was a significant proposed increase (c£280,000) in the Communications budget for 2002/3. Although Richard Callicott explained that this increase was the result of new programmes and staff transferred to the Communications team from UKSI, Members requested further justification of this and other proposed expenditure increases: final approval of the 2002/3 budget was therefore deferred, pending receipt and consideration of this additional information.

Action: Richard Callicott/Neil Shearer

UK Awards Panel: Report of the Meetings held on 22 April 2002 (UKSC 22 2002)

- 8 Members endorsed the following Lottery-funding recommendations of the Panel:

British Ski and Snowboarding Federation – Alpine Skiing

- 8.1 **That a programme award of up to £15,000 be made to the British Ski and Snowboarding Federation for alpine skiing for the period 1 July to 30 September 2002, this being at the same level as the in-principle award agreed by the May 2001 Council).**

(Members noted that this award represents a contribution to the ongoing staff costs to support an interim programme for a small group of alpine skiers which excluded Alain Baxter, pending resolution of issues connected with his doping offence at the Winter Olympics. Members noted that the previous WCPP award for skiing had been for a customised support programme for Alain Baxter only: those items of his programme which had been of benefit for other skiers would be picked up via the Exchequer award to BSSF.

An inaccuracy was noted in the UKAP papers concerning the Baxter case, it being confirmed that the skier has not taken issue with IOC procedures but rather that he is challenging the legal definition of a stimulant.)

British Ski and Snowboarding – Snowboarding

- 8.2 **that a programme award of up to £17,500 be made to the British Ski and Snowboarding Federation for snowboarding for the period 1 May to 30 September 2002, this being below the in-principle award of up to £21,875 agreed by the May 2001 Council.)**

(Members noted that this award represents a dedicated programme for elite snowboard athlete Lesley McKenna and that it will be particularly important to seek to improve her coaching support over the next period) .

Boccia

- 8.3 **that a programme award of £51,440 be made to GB Boccia for the period 1 June 2002 to 31 March 2003, this being less than the annual planning figure of £54,000.**

- 9 Members also endorsed the following Exchequer-funding recommendations of the Panel:

Parachuting

- 9.1 **that an award of £40,000 be made to the British Parachuting Association for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 to be apportioned to Safety (£20,000) and Competitions (£20,000)**

(Members noted that this award represents a reduction of £5,000 on the previous award, taking into account that parachuting is relatively weak in performance terms in comparison with other air sports supported by UK Sport.)

Weightlifting

- 9.2 **that an award of £90,000 be made to the British Weightlifters Association (incorporating previously agreed grants for the Chief Executive of £40,000 and £25,000 for the first six months of the year) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2002, to be apportioned to:**

	£
Strategy, Admin, Policy, Finance	60,000
Performance and Excellence	30,000

Target Shooting

- 9.3 **that an award of £180,000 be made to the Great Britain Target Shooting Federation (GBTSF) for the period 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003 to be apportioned to:**

	£
International Competition programme – Olympic disciplines	80,000
International programme – significant/successful non-Olympic	35,000
Training and preparation programmes for GB teams	25,000
GBTSF infrastructure, administration and staffing	21,000
Coach Education and Coaching development	10,000
Training of officials and international judges	6,000
Dedicated support to non-WCPP elite shooters	3,000

- 9.4 that the GBTSF be advised that future Exchequer funding might be realigned to strengthen the Governing Body to deliver a new strategic plan for the sport which will form the basis of Exchequer support from UK Sport to GBTSF for the period April 2003 and beyond.

British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences

- 9.5 that an award of £20,000 be made to the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES) for the period 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003 in support of the Association's work programme, core activities and infrastructure.
- 9.6 that UK Sport carry out a focused review of its total investment in sports science during 2002/03 to inform decisions on future Exchequer support to BASES from April 2003.

