



Minutes of the Meeting: 15 July 2003 (held at UK Sport, 40 Bernard Street, London)

Present

<u>Chairman</u>	Sir Rodney Walker	
<u>Members</u>	Nick Bitel Alastair Dempster Zahara Hyde Peters Laura McAllister	Connie St Louis Eric Saunders Gavin Stewart Gareth Davies
<u>UK Sport Staff</u>	Richard Callicott Andrew Barnett Liz Nicholl John Scott Michele Verroken	
	Chief Executive, UK Sport Head of Communications Director, Performance Services Director, International Relations and Major Events Director, Drug-Free Sport	

Observers

Roger Draper Sport England

Introduction

- 1 Sir Rodney Walker congratulated Gareth Davies on his new appointment as Director for the Royal Mail Group Advisory Board for Wales.
- 2 Sir Rodney Walker explained that he would end his tenure as Chairman of UK Sport in September 2003 and that an announcement would be made by the Secretary of State regarding his successor.
- 3 Sir Rodney Walker requested that the new Chairman be invited to attend the next Council meeting on 8th September 2003.

Apologies for Absence

- 4 Louise Martin, Patrick Carter, Tanni- Grey Thompson and Adrian Metcalfe sent their apologies as did Eammon McCartan, Huw Jones and Ian Robson.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2003

- 5 Members requested an update on the issue of Police Costs at major events. Officers reported that this matter had been progressed at a London level and will now be addressed at a national level with the Association of Chief Police Officers.
- 6 The minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2003 were declared as a true and accurate record.

UK Sport Statutory Accounts 2002/2003 (UKSC 78 2003)

- 7 Neil Shearer introduced this item.
- 8 Members approved the accounts for 2002/2003 which will now be laid before Parliament for approval, prior to the Summer recess.
- 9 Members thanked corporate services for their work in producing the accounts on schedule.

Financial Management Report and Budget Revision (UKSC 79 2003)

- 10 Neil Shearer presented the Financial Management report in its new, simpler format.
- 11 Members noted the Financial Management Report for the 2 months to 31.5.03.
- 12 Members noted that it was likely that pension fund liabilities would need to be included in the balance sheet from 2003/04 accounts (as per FRS 17). Officers would verify this was the case and reflect pension liabilities in the balance sheet as required.
- 13 Members discussed the Funding situation and the potential Lottery shortfall. The Chairman recommended that UK Sport write to Government requesting assurance that shortfalls will be met by Government. Officers noted the need to prepare contingency plans to reduce investment if reassurance is not received from Government, but this would inevitably impact on performance targets.

Audit Committee: Minutes of the Meetings Held on 12 May and 17 June 2003

- 14 Neil Shearer introduced this item. Two sets of minutes were attached with this paper as the meeting dates have been re-aligned with future Council meetings.
Revised terms of reference will appear in Council Papers for September.

Investing in Change Programme: Progress Report (UKSC 80 2003)

- 15 Julian Critchley introduced this item.

As requested at the previous Council meeting the report has now been presented to Home Country Sports Councils for approval. The report has been approved in England and Wales and is awaiting approval at the next Council meeting in Northern Ireland and Scotland.

Subject to approval by their Councils, Members approved the draft report "Investing in Change".

(Following the Council meeting on 15th July 2003 the report has been approved by all Councils and was published on 31st July 03).

Major Events Panel: Minutes of the Meeting of 11 June 2003 (UKSC 81 2003)

- 16 The Chairman invited John Scott to introduce the minutes of the Major Events Panel meeting.

Members endorsed the following Awards:

16.1 2004 World Cup Track Classic

That UK Sport **a) support the establishment of a World Track Cup Classic in Manchester over a six year period b) provide a grant contribution of up to £188,000 towards the staging of the World Track Cycling Championships 2004, with applications for grant contributions for 2005 and 2006 to be considered in June 2004 and June 2005 respectively.**

16.2 2006 IPC World Swimming Championships

That UK Sport **provide a grant of up to £382,000 towards the 2006 IPC World Swimming Championships.**

Members noted the recommendation for the following Award made by the Major Events Panel under the authority delegated by Council:

16.3 2004 World Junior Target Archery Championships

That UK Sport **provide a grant of up to £35,000 towards the 2004 World Junior Target Archery Championships.**

- 17 Members were advised that they will receive invitations to attend the Major Events Conference to be held on 21st October 2003 at the QEII Centre, Westminster.

