

London Sports Board

MINUTES

First Meeting 2005

Held on Wednesday 26th January 2005 at 15:00 in Sport England Victoria House

PRESENT

CHAIRMAN
Philip Lewis

MEMBERS

Steve Hodkinson
Neil Taylor
Yvonne Marson
Andrée Deene

IN ATTENDANCE

Regional Director
Matthew Delaney

OFFICERS

Andy Sacha
Melanie Rodrigues
Ben Woods
Karen West
Jonathan Bruck
Ruth Sackett - taking minutes

1. Apologies and Declaration of Interest

Apologies were received from Mike McFarlane, Sue Atkinson, Karam Bhullar, Cllr Lyn Brown and Paula Craig. Declaration of interest was received from Steve Hodkinson –Brunel project

2. Minutes of previous Meeting:

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th December 2004 were accepted as a true record.

3. Chairs Report:

The Chairman welcomed Matt to his first LSB as Regional Director; delighted he was offered and accepted the position providing continuity for the region and the board. The board received and update on contact with potential Sporting Ambassadors. It was confirmed that Ann Wild is on board and John Salako is a good possibility. Also confirmed Matthew Siad's interest and noted the recent employment of Mickey Amrose by Sport England leading on Sport celebrity's appearances at the BBC Sport Summits across England.

The board was updated on the Nations and Regions meeting 17th January. The day was split with speeches and workshops and was well attended. In summary the day proved UK wide interest of all nations and regions.

The end of contracts for several members of the board was noted.

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Yvonne Marson
Steve Hodkinson
Karam Bhullar
Lyn Brown

March 2006

Mike McFarlane
Neil Taylor



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The chairman commented that he did not want to lose the expertise of the existing board members but recognised the need to recruit new members. It will be important in the future to retain current board members to use their expertise to focus on outcome areas related to the London plan for sport and physical activity. An advertisement was placed in the Guardian 19th January. The chairman has arranged a meeting with Mohni Gujral to follow up his interest as outlined in previous minutes. The main board meeting is taking place this week, which would be attended by the chairman and one member.

4. Regional Director's Report:

The Regional Director updated the board on the three papers presented.

The first outlined the progress of the London region's, Operational planning and key milestones.

The region is moving forward on health, hosting a very successful conference in early January to discuss the requirements of a joined up multi-agency approach to the improvements of Health and physical activity. The meeting was well attended by all 5 Olympic Park boroughs with representatives from health, sport, transport, and planning. It was noted that the FIA would be delighted to be involved and would help with the private sector directorate. Confirmation was given that the recently advertised Physical Activity co-ordinator position would be funded by the regional operation budget in the short-term but in the longer term it is envisaged a further 5 Physical Activity co-ordinators would be part funded by a grant application from strategic health authorities.

In summary, significant achievements has been made across the region, especially Active England and with minimal variances.

The second paper on 2012 highlighted the work performed by the Facilities and Investment team on Olympic legacy, which has been well received by 2012, and DCMS.

The final paper confirmed the actions of the previous meeting. An invaluable meeting was had with Moray Thomas from the church who is currently working on a pan London proposal to utilise space within churches for physical activity. The Youth Games have taken on the board's recommendations for change. Youth Games are currently undergoing costings, a review of management, and monitoring and evaluation procedures to track youngsters to increase participation and encourage youngsters to move into clubs. Sport England's investment in the games will aid this evaluation. The issue of winning verses participation and moving the emphasis towards mass participation was raised. It was noted that local authorities budget should not be dependant on youth games winning outcomes. It was also noted that sports involved should where possible be equitable across London.

5. Facilities Update:

The board was given an Active England update, which included photographic evidence of project development and a summary spreadsheet depicting progress on the 21 projects. All projects have been awarded their money and the vast majority are running to budget and are scheduled to complete this year with official opening dates as recorded on the spreadsheet presented. All board members encouraged to attend.

The Salmon Youth Centre, due to the loss of partner funding is back on track utilising money set aside for phase 2 in phase 1. FutureBuilders declined funding the centre as they felt Salmon did not have the required criteria to repay the loan. Salmon would like to invite FutureBuilders to be involved with phase 2 and have requested the board to write a letter of support.

The board was informed that Consultants Hall Aitken/Bearhunt had been employed by Sport England to monitor and evaluate Active England projects. Following an initial group meeting, the consultants are now conducting meetings with each London based project to be completed by April.

In light of our marketing requirements, the teams commitment to produce a facilities brochure by the end of the financial year was noted. The brochure will highlight 30 good practice facility projects across London funding through the lottery over the past 10 years.

6. Sports Partnerships Action Team:

The board received an update on Sport partnerships progress.

County Sport Partnerships are a key priority across Sport England and need to be "fit for purpose" by March 2006. In London the aim is to go through a transitional process from one partnership to 4 or 5 sub-regional partnerships by September/October 2005. The new sub-regional partnerships delivery emphasis will change from the current Active

Sports Framework to a broader agenda encompassing sport and physical recreation, health, community safety widening access and improving education. Each partnership will be required to deliver core services to include strategic planning, workforce development, and club development but will have the ability to determine the key priorities for the sub-region. Active Sports implementation will need to continue during the transitional period in line with their lottery award.

A Sports Partnership Action Team (SPAT) was formed to determine the vision, role and function of sub-regional sports partnerships and determine the transition process from London Active Partnership to sub-regional partnerships. The SPAT team are due to meet every other week until 31st May 2005. The board recognised that the recommendations of the SPAT team in relation to governance and accountability and the future sports partnerships will need to be taken into consideration when devolving funds to the sub-regional sport partnerships

The board emphasised the decision to change from 1 to 4 or 5 Sub-regional partnerships and noted the need to capitalise on boroughs joined up approach over 2012.

7. Coaching Strategy:

The region has worked on the framework to link it to the London Plan; it is a tool to implement a coaching plan at local level.

Decision: The board approved the strategy and agreed its launch on 13th March at LAP Coaches conference.

8. CIF:

The board received an update on the current CIF applications, with 139 enquiries 99 passed the initial analysis stage. Two favourable contenders linking to Sport England's KPI's are a) Transport for London and b) London Youth Games. Within the Transport for London application, the region has the opportunity to influence £9million investment to increase participation in physical activity with cycling and walking.

5 decisions for the boards consideration, 3 CIF and 2 Community capital to recommend London Cricket Association

Ahoy Centre

Brunel (Declaration of interest by Steve Hodgkinson)

Kingshold

Springhill Sports Complex

Decisions: The board agreed to recommend funding as set out in papers LSB (05) 1.9, 1.11, 1.12 and 1.14, with ability to extend or withdrawn dependent on first year delivery.

9. Any Other Business:

Community Sport Coaches – 50% match funding could cause barriers for small community agencies to apply, request to broaden criteria.

Everyday Sport Campaign – the North East television advertisement was presented.

Sport England are proposing a high profile London based promotion campaign to follow on from the success of the North East campaign utilising all media. The region is looking for funding opportunities, both monetary and in kind to gain the best coverage. Would welcome the boards ideas for contacts and request buy in from the Health sector.

10. Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 17th March 2005 at 09:00 at Victoria House.

R Sackett
January 2005