British Universities Sports Association

- 9.7 that the British Universities Sports Association (BUSA) be made an award of £130,000 towards the World University Games (WUG) 2003 in Korea for the period 1 April 2002 to 30 September 2003, and that the grant be split £65,000 in 2002/03 and £65,000 in 2003/04, subject to performance targets for the WUG being set by BUSA for UK Priority sports.
- 9.8 that no award be made for the World University Championships (WUC) (a contribution of £10,000 had been requested)
- 9.9 that no award be made towards the 2003 World Winter University Games in Tarviso, Italy (a contribution of £10,000 had been requested).

(In considering these awards, Members asked UKAP to consider the respective merits of channelling funding for student sport through BUSA or providing direct support to individual sports for that purpose)

Action: Liz Nicholl

British Blind Sport

- 9.10 **that an award of £21,000 be made to British Blind Sport for the period 1 July to 31 December 2002.**

Lottery budget 2002/03 and cashflow forecast

- 10 Members noted the potential deficit situation that will arise in respect of the Lottery budget according to projections based on the "low forecast" scenario, and that discussions were continuing with the Department for Culture, Media & Sport in the context of the Comprehensive Spending Review. To help Members understand the full scale of the Council's commitment to individual sports, officers were requested to produce a consolidated sport-by-sport schedule showing both Lottery and Exchequer expenditure on the same sheet.

Action: Liz Nicholl

Modernisation programme update

- 11 Finally, Members noted that UK Sport's new approach to the programme had recently been launched on the website, with 10 May having been the first closing date for small grant applications.

One Stop Plan for UK Governing Bodies of Sport (UKSC 23 2002)

- 12 Liz Nicholl introduced paper UKSC 23 2002 which reported on a series of actions which are being, or will be, taken to improve the coordination of World Class plans across the Sports Councils. She explained that, while much recent progress has been made in this respect, more work is still required to provide comprehensive and consistent support to governing bodies genuinely operating on a UK or GB basis.
- 13 Noting the relevance of the Elite Sport Funding Review to the issues around UK coordination (the Review was apparently being taken into account by the Government's Performance and Innovation Unit in its wider examination of the British sport system), **it was agreed that the Chairman should write to the Secretary of State, seeking clarification as to the status of the Review.**

Action: Sir Rodney Walker

- 14 Acknowledging the efforts being made by officers to eliminate the red tape which afflicts sport at the UK level, Members received the report, noting that the Home Country Sports Councils would be likely to wish to consider the proposals contained in it.

A Review of Lottery Application Processes - Phase 2 (Quality, Efficiency & Standards Team (QUEST))

- 15 Members noted the report

Anti-Doping Progress Report (UKSC 25 2002)

- 16 Michele Verroken introduced paper UKSC 25 2002 reporting on plans for the anti-doping services for the Commonwealth Games in Manchester; consultation on the World Anti-Doping Code; and the formation of a consultative group on anti-doping for the UK. In particular, Members noted:
- 16.1 That two adjournment debates had been held in Parliament about the drugs and sport issue, copies of which were distributed to Council members
 - 16.2 That the UK Government has confirmed its intention to make a financial contribution to the World Anti-Doping Agency (this being additional to such funds as it makes available for the anti-doping functions of UK Sport)
 - 16.3 That UK Sport would be leading the consultation process for the World Anti-doping Code in the UK across sport and other organisations
 - 16.4 That preparations were well advanced for the anti-doping programme for the Commonwealth Games. In relation to UK teams participating at the Games, resource issues had, in effect, made it impractical to consider testing all participating UK athletes ahead of the event: the programme will nevertheless be a comprehensive programme covering all the sports considered to be a priority for testing purposes.

