
Minutes of the 5th Meeting: 9 September 2002

Present

CHAIRMAN

Sir Rodney Walker

MEMBERS

Trevor Brooking
Gareth Davies
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
Huw Jones	Chief Executive, Sports Council for Wales
Nick Harkness	Lottery Director, Sports Council for Northern Ireland

UK SPORT STAFF

Jerry Bingham	Head of Strategy, Ethics & Research	(Council Secretary)
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Andrew Barnett	Communications Manager
Alison Connell	Education Programme
Mike Earl	Coordinator, Drug Free Sport Programme Officer, Drug Free Sport
Roger Moreland	Director, UK Sports Institute
Liz Nicholl	Director, Performance Services
John Scott	Director, International Relations & Major Events
Neil Shearer	Director, Corporate Services
Michele Verroken	Director, Drug Free Sport

Apologies For Absence

- 1 Apologies had been received from Tanni Grey-Thompson and Ian Robson.

Introduction

- 2 On behalf of all Members, the Chairman extended the Council's deepest sympathy to Eric Saunders on the recent tragic loss of his wife and brother.

Minutes of the meeting held on 8 July 2002

- 3 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2002 were confirmed as a true record, subject to the second sentence of para 16.3 (Alpine Skiing award) being amended to read: "In making this award, Members noted that, should Alain Baxter not return to the Programme, then the award be reduced by £15-20,000".

Matters arising

- 4 With reference to para 2 of the Minutes (Chairman's Introduction), the Chairman reported that details were still awaited from the Department for Culture, Media & Sport about new Members appointments to the Council. It was noted that there were currently several vacancies on the Board of Sport England as well.
- 5 With reference to para 4 of the Minutes (National Centres), Richard Callicott reported that a meeting had been set up with Sport England managers on 30 September to discuss the subvention issue.
- 6 With reference to para 7 of the Minutes (Performance & Innovation Unit report), Richard Callicott reported that a draft version of the report was due to be issued for consultation within ten days: the final report, with recommendations, was expected at the end of October.

Funding Agreement 2001/4 - Progress Report (UKSC 36 2002)

- 7 Members received the report, noting that it was intended in the next funding period for the organisation's Business Plan and Funding Agreement to be one and the same document.

Financial Management Report (UKSC 37 2002)

- 8 Members noted the report

Minutes of Audit Committee held on 8 July 2002

- 9 Members received the minutes, noting that the 2001/2 Accounts have now been signed and laid before Parliament.

“Review of Lottery Funding” – a consultation paper on Lottery distribution policy (UKSC 39 2002)

- 10 Members noted the proposals contained in the Government’s recently -published consultation paper, “Review of Lottery Funding”. Nick Harkness reported that the Sports Council for Northern Ireland had already drafted a response and it was agreed that this (and any similar papers prepared by the other home country Sports Councils) should be forwarded to UK Sport for onward distribution to the other Councils.

UK Awards Panel: Report of the Meeting held on 18 July 2002 (UKSC 40 2002)

- 11 Members considered a recommendation of the UK Awards Panel concerning a policy amendment which would, in exceptional performance-related circumstances, enable an Education Award to be used towards the cost of undergraduate tuition fees or tuition fees at public/private schools. **It was agreed not to enact this proposed amendment at the current time, but rather to keep the issue under review, especially in the context of the development of specialist sports colleges.**
- 12 Members endorsed the following funding recommendations of the Panel:

British Ski and Snowboard Federation - Exchequer

- 12.1 **That the previously agreed eight-month Exchequer award to the British Ski and Snowboard Federation (ie to 31 March 2003) be extended to 12 months, amounting to a full year award of £160,000 for the period 1 August 2002 to 31 July 2003.**

British Bobsleigh Association - Exchequer

- 12.2 **That an Exchequer award of £105,000 be made to the British Bobsleigh Association (including British Bob Skeleton Association) for the period 1 October 2002 to 30 September 2003, on the basis that £75,000 be allocated to bobsleigh and £30,000 to skeleton.**

British Gymnastics: Men’s Artistic – Lottery

- 12.3 **That a programme award of £253,956 be made to British Gymnastics for the discipline of Men’s Artistic, as a Priority 3 sport, allocated as follows:**
- 1 September 2002 to 31 March 2003 - £101,425
 - 1 April 2003 to 31 December 2003 - £152,531
- 12.4 **That this award be reviewed after the 2003 World Championships to assess medal potential at 2004 Olympic Games.**

