
Minutes of the 4th Meeting: 8 July 2002

Present

CHAIRMAN

Sir Rodney Walker

MEMBERS

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
Eamonn McCartan	Chief Executive, Sports Council for Northern Ireland

UK SPORT STAFF

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Alan Grosset	Vice-Chairman, sportscotland
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Apologies For Absence

- 1 Apologies had been received from Trevor Brooking, Gareth Davies, Alastair Dempster, Tanni Grey-Thompson and Ian Robson.

Introduction

- 2 The Chairman introduced the meeting by informing Members that DCMS had notified him that they would shortly be writing to advise of a recommended shortlist of ten potential new Council Members.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2002

- 3 The minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2002 were confirmed as a true record.

Matters arising

- 4 With reference to section 7 of the Minutes (Exchequer and Lottery Budgets 2002/3), Richard Callicott reported that he had written to Sport England seeking detailed information on the use of UK Sport's subvention to the National Centres. A letter had been received from David Carpenter
- 5 With reference to paragraph 9.9 of the Minutes (2003 World Winter University Games), Liz Nicholl reported that it would be impractical to consider providing support directly to individual governing bodies for this particular Games, but indicated that developing relationships with governing bodies in respect of student sport was a priority issue for her team.
- 6 With reference to paragraph 10 of the Minutes, Liz Nicholl reported that a presentation would be made at the next meeting showing Lottery and Exchequer expenditure by sport.
- 7 With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minutes, the Chairman reported that he had written to the Secretary of State about the forthcoming report on sports policy by the Performance & Innovation Unit. Although the PIU's final recommendations still need to be submitted to Downing Street and the Department for Culture, Media & Sport, the Chairman said that, following the last Sports Cabinet meeting, he was optimistic that the role of UK Sport was secure: indeed, that UK Sport may eventually find itself with additional responsibilities in respect of UK governing bodies. The outcome of the PIU report was expected in September.

- 8 With reference to Section 20 of the Minutes (UK Sports Institute), Richard Callicott reported that a very successful first meeting had recently taken place between the Sports Council Chief Officers and the Directors of the Home Country Sports Institutes.

Minutes of Audit Committee held on 9 May 2002

- 9 Members received the minutes.
- 10 Craig Reddie, as Chairman of the Audit Committee, took the opportunity to inform Members that, at the Audit Committee meeting preceding this Council meeting, it had been reported that UK Sport had received an annual audit "score" of 73% from the National Audit Office – up six points on the previous year. The target for 2002/3 was 80%. He emphasised that these figures needed to be considered in the context of the huge amount of financial/administrative work required to satisfy the funding Department. On behalf of Council Members, Eric Saunders congratulated staff for their efforts in this respect.

Draft Statutory Accounts for year ended 31 March 2002 – Exchequer and Lottery (UKSC 29 2002)

- 11 Neil Shearer introduced the draft statutory accounts for the year ended 31 March 2002, explaining in particular:
- 11.1 That, although the Exchequer accounts showed a large reserve, this was representative of effective financial management
- 11.2 That the sizeable deficit shown in the Lottery accounts was the result of the four-year commitments made to the majority of UK Sport's major partner governing bodies
- 12 **Members noted that the accounts were due to be laid before Parliament on 24 July and approved them accordingly, subject to one minor amendment arising from a recent communication from the London Pension Fund Authority.**

Budget 2002/3: Issues and Approval (UKSC 30 2002)

- 13 **Members approved the 2002/3 Budget.** In doing so, they:
- 13.1 noted that a three-year financial model would be constructed as part of the coming year's budget process,
- 13.2 reiterated their determination to manage the budget in accordance with the Funding Agreement targets relating to administrative expenditure.

Budget 2002/3: Outturn to 31 May 2002 (UKSC 31 2002)

- 14 Members noted the report.

