



BRITISH FENCING BOARD MINUTES

At Beazley
10 July 2013

Present; David Teasdale (Chair), Paul Abrahams, Clare Halsted, Alp Orge, Graham Paul, William Pitt (via video link), John Troiano, Georgina Usher.

In attendance; Peter King (CEO), Jack Magill, Penny Moseley, Alex Newton, Ray Stafford.

Apologies; Julia Bracewell, Tom Cadman.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

1. There were no changes to previous statements.

MINUTES

2. CH suggested amends already sent to the Chair in writing and (after Board discussion) DT agreed to insert them and recirculate. ACTION - DT

MATTERS ARISING

3. JT asked when the Board would make an announcement on finances. He proposed this should be as soon as possible. *The Board agreed that Chair and CEO should prepare an early statement for Board approval.* ACTION – DT, PK

4. CH raised the question of payments to volunteers, with support from GP and AO on the need for BF to have a clear public policy. PK answered that advice to him was that any volunteers receiving payments from BF must be on the payroll. In Board discussion, concern was raised that this would mean no payments to officials, thereby affecting some events/competitions. GP felt that some referee payments were necessary. As an overriding policy, PK proposed that BF make clear that all events must at least break even. Then, payments would be a matter for organisers who would have to consider affordability. As part of moving what had become a financial discussion on to item 5 (recorded below) *PK's proposal was approved by the Board. PK also agreed to obtain and then publicise definitive legal and practical advice on payments.* ACTION - PK

FINANCES/BUDGET UPDATE

5. The Board discussed practical steps now appropriate on the budget and on JT's proposal, it was accepted that the Budget Group should meet again to review income and spend, the likely outcome and actions needed. JB will join the Group because of the potential impact on and by her Competitions Review. ACTION - JT, PK, JB

GOLD

6. AN gave an update, with these key points:-

- UKS questioned the BF milestone target for a sport seeking podium funding. The target was revised from 'or' to 'and' and had now been signed off;
- the KPIs were signed off, they were achievable;
- AN must produce a mini Business case for the UKS review of funding for the next three years (all evidence to be in by November);
- changes to the Talent Pathway have been approved by Sport England with the Talent measures currently being reviewed;
- the two Weapons Managers were now in place;

- the search for our elite centre continued, but would not now be at Lee Valley. AN with the support of Sport England is looking at University options with Sport England advice.
ACTIONS - AN

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

7. The pressure on the agenda timing meant that this item was left to be done in writing.

ACTION – DT

AOB

8. There was no time for this item.

NB. This BF Board meeting was followed immediately by the Joint Board meeting with England Fencing. Those minutes are separate.