British Wrestling Association: freestyle wrestling – Lottery

- 12.5 **That the application of the British Wrestling Association for World Class Performance Programme funding be rejected on the grounds that, at this stage:**
- **The sport does not meet the priority criteria for UK Sport World Class Performance Lottery funding.**
 - **There is insufficient evidence at this stage of a genuine medal prospect for the 2004 Olympics meriting tailored support to individual athletes following the specific athlete funding targeted for the Commonwealth Games.**
- 12.6 **That the Exchequer award to the British Wrestling Association in the year to 31 March 2003 nevertheless be increased by £35,000 to £75,000 in a full year to fund the employment of a full- time coach following the Commonwealth Games**
- 12.7 **That this award in principle be maintained at this level of funding from 1 April 2003.**

Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby Association - Lottery

- 12.8 **that a programme award of up to £204,250 be made to the Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby Association allocated as follows:**

1/10/2002 to 31/03/2003	1/04/2003 to 31/03/2004	1/04/2004 to 31/03/2005	Total
£40,850	Up to £81,700	Up to £81,700	£204,250

British Curling Association - Exchequer

- 20.1 **That an Exchequer award of £20,000 be made to the British Curling Association for the period 1 September 2002 to 31 August 2003 subject to receipt and full assessment of the organisation's four year plan.**
- 21 Members noted the work in progress on the Exchequer review and the high-level modernisation study.

Manchester 2002: Medal Lists (UKSC 41 2002)

- 22 Members received the report, noting that the medal lists needed to be amended to take account of the elevation to gold medal position in the 77kg event of the Welsh weightlifter, Dave Morgan, following the disqualification of an Indian lifter.
- 23 Members took the opportunity to reflect on the undoubted success of the Manchester Commonwealth Games which, they felt, had helped to move sport up the political agenda. Particular reference was made to the quality of the venues; the transport and ticketing arrangements; the organisation of volunteers; and the BBC's television coverage. John Scott reported that all tickets had now been sold for the World Indoor Athletics Championships to be held in Birmingham in March 2003, an unprecedented situation which appeared to owe much to Manchester's success. The Chairman

reported that, on behalf of the Council, he had written to Richard Leese and Charles Allen at Manchester City Council and Manchester 2002 respectively to congratulate them on the staging of the Games.

UK Sports Institute (UKSC 42 2002)

- 24 Members noted the report.

Improving Health and Safety Provision (UKSC 43 2002)

- 25 Members endorsed the approach set out in the report for the development of UK Sport's role in improving safety and medical provision in sport.

Drug Free Sport – Summary of Pre-Commonwealth Games Testing undertaken by UK Sport (UKSC 44 2002)

- 26 Members noted details of the testing programme undertaken by UK Sport prior to the Commonwealth Games. It was noted that the full report on UK Sport's involvement in the Commonwealth Games would be reported to Council at its next meeting. The World Anti-Doping Agency Observer Team would also be making a report – to which UK Sport would be able to respond and that these reports would be presented to Council as soon as available. Members also noted that the consultation period around the proposed WADA code ended on 10 September: a composite version of the responses which were being made by UK Government, UK Sport and other contributors including governing bodies would be submitted to the next Council meeting.

Education Strategy for Drug-Free Sport in the UK (UKSC 45 2002)

- 27 Members received a presentation (see the Annex to these Minutes) from Allison Connell, Education Programme Coordinator, concerning proposals to develop a national strategy for anti-doping education. **The Council gave its conditional approval for the development work to proceed, subject to the consultation taking place with stakeholders to ensure that the proposed strategy properly met their needs.** Members also urged that careful attention be given to the identification of clear success criteria for the strategy through the consultation process, not least so that the effectiveness of the strategy could be assessed in the longer term.

Champions Trophy in Hockey (UKSC46 2002)

- 28 Members noted the report and the circumstances that had led to the International Hockey Federation withdrawing the 2003 Champions Trophy tournament from the English Hockey Association.

Minutes of the International Committee held on 29 April 2002

- 29 Members received the minutes and noted that it would shortly be receiving details of five new nominees to sit on the Committee.

Corporate Communications Strategy

- 30 Members endorsed the form, content, objectives of, and proposed performance measures for, the corporate communications strategy.

Any Other Business

- 31 The Chairman noted that this was the last occasion that Trevor Brooking would be present at a UK Sport Council meeting and, on behalf of Members, paid tribute to the passion and commitment which had marked Trevor's contribution to the Sports Councils over the years, particularly in his capacity as Chairman of Sport England.

Date of Next Meeting

- 32 Tuesday 12 November 2002 at 10.30 am in 40 Bernard Street, London WC1