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Minutes of the 6th UK Sport Council Meeting:  
12 November 2002

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CHAIRMAN Sir Rodney Walker

MEMBERS Alastair Dempster Zahara Hyde Peters  
Adrian Metcalfe Eric Saunders  
Gavin Stewart Tessa Sanderson

NEW MEMBERS Connie St Louis  
Nick Bitel

CO-ORDINATING GROUP OF CHIEF OFFICERS

Eammon McCartan Sports Council for Northern Ireland  
Ian Robson sportscotland  
Roger Draper Sport England

UK SPORT STAFF

Andrew Barnett Head of Communications  
John Scott Director, International Relations & Major Events  
Karen Parr Drug Free Sport  
Liz Nicholl Director, Performance Services  
Katie Smith Communications Assistant  
Roger Moreland Director, UK Sports Institute  
Neil Shearer Director, Corporate Services  
Tony Josaih Drug Free Sport

## Apologies For Absence

- 1 Apologies were received from Gareth Davies, Huw Jones, Richard Callicott, Michele Verroken, Louise Martin and Tanni Grey-Thompson.
- 2 Craig Redie, British Olympic Association (BOA) was not reappointed after his appointment ended in September. Members noted that options for a BOA presence are being discussed.

## Welcome

- 3 Chairman welcomed Constance St Louis and Nicholas Bitel, both appointed to Council from 14 November.
- 4 Chairman acknowledged Laura McAllister and Louise Martin as the other two newly appointed Council members.
- 5 Chairman welcomed Roger Draper, who attended on behalf of Sport England.
- 6 Introductory points from the Chairman
- 7 Chairman met with the Secretary of State regarding the Strategy Unit Report. Chairman reported that the primary authors are no longer involved. The document has been re-written from a government perspective, removing the contentious recommendations. There was no confirmed publication date.
- 8 Jack Cunningham's report on funding will be taken forward in the future.
- 9 Sport England update – Chairperson interviews were held on 11 November. Appointment to be made shortly. Nine regional chairs are to be appointed and board places will be finalised soon after.

## Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2002

- 10 The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2002 were confirmed as a true record.

## Matters Arising

- 11 Council asked what progress had been made with Sport England, in resolving the issue of UK Sport payment for National Centres. It was noted that a meeting of Chief Executives and supporting officers had been held. **It was agreed that a review of the flow of funds to National Centres should be undertaken by Sport England, to form the basis of further discussions.**

## UK Sport Council – Meeting Dates (UKSC 49 2002)

- 12 Members received the paper and approved the 2003 meeting dates.

## Internal Control – Meeting Turnbull (UKSC 50 2002)

- 13 Members reviewed the paper and the additional handout on Strategic Risks. Members approved the new policy on Internal Control. It was emphasised that it was important that Members understand and agree the areas of risks identified and were given an opportunity to review and provide input. It was agreed that the strategic risks identified in the Internal Control Report would be reviewed by members at the January Council meeting, allowing more time for discussion. UK Sport's Corporate Services Director would include details of impact/likelihood scores in the updated report for the January meeting. UK Sport's Corporate Services Director is available to meet with Home Country Sports Council colleagues to share the approach being taken on Internal Control.

## Financial Management Report (UKSC 51 2002)

- 14 Members received the report. Council asked for ratios that allow for tracking the spending over time, comparative to total spend. Council asked that the reference to the Anti-doping directorate (ADD) be updated to Drug-Free Sport. Where there is notable over or under spend, members noted the need to review heading titles. Some UKSI over or under spend reflects the project nature of their operations.

## "Review of Lottery Funding" – a consultation paper on Lottery distribution policy (UKSC 52 2002)

- 15 Members received the paper, noting the omission of further comments from UK Sport's Major Events Directorate. UK Sport will not support the jointly funded Marketing committee. Council to receive updated paper that reflects the agreed view that increased financial commitment for major events do not come from existing lottery funds. This paper will then form UK Sport's agreed response to government.

## Paintball Appeal (UKSC 53 2002)

- 16 Members considered an appeal from the UK Paintball Sports Federation in respect of possible formal recognition by the Sports Councils of the activity of paintball.
- 17 It was noted, that the purpose of the recognition process (as published) is to identify those activities with which the Sports Councils wish to be associated and which should be developed. It is not to decide what is, and is not, a sport. In this context, members were of the opinion that the basis of the application/appeal was that "paintball should be considered as a true sport", which is not the purpose of the process.
- 18 Members also discussed the fact that, prior to becoming a Lottery distributor, the (then) Sports Council took legal advice on the matter of formal recognition and legal

opinion was that the Sports Council was "entrusted to form its own judgement as to eligible sports activities or activities connected with sport based on its existing objects".