UK Awards Panel: Report of the Meeting held on 24 June 2002 (UKSC 32 2002)

Winter sports review

- 15 **Members considered the recommendations of the UK Awards Panel concerning the prioritisation of the Winter Olympic sports and agreed:**
- 15.1 **That speed skating be reaffirmed as a Priority 3 sport;**
 - 15.2 **That bob skeleton, alpine skiing and snowboarding be re-classified within a newly-defined category of sports providing tailored support for individual athletes.**
 - 15.3 **That bobsleigh also be re-classified within the category of sports providing tailored support for individual athletes, pending further consideration by the UK Awards Panel**

- 16 Members then endorsed the following Lottery-funding recommendations of the Panel:

Bob Skeleton

- 16.1 **that programme award of up to £240,000 (£120,000 per annum) be made to bob skeleton (currently through the British Bobsleigh Association) for the period 1 October 2002 to 30 September 2004 to support an individualised programme for two athletes;**
- 16.2 **that the support programme for Alex Coomber, Olympic bronze medallist, be approved in principle to 30 September 2006, the funding for her and the second athlete (Kristian Bromley) to be subject to review at end of year 2.**

Alpine Skiing

- 16.3 **that a programme award of up to £350,000 be made to the British Ski and Snowboard Federation (BSSF) for the period 1 October 2002 to 30 September 2004 to support a small Alpine World Class Performance Programme for three athletes.** (In making, this award, Members noted that, should Alain Baxter return to the Programme and his earlier support package be reinstated, then the offsetting costs of that package would enable this new award to be reduced by £15-20,000)
- 16.4 **that an additional award of up to £100,000 (£50,000 per annum) be made for the period 1 October 2004 to 30 September 2006 to allow the BSSF to secure a long term contractual arrangement with the Head Coach – Christian Schwaiger.**

Snowboarding

- 16.5 **that a programme award of £100,000 be made to the British Ski and Snowboard Federation of £100,000 for the period 1 October 2002 to 30 September 2004 to support a customised programme for elite snowboarder Lesley McKenna.** (In making this award, Members expressed some concern about providing such a level of support for just one athlete in isolation. They nevertheless acknowledged that this award was comparable to that which had been provided to skier, Alain Baxter, and that the provision of UKSI back-up,

which might have been an alternative approach, was problematic because Lesley McKenna necessarily spent the majority of her time abroad)

Speed Skating

- 16.6 **that a programme award of £267,732 be made to the National Ice Skating Association for speed skating for the period 1 October 2002 to 30 September 2004 (based on an annual award of £133,866), and,**
- 16.7 **that an additional Lottery award of £28,548 be made for the period 1 September 2003 to 30 September 2004 depending upon additional athletes qualifying for and being accepted on to the World Class Performance Programme, subject to the following conditions:**
- **the WCPP being reviewed after the 2004 competition season to consider progress in implementing the recommendations of the Monitoring and Evaluation report, and progress of individual athletes;**
 - **confirmation and agreement of 2006 Olympics targets, prior to UK Sport making a decision on funding through to 2006 Olympics.**

British Ski and Snowboard Federation

- 17 **Members also endorsed the recommendation of the UK Awards Panel that an Exchequer award be made to the British Ski and Snowboard Federation for the period 1 August 2002 to 31 March 2003 (final figure to be agreed but based on an annual grant of £160,000) with the grant to be apportioned across core infrastructure and central administration; alpine/snowboard and freestyle.**

In making this award, Members acknowledged that a case could be made for making a small increase to the BSSF award: Liz Nicholl assured Council that this possibility would be considered in the context of the Exchequer review.

Bobsleigh

- 18 Members noted that the UK Awards Panel had deferred a recommendation on Lottery and Exchequer funding beyond September 2002 for bobsleigh pending a further review at the July Panel.

Modernisation Programme

High level study

- 19 **Members endorsed the recommendation of the UK Awards Panel that an approach be made by UK Sport to DCMS and the Minister of Sport for permission to commit up to £500,000 of modernisation funds to a high level study undertaken within Phase 2 of the Modernisation Programme, this to determine the future configurations, relationships and focus of optimum, modern governing body models.**

British Equestrian Federation

- 20 Members considered the recommendation of the UK Awards Panel that the level of the modernisation award to the BEF¹ be increased from £75,000 to up to £300,000 to enable UK Sport to re-tender the project. Members expressed concerns about the very high level of cost attaching to this project: notwithstanding the fact that the work involved was intended to include both diagnosis and implementation and would contribute to the high-level study mentioned above. **After some discussion, it was agreed to set a budget limit of £175,000 for the project, with any proposed variation to this sum to be referred to the Chairman.**
- 21 Members also noted that the following applications had not been supported by the UK Awards Panel:
- 21.1 Sport England – application for production of generic equity standards – amount requested - £87,500
- 21.2 Sports Council for Wales – application for post of staff development manager – amount requested - £73,500
- 21.3 Sports Council for Northern Ireland – application for coach and volunteer information system – amount requested - £58,400

