



Q3 REPORT FOR BRITISH FENCING BOARD: 23.02.2011

This is a summary of Quarter 3 (01.09.2010 - 31.12.2010) activities which I will expand upon at the Board with input from relevant staff. Priority areas or areas for agreement are specifically highlighted on the agenda.

2.1: OPERATIONS

1. GOVERNANCE & NGB SERVICES

- Re-Audit called by UK Sport and Sport England to report on actions yet to be completed. Moore Stephens to carry this out during January.
- Graham Watts (GW) contract as Performance Director has been ended in accordance with Board decision, following UK Sport Review. GW rejected in writing the offer to become part of new Performance Management Group.
- Nosheen Khan (NW) resigned and we are identifying short and longer term options for finance.
- Board Chair interviews postponed due to weather.
- Finalising recruitment of Schools and Clubs Officer.
- Finalising recruitment of Academy Manager.
- Finalising Communications Officer role with Karim Bashir (KB).
- Jack Boteler started internship on young people and leadership.
- Competitions and Calendar Committee now operational and dealing with urgent calendar matters for 2011.
- An update on legal, disciplinary and grievance cases will follow at the Board meeting.
- Discussions with the BDFa on bringing wheelchair fencing under BF for mutual gain.

2. FINANCE & SUSTAINABILITY

- A brief hiatus in financial processing and management followed NK leaving.
- Q3 Management Accounts will be presented to the Board.
- Beazley signed agreement as "Premier Partner". The full launch to be held in January, with additional events and hospitality at the Womens' Sabre at Crystal Palace.

3. COMMUNICATION

- Website news banner being developed with improved functionality.
- Weekly meeting with Excalibur to deal with back end issues.
- Most database issues now dealt with.
- Logins for competition managers being tested.
- Media exposure still increasing thanks to KB and David King (DK) are working with me on this.
- DK and I have managed the relationship with Beazley and also with Lloyd and Partners.

4. GROWING THE SPORT

- Membership Review Group consulting with various groups. An update to be presented to the Board.
- GO/FENCE soft launched.
- Grow Group established and a specific report on this will be presented to the Board in February.
- *Change 4 Life* (C4L) programme is growing and BC will present in more detail at the Board.
- *Gold Challenge* partnership launched.
- Membership increased and statistics, including membership survey outcome will be presented to the Board.

5. COMMUNITY CLUB NETWORK

- *SwordMark* Clubs – piloting process complete and ready to launch.
- Continue to work with *Clubmark* Clubs
- C4L Clubs – initial training planned next tranche of training delivery early 2011.

6. SKILLED & ACTIVE WORKFORCE

- Referee Committee working with Ben and Development Team on register of Referees and referee development.
- Over 400 Coaches now registered.
- Academy Course Calendar now online.

7. EVENTS

- Competitions and Calendar Committee reviewing calendar and format for the British Championships.
- Eden Cup run successfully at Redbridge.
- Planning for and England Trophy (Crystal Palace) underway, although costs escalating.
- Visit planned by Raniero Bernadini, FIE.
- Sheffield 2011 (S2011):
 - Changes of date presented to EFC.
 - Site visit by Julius Kralik, EFC.
 - Operational meetings continue and all posts filled bar Protocol.

8. LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT (LTAD)

- The National Fencing Academy launched in August. A full update will follow at the Board.
- Regional Academy now rolled out to North East and West Midlands National Academy
- Regional Academy pilots run and reviewed.
- Coaching review undertaken by Alan Rapley

9. WINNING

- UK Sport Review following World Championships where we did not meet targets.
- World Class Review planned for the new year.
- Youth Trips still being refined – planning meetings set up for the new year.
- Planning for the European Championships in Austria underway.

Piers Martin
Chief Executive