London 2012 Olympic Bid

- 18 John Scott updated Members on recent developments with the London 2012 Olympic Bid.

Barbara Cassani addressed delegates at the DCMS Sports Summit which was held at the Institute of Directors on 14th July 2003.

Senior Management posts have been advertised and once appointed the Bid team will focus on producing an excellent technical bid and developing simple, clear, consistent messages to convey. Ambassadors are being appointed to deliver these messages.

UK Sport has been asked to look at the possibility of hosting sport federation meetings as the opportunities for the UK to host events between now and the bid are minimal. UK Sport has been informed that it will receive an additional budget to fund this type of activity.

International Stoke Mandeville Wheelchair Sports Federation (UKSC 82 2003)

- 19 Members endorsed the following Award:
**To offer a grant of £4,700 for the refurbishment of their premises.
 To provide an annual grant of £4,000 to the ISMWSF to cover their office costs for a period of 5 years (2003-2007).**

Report on Drug-Free Sport Education Strategy (UKSC 83 2003)

20 Michele Verroken and Allison Connell introduced this report.

Following the agreement of the Strategic Aims and Education standards by Council in March, the Education Framework for Drug Free Sport has now been developed. The strategy now requires the support of partner organisations to deliver the framework.

Members endorsed the recommendations in the Paper subject to the following addition:

Additional monitoring methods to be included in the framework to measure athletes' understanding following the training.

Report on Implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code (UKSC 84 2003)

21 Michele Verroken introduced this report, updating Members on progress on the Action Plan to date. The timeframe for achieving implementation is very tight, with the first main deadline being January 2004. UK Sport is currently identifying the additional resources that will be required to implement the Code.

Members requested clarification on the following questions:

1. Confirmation on whether it is UK Sport officers' responsibility to select athletes for the athlete pool.
(In his role as a mediator on the SDRP Nick Bitel declared an interest in this area).

Officers confirmed that it is UK Sport's responsibility to select the athletes working closely with the National Governing Body and based upon published criteria.

2. Clarification whether UK Sport officers or UK Sport Council Members decide whether to appeal a decision from a hearing or a disciplinary process.

Officers confirmed that there are a range of options being considered about the disciplinary system required for the UK to comply with the Code and to achieve consistency and harmonisation across sports. The Code requires tight timeframes and the UK system would need to be able to progress cases or these would be referred to international bodies. The appeals system would need to achieve fairness for athletes whether in the international or national part of the registered testing pool. Officers had proposed that the appeals system for these athletes should be the same and this had been unanimously supported through the consultation with sport. Officers had also discussed with the Sports Dispute Resolution Panel what contribution this body might make to the UK anti-doping system. It was clear that the possible difficulties involved if an SDRP decision was appealed by UK Sport as part of its independent monitoring role needed to be addressed and resolved. The Chairman proposed that consideration is given to setting up a separate body, independent of UK Sport, to manage the anti-doping process.

3. Clarification on whether the current BOA ruling of a lifetime competition ban at the Olympics for any athlete that has failed a drugs test will be affected by the Code.

Officers confirmed that additional sanctions were permitted under the Code.

Following these clarifications Members received the action plan and agreed the proposed actions for the Drug-Free sport Directorate and UK Sport to take forward with sport in the UK and with Government agreement.

UK Awards Panel: Report of the Meeting of June 23 2003: (UKSC 85 2003)

22 Liz Nicholl introduced this item.

Investment in Winter Sports

Liz Nicholl explained that a working group had been formed to review investment in Winter Sports and proposals for the appointment of a Winter Sport Performance Director were being considered by the Panel. Recommendations will be brought to Council at the September meeting.

Members endorsed the following Awards that were recommended by the UK Awards Panel:

22.1 WCPP Olympic Priority 2 – (funded at home country level)

BRITISH CURLING ASSOCIATION (BCA)

To offer an Exchequer grant to the British Curling Association of £31,130 for the period 1 September 2003 to 31 August 2004.

22.2 WCPP Olympic Priority 3

NATIONAL ICE SKATING ASSOCIATION (NISA)

To offer an Exchequer grant to the National Ice Skating Association of £225,000 for the period 1 October 2003 to 31 March 2005.

