



NORTH WEST SPORTS BOARD

MINUTES

11th Meeting 2005

Held on 22 March 2006, St Martin's College, Lancaster

NWRSB (06)
11th Meeting

PRESENT

CHAIRMAN

Mr Andy Worthington

MEMBERS

John Bell

Carole Hassan

Pam Jervis

Ann Hoskins

Chris Carr

John Townsend

REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Stewart Kellett

OFFICERS

Dave Hewson

Karen Keohane

Andrew Lee

Alison Duckworth – taking minutes

11.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from: Anil Ruia, John Ashton, David Newton, Phil Clarke, Colin Chaytors, Carol Gustafson.

11.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2005 were agreed as an accurate record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

The Chair welcomed everyone to St Martin's College and Chris Carr gave an overview of the college and outlined future proposals for development.

11.3 MINUTES OF F&P MEETING

Carole Hassan, chair of F&P summarised the minutes of the F&P meeting held on 7th March 2006. She outlined the groups intention to put greater emphasis on performance management at future meetings.

11.4 PRESENTATION BY SPORTS COACH UK

Patrick Duffy, Chief Executive of Sports Coach UK gave an overview of coaching in the UK which highlighted the importance of coaches, proposals for a UK Action Plan and implications for the regional agenda. A consultation document was circulated at the meeting and the RSB were asked to provide feedback. Patrick highlighted long term athlete development and long term coach development. There are currently 1.2million coaches in the UK of which 80% are volunteers. The UK Plan for Coaching will develop 3,7,11 year targets.

Patrick was keen for the regional sports board to identify and agree future working arrangements and roles and responsibilities.

A coaching summit will be held on April 26th & 27th and contribution from sports board members would be welcomed.

Following the presentation members raised a variety of questions. These covered the areas of volunteering, links to the new professional body of leisure, a requirement for progression in coaching employment, sports leadership and coaching, potential of the FE sector and the use of coaching to incentivise inactive people to become active.

Recommendation: The chair thanked Patrick for his very informative presentation and welcomed the opportunity to feedback on the UK Action plan for coaching. It was agreed that future liaison would take place to crystallise roles and responsibilities and to maximise the opportunities for coaching in the North West.

11.5 MAIN BOARD UPDATE

Carole Hassan attended the last main board meeting on the 16th January and reported back the following:

They are to consider the role and purpose of the national board in light of regional developments at the next meeting. The RSB can discuss this and report back their views. Initial thoughts were: driving forward the modernising of sport to open up opportunity and promote participation, working at a strategic level influencing and shaping national government policy and governing bodies.

The potential financial impact of the transfer of function to UK Sport is a cut to regions operating funds. There is a need to evidence impact and ensure UK Sport bid for more money overall. There is a need to price tag what we won't be able to do eg coaches etc

Regional talent development and workforce capacity building were discussed and a strategy was agreed with additional funding for regions There is a need to choose priority sports.

Regions have been asked to respond on opportunities to link more closely with the Football Foundation. Possible links with Supporters Trusts and the Professional Club work of the NWDA.

Restructuring going ahead streamlining teams, strengthening regional teams and creating robust operating model. Olympic impact on recruitment and retention will need to be managed.

National Sports Foundation need to develop regionally some concern re prescription of themes but stressed Chancellors commitment and Treasury involvement. Could partner Community Foundations in regions. Scope for flexibility as long as we deliver.

CPA and culture block almost agreed

Excellent presentation from Yorkshire Sport on how the single system is working especially in West Yorkshire.

Recommendation : The feedback was noted

11.7 REGIONAL DIRECTORS REPORT

The regional director introduced this report with a brief presentation which summarised some of the key issues within Sport England since the formation of the board. It highlighted Sport England's role in terms of influencing/advocacy, statutory responsibilities, interventions, the delivery system and talent development and talent development/building capacity.

Some key points from the report were discussed, these included proposals for a future communications plan to help keep board members informed of achievements in the region. The use of a DVD to assist this was proposed.

Members noted the transfer of Sportcity to the region and agreed to accept subject to a report on the full implications.

Recommendation: members noted the report and agreed to accept the transfer of Sportcity as a regional responsibility subject to a report on the full implications.

11.8 DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE

Members received an update on the 2005/06 Delivery Plan and congratulated officers on the successful achievement of all the interventions and targets. 2006/07 Delivery Plan was discussed and it was noted that this was still work in progress and a completed plan will be presented to the May board.

It was noted and welcomed that the process was inclusive of regional needs and requirements.

Recommendation: Members noted the content of the paper

11.9 NATIONAL SPORTS FOUNDATION

Members noted this national paper which is being presented to all regional sports boards and will bring private sector investment and projects together.

The funding must come from new and additional private sources. The 3 priorities were highlighted:

Fit for Sport

2012 Kids

Enticing women into sport.

The website is to be launched on 1st April 2006.

Members noted proposals for a meeting with DCMS officials to try and clarify options for delivery including proposals to use community foundations.

Recommendation: Members debated the paper and welcomed the prospect of the National Sports Foundation and hoped that a flexible approach will be adopted to maximise impact.

11.10 BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

Members welcomed this paper and the opportunities that this may bring for Sport in the North West. However members were concerned that there may be a lack of co-ordination, strategic planning, design quality and community access.

Members proposed the use of regional assemblies and their statutory requirement to be a consultee on spatial planning.

The chair agreed to examine the best approach to take with the DCMS and DFES to address these concerns.

Recommendation: members noted the content of this paper and the chair agreed to examine options to address the issues raised.

11.11 LONDON 2012

Members noted the report which highlighted the current situation with respect to 2012 and to events and activities which had taken place in the north west. The chair highlighted the importance of maximising opportunities which will arise from 2012 which will leave a sporting legacy and economic benefit.

Recommendation: Members noted the report

Date and time next meeting: 10th May 4pm, Westmoreland Hotel, Tebay

The next board meeting will be followed the NW regional conference at which an interactive session has been proposed with members of the board and invited key partners.

A Duckworth

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