

Meeting minutes

Subject Sport England Main Board

Date 17th January 2007 **Mtg** SEMB(07) 1.1

Location Victoria House, Bloomsbury Square, WC1B 4SE **Time** 10am

Chair Person Derek Mapp, Chair

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Present

CHAIRMAN
Derek Mapp

MEMBERS
Mr Michael Farrar
Dr Jack Rowell

REGIONAL SPORTS BOARD CHAIRS
Mr Peter Price (Yorkshire Regional Sports Board Chair)
Mr Ged Roddy (South West Regional Sports Board Chair)

INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Mr Stephen Baddeley

DIRECTORS
Mr Ally Cook (Director of Finance)

DCMS
Miss Nicola Roche

OFFICERS
Miss Alexis Freeman – taking minutes

OBSERVER
Mr Tim Lamb – Chief Executive, CCPR

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	Item	Action
	APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
1	<p>Apologies were received from Ashia Hansen, Len Jackson, Karren Brady and Sir Andrew Foster.</p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interest registered.</p>	
	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	
2	<p>Item 18 regarding Manchester Velodrome should have read via an “S27 application” instead of 527.</p>	
	MATTERS ARISING	
3	<p>Item 3 - AC confirmed that the issue of Delegated Authority is on the agenda for the Audit Committee on Monday 29 January.</p> <p>DM invited all Members to join the All Colleague Sport England Awayday on 1st November.</p> <p>DM confirmed that Everyday Sport will be on the agenda for next Regional Sports Board Chair’s meeting.</p> <p>Item 11 – Hampshire County Cricket Club, DM confirmed that discussions are still ongoing in this regard. By the time the Audit Committee takes place next week a final decision should have been taken.</p> <p>SB had asked for agreement to electronic decision making and this has been agreed.</p> <p>Item 20 – DM confirmed that the Sports Equity Alliance will be discussed at the RSB Meeting in January.</p>	

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	CCPR BUSINESS PLAN & OBJECTIVES	
4	<p>DM introduced Brigid Simmonds, Chair of CCPR and explained that this presentation was being made because he felt it was important that Members were more aware of the work that CCPR do and their link to Sport England and achieving our goal.</p> <p>The presentation included the CCPR structure, accountability, member organisations, their vision, strategic goals, primary focus areas, lobbying and campaigning, services provided, CCPR now and the future, and finally CCPR and Sport England.</p> <p>DM stated that the need for ever greater professionalism of NGBs needs to be monitored through the Sport England Project Board in their applications received for funding. The ability for some NGBs to increase participation is dependent upon their ability to administrate effectively which requires continuing improvement in professional skills. TL said that the CCPR are keen to help Sport England with this. Concern was expressed that very often key jobs within NGBs i.e. CEO, Sales Director are filled by former players or people who have failed in business. DM stated that a discussion will take place with Members on the way forward for CCPR who have, through the 1972 agreement, a right of observer status on the Board and the best way to ensure good communication and dialogue.</p> <p>(Nicky Roche joined the meeting.)</p> <p>DM thanked BS for an excellent presentation.</p>	
	CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE	
5	<p>Active People – DM offered his congratulations to all involved with the survey and launch, he confirmed that we have set an ambition to get 2 million people more active and he believes that the Board needs to help ensure the Regions have the tools to achieve this ambition. NR said that through the spending review we will be able to look at the post CSR PSA target and how this relates to the ambition. DM said that he had seen the appetite and desire to achieve</p>	

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	<p>this ambition on his regional tour, but that we needed a statistical base to accurately monitor our progress.</p> <p>DM confirmed GR as Deputy Chair from 1 February 2007. He thanked Peter Price and Len Jackson for their hard work during their term and for their continuing commitment to Sport England who would now step down. Andy Worthington was to be appointed to the Board making the 2 Regional Chair quota.</p> <p>DM told Members that following his successful tour of the Regions he wanted to discuss at the next Chairs Meeting how the business can tap into the knowledge and experience of our RSB Members.</p> <p>DM told Members that the executives YST, SE and UKS would meet on 7 February to further strengthen ways of working and respective responsibilities.</p> <p>DM was delighted to report that Jennie Price had been appointed as Chief Executive and will commence on 1 April.</p> <p>Appendix to Chairman's Report on "Sport England's Role" – this paper clarifies what we do. The paper has already been endorsed by YST, UK Sport and Ministers. The Board approved the paper and it will now be taken to the RSB Meeting in January for final acknowledgement.</p>	
	<p>INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORT</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>PHSO – SB told members that we have made considerable progress and are moving towards a settlement which will have a limited impact on Officer time. DM confirmed that we have learned a lot from this experience and have done a thorough check on our procedures and continue to build in de-commitment clauses to all contracts.</p> <p>SB confirmed that the final Employee Relation issue has now been resolved.</p> <p>A key date for 2007 is the Sport England AGM (still to be confirmed) and DM encouraged Board Members and RSB Members to attend.</p>	<p>Alexis Freeman</p>

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	DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT	
7	<p>AC reported that our Exchequer income situation is on target but Lottery income is a risk of underspend.</p> <p>MF asked if Members could see the profile of regional expenditure at the next meeting.</p> <p>Exchequer Programme - AC raised two areas of risk, in reaching annual expend target CCDP and NSF and took Members through the issues.</p> <p>DM stressed that processes need to be improved and the Regions and NGBs need to take responsibility for ensuring the spending process starts at the beginning of the financial year, and not back end loaded as currently is the case.</p> <p>The Regions and NGBs should be empowered to drive forward awards and only those Projects outside of the Delegated Authority will need to be presented to the Project Board.</p> <p>Operating costs – this is likely to fall well within budget.</p> <p>GR requested that RSB chairs were made more aware of the financial position of Sport England and requested more regular and effective financial reporting for the RSB Chairs.</p>	<p>Ally Cook</p> <p>Ally Cook</p>
	COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL GRANT AWARDS	
8	<p>For noting:- DM asked for any questions. CCDP will be discussed outside this meeting.</p>	
	ACTIVE PEOPLE INTERIM OPTIONS	
9	<p>Nick Rowe joined the meeting and took members through the options and issues surrounding the different ways of taking Active People forward. He underlined the importance of ensuring what we do meets the needs of the CPA. There was strong support from the Board to more regularly produce statistical information than the current 3 year cycle. Options of how this may be achieved</p>	



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	will come back to the next Board Meeting in February after further discussions have taken place.	
	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
10	There was no other business raised.	
	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
11	The date of next meeting was agreed as 15 th February 2007 at 3 rd Floor, Victoria House, Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1B 4SE.	

A Freeman
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