- 19 During the process of fully considering the appeal, members raised concerns regarding the accessibility (cost) of participation in the activity as well as the significance of the activity in the international sporting arena. The contribution which paintball might make to UK Sport's mission of putting the UK at the top of world sport was also strongly questioned.
- 20 **Members agreed, unanimously, that Paintball would not be a priority in assisting the Sports Councils in meeting their strategic objectives, was not, therefore, an activity with which the Sports Councils wished to be associated or believed should be developed, and rejected the appeal.**
- 21 The Council noted that the applicant had been informed by Sport England, prior to application and assessment (the initial assessment was conducted by Sport England) that an application was unlikely to succeed and indeed was dissuaded from making an application. Despite this, the applicant was determined to pursue the matter.
- 22 **A response letter is to be prepared including detailed reasons given.**

#### Women in Sport Progress Report (UKSC 54 2002)

- 23 Members noted the report and progress made by the Co-ordinating Group. **Council agreed that there is a need to include a representative from disability sport.**

#### Drug-free Sport (UKSC 55 2002)

- 24 Members noted the response made to version 1 of the WADA Code and were asked to pass any comments on the WADA Code version 2 onto the Director of the Drug-Free Sport Directorate as soon as possible.
- 25 Members agreed to establish an independent panel for an initial 12 month period, to act as an advisory group to Drug-Free Sport on policy and operational issues. A representative from each of the Sports Councils' countries would be asked to serve on the group, with a maximum of six other contributors. The group would be responsible to Council. A member of Council should chair the panel. **UK Sport's Chief Executive and members of the Drug-Free Sport Directorate were asked to nominate members and establish a terms of reference.**
- 26 Members recognised the progress made with testing of disabled athletes, in preparation for adherence to the WADA code by January 2004. Council requested comparative testing statistics, which reviews able versus disabled athletes, and compares testing of disabled athletes data from other countries. It was noted that athletes with learning disabilities create an additional challenge. A number of athletes in the UK Sport World Class Performance Programme fall into this category but their future inclusion in the Paralympic Games is being reviewed. As a consequence their inclusion as World Class Performance athletes will need to be reviewed. UK Sport Council's position is that any athlete in the UK Sport World Class Performance Programme must be exposed to our testing programme. Difficulties in implementing this were recognised.

- 27 Restrictions to implementing testing are generally a result of governing bodies lacking the resources and infrastructure to have full testing programmes. Members requested assurance that planning is on target to meet the January 2004 deadline. UK Sport is committed to supporting this project and will work with the British Paralympic Association to deliver. It was agreed that a target date for compliance should be November 2003 and that adequate resources must be made available to lead this work.
- 28 Members proposed an amendment to Appendix B, page 67, penultimate paragraph, final sentence. It should read: 'However, testing of lottery funded athletes is still problematic in some sports and much remains to be done. All sports will be advised that this must be rectified by January 2004.' **Drug-Free Sport Directorate to amend and action accordingly.**
- 29 Members noted the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games Anti-Doping Programme report. WADA's Independent Observers (IO) were in attendance and their report is available on WADA's website. UK Sport's response to the WADA report is available on UK Sport's website. Members noted that UK Sport had responded to factual inaccuracies coming from WADA as the IO report had raised the issue of inconsistencies. UK Sport was committed to sharing knowledge and experience with Melbourne 2006.
- 30 Chairman congratulated UK Sport's Drug-Free Sport Directorate for the achievements of the Games testing programme.
- 31 **In response to a question raised regarding EPO testing, the Drug-Free Sport Directorate was asked to prepare an explanatory paper for next Council meeting.**

#### Report of Major Events Steering Group held on 2 October 2002

- 32 **Members endorsed the grant of £11,508 to be put towards the bid for the 2006 World Amateur Team Golf Championships.** Members recognised that the bid was lost.
- 33 **Members endorsed the Major Events Steering Group's decision to proceed with the bid for a combined World Cup and European Championships in Orienteering 2005.**
- 34 Members noted the awards for World Disabled Badminton Championships 2003 and the International 420 Class Sailing Championships 2003.

#### London Olympic Bid 2012 (UKSC 57 2002)

- 35 Chairman shared a letter from Simon Clegg (BOA) stating that the BOA does not agree with the statement made by UK Sport in this paper (page 100, para 14): 'The conclusion reached is that a bid would be unlikely to succeed this time round due to much negative international perception of London.' Members raised their concern that the BOA has chosen not to share their stand on the bid with UK Sport, and regarding Ian McLeod's reports reaching the Government.
- 36 The Government had asked for UK Sport to give their view and appreciated the honesty of the document presented. The paper focused on sport and how the games

would help the UK achieve its goal of being within the top five sporting nations by 2012.