Exchequer

- 22 Members endorsed the following Exchequer funding recommendations of the UK Awards Panel:

British Deaf Sports Council

- 22.1 **that a standstill award of £21,000 be made to the British Deaf Sports Council for the period 1 July to 31 December 2002**
- 22.2 **that no further Exchequer funding be committed to the British Deaf Sports Council beyond December 2002.**

Exchequer award extensions to 31 March 2003

- 22.3 **that the following Exchequer award extensions be made to 31 March 2003:**

NGB/Organisation	Expiry Current Award	Extension to 31 March 2003	New Planning Figure 2003/04
Gymnastics	30 September 02	181,250	362,500
Swimming	30 September 02	85,000	170,000
Gliding	30 September 02	15,000	
Canoeing	31 October 02	93,750	225,000

¹ In November 2001, the Council approved a modernisation award of £75,000 to the British Equestrian Federation to undertake a review of its governance and organisational structure.

NGB/Organisation	Expiry Current Award	Extension to 31 March 2003	New Planning Figure 2003/04
Water Skiing	31 October 02	72,708	
Equestrian	31 December 02	46,750	187,500
Caving	31 December 02	5,000	
Mountaineering	31 December 02	36,500	
Orienteering	31 December 02	30,500	
Weightlifting	31 December 02	22,500	
Wrestling	31 December 02	10,000	
Surf Life Saving	31 December 02	5,500	
British Blind Sport	31 December 02	10,500	

Policy Issue - Exchequer Review Update

- 23 Members noted and welcomed the work the Panel has been undertaking in developing a complementary system of prioritising sports for the purpose of guiding both Lottery and Exchequer funding policy. Members also noted that, at its July meeting, the UK Awards Panel will be agreeing the outcome of the Exchequer Funding Review using a new set of model measures as reported and will, in September, be seeking the endorsement of Council to a new strategy. An intensive period of realignment of sports will follow September – November 2002 ready for the next round of Exchequer funding applications to be approved by Council from January 2003.
- 24 Finally, Members agreed that circulation of detailed case profiles with the Council agenda should cease from the next Council meeting, with copies being available to Council members on request. All papers with policy implication will nevertheless continue to be included within the full report to Council.

UK Sports Institute (UKSC 33 2002)

- 25 Members noted the report, in particular the appointment of BPA Chief Executive, Phil Lane, to the new UKSI Panel. Panel meetings are now scheduled to take place in September, January and March.

Report of Major Events Steering Group held on 12 June 2002 (UKSC 34 2002)

26 Members endorsed the following recommendations of the MESG:

2003 World Indoor Athletics Championships

26.1 **that the inclusion of the 'Community Engagement' programme of the World Indoor Athletics Championships 2003 be confirmed as part of the award for this event . This Programme represents £200,000 of the total award of £968,000 previously made.**

2004 European Lady Juniors Team Championships (Golf)

26.2 **that the application for the European Lady Juniors Team Golf Championships 2004 be rejected, but that discussions be held with Sport England to highlight the merits of this event at Home Country level.**

2003 European Junior Swimming and Diving Championships 2003

26.3 **that an award of up to £100,000 be made towards the 2003 European Junior Swimming and Diving Championships 2003.**

Proposed Revision of Delegated Authority

26.4 **that decisions on awards of up to and including £35,000 each on major event applications henceforth be delegated to the Major Events Steering Group.**

26.5 **that decisions on awards of up to and including £20,000 each on major event applications be delegated to officers, subject to**

- **assessment against agreed criteria**
- **approval of the chair of the MESG**
- **the total value of these awards not exceeding £70,000 in any one year.**

Appeals Process

26.6 **that two former members of the Major Events Steering Group be approached to act as Independent Assessors in the Major Events Appeals Process.**

27 John Scott reported that the International Hockey Federation had recently taken the decision to withdraw the 2003 Champions Trophy from England. He said that he was currently seeking more information and would make a full report to the next meeting. Members suggested that this decision, though regrettable, did at least bring forward the opportunity to reassess the overall structure of hockey in the UK. John Scott also advised Members that FISA had still to receive a final recommendation on the proposed staging of the 2006 World Rowing Championships at Dorney.