22.3 For Information – WCPP

Short Track Speed Skating

The UK Awards Panel agreed to confirm Lottery funding of £133,866 to NISA for year 2 of the WCPP award for the period 1 October 2003 to 30 September 2004

The UK Awards Panel agreed to confirm an additional £14,274, out of an approved additional award of up to £28,548, for the period 1 October 2003 to 30 September 2004 for two additional skaters to join the WCPP

Figure Skating

The Panel agreed in principle to exceptionally provide support to a female figure skater already supported by the Sports Council of Northern Ireland, who had demonstrated outstanding medal potential, and needed additional resources to maintain her progress. This will be addressed by officers and reported back through Panel as appropriate.

22.4 WCPP Olympic Priority 4

BRITISH BOB SKELETON ASSOCIATION (BBSKA)

To offer an Exchequer grant to the British Bob Skeleton Association of £61,500 for the period 1 October 2003 to 30 September 2004

22.5 For information – WCPP

Bob Skeleton

The UK Awards Panel agreed to confirm Lottery funding of £39,600 to BBSKA for year 2 of the WCPP award for the period 1 October 2003 to 30 September 2004

The UK Awards Panel endorsed plans to invest £60,000 over 3 years from the UKSI research and development budget in a sled development programme

22.6 Category 3 – Exchequer funded

BRITISH BOBSLEIGH ASSOCIATION (BBA)

To offer an Exchequer grant to the British Bobsleigh Association of £77,000 for the period 1 October 2003 to 30 September 2004.

22.7 For information – WCPP Olympic Priority 4

SNOWSPORT GB (SKI AND SNOWBOARD)

The UK Awards Panel agreed to re-affirm the 2 year WCPP award of £350,000 to Snowsport GB to alpine skiing for the period 1 October 2002 to 30 September 2004

The UK Awards Panel agreed to re-affirm the 2 year WCPP award of £100,000 to Snowsport GB to snowboarding for the period 1 October 2002 to 30 September 2004

23 Other funding decisions – Exchequer

Liz Nicholl explained that following the March Council meeting the UK Awards Panel had revisited the Mountaineering and Caving Awards against the existing Policy Framework for investment and Panel once again recommended that Council endorse the award.

After further detailed discussion, Members endorsed the following Award:

Category 4 – World and UK leaders

MOUNTAINEERING AND CAVING

To offer an Exchequer grant to the British Mountaineering Council of £106,000 for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005

To offer an Exchequer grant to the National Caving Association of £20,000 for the period 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005

24 Members endorsed the following Award:

BRITISH BLIND SPORT

To offer an Exchequer grant to British Blind Sport of £23,000 for the period 1 July 2003 to 31 March 2004

25 BRITISH OLYMPIC TABLE TENNIS FEDERATION (BOTTF)

The UK Awards Panel endorsed a decision not to support an application from the BOTTF for support towards preparation and qualification for Athens 2004

26 UK Wide Forum

Liz Nicholl explained that following the UK Wide Forum meeting that was held on 10 June 03 UK Sport is now working closely with the Home Country Sports Councils to progress the work detailed in the report.

27 Elite Sport Funding Review/ Game Plan/ Report from Sue Campbell to the Secretary of State on Elite Sport

Richard Callicott introduced this item. Members received a document summarising the performance recommendations from the reviews and the current position. This had been discussed by the Chief Officers and was welcomed.

UKSI Review Update (UKSC 86 2003)

- 28 Liz Nicholl introduced this item. Following the presentation at the last meeting the review has now moved into the implementation stage. Some critical new posts, Performance Advisor and Technical Development Manager will now be advertised externally.

Members received a copy of the structures and a draft of the roles and responsibilities for postholders. Members will receive a final copy once detailed job descriptions have been confirmed.

Richard Callicott thanked Liz Nicholl for her work on the review process.

Communications Panel: Meeting of 8 July 2003

- 29 Andrew Barnett introduced this item. The Communications Panel meeting had been held on the 8 July so minutes were not available for the July Council Papers. The minutes of the meeting will be presented in September Council Papers. Future meetings have been re- scheduled to align with Council meeting dates.
The meeting focused on actions on the Activity report, Athens PR Plan and Branding requirements for Lottery funded organisations.

Any Other Business

- 30 Members requested that the structure of the Council going forward is included as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Date of next meeting

- 31 Monday 8th September 2003, Burleigh Court, Loughborough.