



BRITISH FENCING BOARD MEETING – 7th AUGUST 2010

CEO Summary Report

My thanks to all British Fencing (BF) volunteers and staff who have made all this progress possible and so happen so quickly. The following is a summary of activity within our strategic areas in the period since the last Board meeting on the 26th June 2010.

1. GOVERNANCE & NGB SERVICES

- Continue to meet with key partners and ensure necessary reporting with funding providers.
- The following agreements have been signed:
 - Gold Challenge Partnership Agreement with Limelight Sports.
- Competitions and Calendar Group recruitment underway.
- Media Partner recruitment underway.
- I will update the Board on legal, disciplinary and grievance cases at the meeting.
- Database and online membership issues now being ironed out.
- Designing electronic membership cards in response to feedback

2. SUSTAINABILITY

- Q1 Management Accounts finalised.
- Officials Expense Policy on the agenda.
- Athlete funding distributed for Academy and Lloyd and Partner grants.
- British Fencing entertained the Lloyd and Partners Summer Party in London.

3. COMMUNICATION

- David King and I have worked with Karim Bashir to increase exposure of World Class successes through key media channels. Information template through World Class team has been extremely successful.
- Website still being developed and elements improved in response to feedback.
- Results and rankings information still on external sites, working to bring through BF site. Archived outdated content
- Online membership has captured an increased number of e-mails. To the Point
- International Relations (IR): Funding used to host the FIE Referees Commission in London. Keith Smith attended the European Championships in Leipzig.
- Domestic Influence: continue to maintain relationships and uphold agreements with all funding providers and key stakeholders (principally: BOA; UK Sport; Sport England; Skills Active; Youth Sport Trust (YST); Sports Coach UK; and Government Departments)

4. GROWING THE SPORT

- Membership Review Group finalising proposal to go to member forums for comment.
- Branding for introduction to fencing finalised and IPR being registered.
- Positive Participation Project (PPPs) working groups being established.
- BF in partnership with YST, have developed a video resource for the Change for Life (C4L) programme.
- Gold Challenge partnership arrangement, potentially 200,000 new participants to complete a taster sessions as part of a fund raising scheme.

5. COMMUNITY CLUB NETWORK

- SwordMark being finalised.
- Regional Briefing in the South Region.
- 50 session programme and tutor training completed in order to facilitate the C4L Clubs
- National Fencing Plan mapped out by working group.
- Volunteer project scoped out with Tristan Hale and Oxfordshire County Sport Partnership.

6. SKILLED & ACTIVE WORKFORCE

- Referee Course rewritten and being piloted at the Academy Summer Camp.
- 10 tutors have completed the CTS/IAPS course for tutors.
- Coach education courses running successfully – with recent courses at 80 – 100% occupancy.
- Tutors being developed to run C4LC training programs.
- Coach Education conference – 17 attendees.
- Application to London Mayor’s Legacy Fund for bursaries of 25-75% for centrally managed courses.

7. EVENTS

- British Youth Championships successful and positive feedback both at the event and after.
- A successful British Championships integrated the British Disability Fencing Association (BDFA) Championships for the first time.
- Recruitment process for Events Coordinator underway.
- Sheffield 2011 (S2011): S2011 Stakeholder Board formally established. Appointing Local Organising Committee members.
- Have received positive response from the EFC to run the European Disability Fencing Championships within S2011. Working on budget with BDFA and UK Sport.
- Met with the Andy Hunt (CEO of the BOA), Hilary Philbin and LOCOG. Volunteering and Ticketing on the agenda.

8. LONG TERM ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

- The Regional Academies tender document created and released to Universities, Regions and CSPs.
- Academy plans finalised for the Summer Camp in August.
- All staff now appointed and athletes going through final application stages.
- A large number of Academy athletes have now received funding supported by Lloyd and Partners and BF.
- Online trip accreditation system for Junior and Cadet trips being developed for use by Chef de Mission, staff, Heather Hyman (Logistics Manager), athletes and their parents.

9. WINNING

- Bronze medals for Richard Kruse and Mens Foil at the European Championships.
- Successful International Committee Conference on the 27th June and Junior and Senior selection processes for next season are on the agenda.

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