- 37 **Members endorsed the recommendation that UK Sport will commit to London bidding for the 2012 Olympics, while clearly defining the key challenges.** These include gaining political commitment, addressing the transport and traffic management issues, not allocating lottery money to the bid which would detract from existing funds, understanding the requirement for additional stadiums and the involvement of several London and UK government and sporting agencies. This approach needs to be handled sensitively with regard to the press.
- 38 Members recognised the need to identify the benefits and deliverables achievable through the bid process, such as the aquatic centre.
- 39 DCMS is revising their assessment in response to the press reaction. It will be available to departments at the end of November. Early December Tessa Jowell will meet with departments in preparation for the back benches meeting. Formal paper will go to Cabinet in the first or second meeting in January.
- 40 Members concluded that while the bid may not be winnable, it is something that sport in the UK should be committed to. **Chairman and UK Sport's Director of International Relations and Major Events to write to the Secretary of State expressing the views of UK Sport's Council and seek to persuade the Government to commit to supporting a bid.**

#### Minutes of the Marketing and Media Panel: 8 October 2002

- 41 Members received the minutes. Members noted the progress of the BBC Sport/UK Sport Conference, planned for 25 March. **Members endorsed the change of name to Communications Panel.**

#### Report of the UK Awards Panel meeting: 21 October 2002 (UKSC 59 2002)

- 42 Members received the report.
- 43 **Members agreed that Lottery funding should not be granted to British Bobsleigh in support of a World Class Performance Programme and endorsed the recommendation to give the British Bobsleigh Association an enhanced package of £72,500 of Exchequer funding to support the staff and winter season costs.**
- 44 **Members acknowledged that the number of Bob Skeleton World Class Programme athletes had been reduced to one following a recent athlete withdrawal and endorsed the recommendation to reduce British Bob Skeleton Association's Lottery Award in year one from £120,000 to £50,600 for the period to 30 September 2003. Members also endorse the recommendation to move the cost of the Performance Manager from Lottery to Exchequer funding (so increasing the exchequer award to 30 September 2003 by £20,500) and to review Lottery Award for year two in Spring 2003.**
- 45 **Members endorsed the recommendation of an Exchequer grant of £100,000 to the British Cycling Federation for the period 1 January to 31 March 2003**

- 46 **Members endorsed the recommendation of a Modernisation award to the British Mountaineering Council of £116,325, under the condition that it will allocation funds to a sinking fund to replace the system over five years to sustain the modernisation.**
- 47 Council noted the update on the Modernisation programme, including Awards for UK Athletics to support staff training, the joint NGB's for management and CEO training purposes and to sportscotland for the supply of expert resources.
- 48 Chairman addressed a question raised on funding 'wealthier' bodies such as the FA or ECB. UK Sport is often too closely aligned as the funding arm of the BOA and so should seek to look beyond Olympic Sports. The modernisation programme supports both UK and Home Country Governing Bodies and good practice emerging from each investment will be shared with other Governing Bodies. In the case of the FA and the ECB, a very small UK Sport investment can reap wide benefits.
- 49 The 'High Level Project' has been re-named 'Investing in Change'. **Members agreed that this project should be addressed at the January Council meeting.**

#### Exchequer Funding Review (UKSC 60 2002)

- 50 Members received the paper and acknowledged the need for clear criteria to ensure transparent and consistent award recommendations. Members had agreed the approach at an earlier meeting. This was, that the model would continue to be refined and members might wish to consider the paper in more detail at a future meeting. In the meantime, this prioritisation tool would guide future award recommendations.

#### UKSI Progress Report (UKSC 61 2002)

- 51 Members received the paper. **Members endorsed the agreed summary of Institute roles, particularly that of the CST and HCSI (appendix 2).**
- 52 Members noted the activity report of UKSI.
- 53 Members noted the outcomes of the UKSI programme review and the resultant actions.

#### Any Other Business

- 54 Chairman thanked Roger Moreland for his commitment to the UKSI and wished him well in his next role. Chairman praised Roger's leadership of the project and directorate since its inception and through challenging times. The Sports Council for Northern Ireland, sportscotland and Sport England reiterated their appreciation of Roger's support to their organisations.

#### Date of Next Meeting

- 55 Monday 27 January 2002 at 10.30am at UK Sport, 40 Bernard Street, London WC1.
- 56 It is hoped that a gathering before this meeting can take place to begin the induction

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process of, and formally welcome, the new Council members.