28 Craig Reddie reported that the "stakeholders group" had met on 14 June to consider the latest position on the Olympic feasibility study. Government officials had indicated their intention to reach a decision on whether and how to proceed if possible by the end of August, having tested the outcome of the BOA's study against the Government's own models.

Anti-Doping Programme – Policy Update (UKSC 35 2002)

- 29 Michele Verroken introduce paper UKSC 35 2002, updating Members on policy developments in a number of areas;
- 29.1 the risk priorities applied to the distribution of tests for the UK
- 29.2 developments on the pre-Commonwealth Games testing programme
- 29.3 the consultation process on the draft World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code

Risk priorities

- 30 **Members endorsed the following risk assessment criteria for the testing programme in accordance with International Standard for Doping Control requirements:**

- **Potential for drug misuse to improve performance in the sport**
- **Previous history of abuse, including results**
- **Status of the sport (Olympic, Commonwealth or world championship)**
- **Financial reimbursement available for participating in the sport**
- **Public (media) perception and impact of a doping issue in the sport**

and, in so doing, confirmed the risk priority list of sports set out in the Annex to these minutes.

- 31 Members noted in this connection that the recent introduction of the charge for B sample analyses looked likely to allow UK Sport to undertake around 1000 additional tests per year. At the same time, improving standards of performance among UK athletes meant that the size of the athlete testing pool was also likely to increase.

Commonwealth Games testing programme

- 32 Members noted that the contractual agreement with M2002 was for UK Sport to undertake circa 1000 Games-related tests during the forthcoming Commonwealth Games.

WADA Code

- 33 Members received the information pack on the proposed WADA Code, noting that stage one of the consultation process concludes on 10 September 2002. Comments received by UK Sport will be collated and published on the web site in due course. Craig Reddie added that WADA was intending to hold a conference in February or March 2003 to consider consultation feedback in the round, with the aim ultimately of having the Code in place prior to the 2004 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Athens. A number of issues arose in discussion – particularly around the need for more education about drugs in sport and around the proposal that suspended athletes returning to competition might need to fund the cost of the tests required to demonstrate that they were drug-free.

Minutes of the Marketing & Media Panel held on 12 June 2002

- 34 Members received the minutes.

Date of Next Meeting

- 35 Monday 9 September 2002: meeting to include the Council's Annual Open Meeting (*venue subsequently confirmed as Lawn Tennis Association/Queen's Club, London W14*).



ANNEX

DRUG TESTING PROGRAMME: RISK PRIORITIES 2002/2003

High Priority	Olympic/ Commonwealth	Medium Priority	O/C	Low Priority	O/C
Association Football		Badminton	O/C	Archery	O
Athletics	O/C	Basketball	O	Biathlon	O
Bobsleigh	O	Boxing(Amateur)	O/C	Bowls (outdoor)	C
Bodybuilding		Canoeing	O	Curling	O
Boxing (Pro)		Cricket		Equestrian	O
Cycling	O/C	Equestrian Racing		Handball	
Ice Hockey	O	Fencing	O	Ju-Jitsu	
Judo	O/C	Golf(Pro)		Karate	
Powerlifting		Gymnastics	O/C	Lawn Tennis	O
Rowing	O	Hockey(Field)	O/C	Luge	O
Rugby League		Ice Skating (speed and figure)	O	Mountaineering	
Rugby Union	C (Rugby 7's)	Modern Pentathlon	O	Netball	C
Swimming(Comp)	O/C	Motor Cycling (Pro)		Polo	
Weightlifting	O/C	Motor Cycling (amateur)		Sailing	O
		Motor Sports		Scottish Games	
		Orienteering		Skiing	O
		Shooting	O/C	Surfing	
		Snooker/Billiards		Table tennis	O/C
		Squash	C	Taekwondo	O
		Triathlon	O/C	Water skiing	
		Volleyball	O	Wrestling	O/C
				Dragon Boat Racing	
				Tug of War	
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