

Minutes of the UK Sport Extra Board Meeting held on 11th April 2006 at UK Sport

Present

Chair Sue Campbell

Attendees: Members

Nick Bitel
Julia Bracewell
Philip Carling
Louise Martin
Chris Holmes
Lord Patrick Carter

UK Sport Staff Liz Nicholl Director, Performance

Neil Shearer Director, Corporate Services

Will Calvert Head of Finance

Matt CrawcourHead of CommunicationsJanet CarterInvestment ManagerPeter KeenPerformance AdvisorNeil PageInvestment Officer

Board Secretary Aimée Wells UK Sport

1. Introduction and Apologies for Absence

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The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

Apologies were received for the meeting from Rod Carr and Eric Saunders.

2. The Chair introduced Peter Keen and Liz Nicholl who took members through a presentation and papers (Appendix A-C) detailing how the funding model, previously agreed by the Board, was broken down and how it translated into figures for each sport.

The Board were advised by Liz Nicholl that the model had been based on a tiered system with the NGB's only achieving the next stage of funding if stringent 'funding triggers' were met. The stages will be paid on a quarterly basis with a review taking place on 31 December. Detailed discussion took place amongst the members with them all agreeing that the funding triggers took priority over the amount of funds distributed as they set clear guidelines on best business practice and governance and this had to be clearly explained to the NGB's. Meeting these pre-set criteria will then form the basis of any further funding announcements. Chair reassured members that this would be communicated clearly and strongly at the NGB meeting following the Board meeting.

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There was some concern from members regarding the positioning of the Commonwealth Games in terms of the elite athlete pathway. Chair advised members that UK Sport will seek to identify any concerns/clashes and tackle them on a sport by sport basis. Louise Martin informed members that that Commonwealth Games Federation was speaking with International Federations to try and stop clashes of major competitions/qualifying events around the Commonwealth Games period.

Members asked for further clarification and breakdown of where the £82 million is being directed on a % basis and following this and the other caveats discussed, the Board unanimously adopted the funding model. The Board would like it minuted however that there was concern regarding the hasty timescale implemented for making major funding decisions. The Chair apologised and accepted full responsibility for the lack of information available prior to the meeting.

Will Calvert and Neil Shearer then took members through a presentation on the proposed Budget for 2006/07 (Appendix D-E) and the re-drafted Business Plan. The Board commended the finance department on the clarity of the presentation and accepted the recommendations. Members requested a copy of the Business Plan be sent out with the new additional funds for 2012 included.

4. AOB

There was no further business to report

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next ordinary Board Meeting will take place on Wednesday 24th May 2006 1030-1300 at UK Sport.

As there was no further business to report the meeting closed at 1230