Report of Major Events Steering Group held on 13 February 2001 (UKSC 16 2002)

- 17 Members endorsed the following recommendations of the MESH on awards to be made from the World Class Events Programme:

2003 World Indoor Athletics Championships

(Zahara Hyde Peters declared an interest in this item)

- 17.1 **that a total award of up to £1,068,000 be made towards the 2003 World Indoor Athletics Championships (inclusive of the preliminary award of £100,000 made by Council in July 2001), subject to clarification of**
- **the purpose of the £200,000 allocated for for 'Community Engagement',**
 - **the measures to be used to determine the success or failure of this initiative**

2006 World Rowing Championships

(Gavin Stewart declared an interest in this item)

- 17.2 **that an award of up to £1,150,000 be made towards the 2006 World Rowing Championships, subject to the Amateur Rowing Association re-submitting a detailed budget in 2004 for review by the MESH at its October meeting.**
- 17.3 **that, in the event of the bid being unsuccessful, an award of £10,000 be made towards the bidding costs nevertheless incurred.**

2004 World Bowls Championship

- 17.4 that an award of up to £339,000 be made towards the 2004 World Bowls Championships in Ayr.

2005 Fell Running World Cup

- 17.5 that the application for support for the 2005 Fell Running World Cup be referred to Sport England for consideration.

Cities of Sport Programme (UKSC 27 2002)

- 18 John Scott introduced paper UKSC 27 2002 setting out the case for the re-launch and development of the UK Cities of Sport programme, an initiative which, by helping create effective partnerships between cities, public bodies such as the Sports Councils and National Governing bodies, is designed to add value to the work that the Sports Councils and the Cities undertake when addressing the issue of the promotion of sport and participation at all levels and across all sectors. The Programme had been discussed at a recent MESH meeting due to the role that event staging plays in the proposed criteria: MESH members had supported the concept and recognised its potential to raise awareness and standards.
- 19 **Noting that the Programme was likely to require resources of c£100,000 in Year 1 and £75,000 on an ongoing basis, Members agreed that officers should work towards re-launching the Programme during 2002, subject to the identification of appropriate systems, criteria and budgets.** Particular emphasis was placed on the need for consultation with the Home Country Sports Councils and their subsequent direct involvement in the scheme.

UK Sports Institute (UKSC 28 2002)

- 20 Members considered the recommendation of the UKSI Board concerning the future Board-level structure and management of the UK Sports Institute. **It was agreed:**
- 20.1 **that the UKSI Board be dissolved;**
- 20.2 **that a new UKSI Panel be established, with Terms of Reference as set out in Annex A to these Minutes;**
- 20.3 **that Zara Hyde-Peters be appointed as one of the two UK Sports Council members on the UKSI Panel and that the second Member representative be identified when new Members have been appointed to the Council;**
- 20.4 **that invitations to be members of the Panel be extended to Kirsten Barnes, Frank Dick, Steve Martin and Robin Miller;**
- 20.5 **that an invitation to be a member of the Panel be extended to an athlete, nominated by the group formed following the conclusion of the discussions between the BOA Athletes Commission and UK Competitors;**
- 21 Members also noted the steps being taken to form a "leadership group" to look at new and innovative ways to deliver support services to athletes.

Presentation on UK Sport Communications Strategy

- 22 Andrew Barnett made a presentation on the development of the UK Sport corporate communications strategy and plan (see Annex B to these Minutes). In doing so, he emphasised how exercises such as the Performance & Innovation Unit's current examination of British sport and the forthcoming quinquennial review of UK Sport heightened the importance of raising the organisation's profile.
- 23 In discussion, Craig Reddie cautioned that, in highlighting the impact of Lottery funding, the "Road to Athens" campaign should be carefully managed so as not to prejudice the British Olympic Association's own extensive and essential fund-raising effort. **This point notwithstanding, Members**
- 23.1 **agreed the purpose and goals of UK Sport as being "to lead the UK to sporting excellence by supporting winning athletes, world class events, and ethically fair and drug-free sport"**
- 23.2 **approved the associated communications strategy and plan.**

Any Other Business

- 24 Eric Saunders reported that Northern Ireland had been successful in its bid to host the 2005 UEFA Under-19 Football Championships.

Date of Next Meeting

- 25 Monday 8 July 2002 in 40 Bernard Street, London at 10.30am.