



BF BOARD MINUTES At BOA 18 May 2013

Present; Paul Abrahams (left during the meeting), Julia Bracewell, Tom Cadman, Clare Halsted, Alp Orge, John Troiano, Georgina Usher.

Apologies; Graham Paul, William Pitt.

Observers; Ray Stafford, Jack Magill.

In attendance; Peter King (CEO), Penny Moseley; (first item only) Alex Newton, Margaret Nolan and from Truro, Anne-Marie Hurst, Chris Buxton.

TRURO

1. Truro representatives presented to the Board their planned new facility. This was for fencing, and also cycling, judo and Modern Pentathlon, with also a fitness facility. Truro is bidding for iconic facility funding from Sport England and requires a strong and clear statement of support from BF, but no funding (neither capital nor running costs). The case to the Board is based upon BF's 2024 goals. Truro anticipates an annual surplus on the operating budget.

2. The Chair thanked them for coming to the Board meeting and explaining the proposed scheme. In discussion after they had left the meeting, the Board agreed;-

- a) to give full support;
- b) for the Chair and PK to amend the draft letter of support and send asap;
- c) JB to tell them of the Board's decision later that day.

MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING/CONFLICTS

3. The Chair stated that in discussion he and CH had agreed that the existing style of minutes should be retained, with where possible an easy to read listing of separate points arising on specific items.

4. There were no Matters Arising. CH and JT had new conflicts of interest to declare.

CHAIR REPORT

5. DT took Directors through the actions necessary following the GM earlier that day; the following were agreed;-

- Nominations Committee to draw up for Board approval the process for recruiting two independent Directors – after the Skills Matrix has been updated for the new Board, aiding decisions on the expertise that may be needed;
- Noms Cttee to then advertise the vacancies, produce and interview a shortlist and recommend appointments to the Board;
- all Directors and observers to recommend candidates for consideration to the Chair, for the NC;
- deadline for appointments to be the next GM in October – but
- the Board gave clear guidance that appointing a President was the first priority;
- NC also to recommend to the Board the process now to be followed for recruiting a new President, and once agreed to take that forward, bringing recommendations for appointment back for Board approval;
- DT and TC to consider and recommend to the Board Article changes for the President role (reflecting the GM discussion) to be brought to the October GM.

6. In further reflections on the GM, the Chair congratulated and thanked all Directors for their hard and effective work, and in particular JB, AO, JT and GU for chairing parts of the meeting. The successful passing of the two Board resolutions was agreed to be a vital day for the Board and BF. The Chair will write to Sport England and UK Sport on the governance changes.

7. DT briefed the Board on the next Bisham awayday, highlighting the costs, higher than last time because of the need to book hotels due to Bisham's refurbishing. After a short discussion it was agreed that the awayday was very important to the development of the new Board's teamwork and to the 2024 strategy (JM noted the envy expressed by a previous Director that the "old" Board never had such an opportunity). But it was agreed to hold the meeting at DT's house, with Board members providing food etc and going back home overnight where possible, to cut costs to the minimum.

CEO REPORT

8. PK took the meeting back to the previous budget discussions and noted the hard work done by the small budget group set up by the Board. At his request JT summarised the decisions reached. With these changes, which the Board agreed were appropriate, the budget for this year was set.

9. There was a discussion of the issues round the potential EF contribution. Decisions should be made at an EF Board meeting on May 22 to be attended by a BF delegation, led by the Chair and CEO supported by JB, TC and GU.

10. The Board meeting concluded without discussion of membership, or AOB, because it became inquorate.
