



LONDON SPORTS BOARD

MINUTES

Fourth Meeting 2006

Held on Tuesday 11th July, 08:00 at Sport England, Victoria House, Bloomsbury Square, London, WC1B 4SE.

Present:

Chairman:
Philip Lewis

Members:
Prof Steve Hodgkinson
Ms Andree Deane
Ms Rosi Prescott
Ms Ros Potts
Dr Colin King
Mr Murad Qureshi
Mr Alex Welsh
Prof Sue Atkinson
Ms Lyn Brown

Regional Director:
Matthew Delaney

Officers:
Mr Andy Sacha
Ms Holly Woodford
Mr Andy Couves
Ms Shirley Burgess (minutes)

1. Apologies for absence and Declarations of Interests:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Ms Paula Craig, Mr Mohni Gujral and Mr Derrick Anderson.

Lyn Brown declared her interest in the Newham 2012 application.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th May were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising:

All actions followed up:

Item 2: since meeting with Football foundation, Sir David Richards has written to all the regional chairs to propose a meeting in September.

Item 4: Derrick Anderson CBE, Chief Executive of Lambeth has been successful and to join the Board, subject to sign off from Patrick Carter.

Item 10.2: Trying to submit a collective bid together with Health, YMCA, Groundwork and Sustain, deadline for 1st stage is end of July.

Item 10.4: ASDiL Conference went well. It's a good start to process of meeting with community groups. It's a fantastic forum for all agencies to meet. Credit to all involved in organising the event.

4. Chairman's Report:

4.1. The chairman reported that he had visited the Harefield Academy where they have managed to make positive changes to the children there. They have expressed keen interest in financing a swimming pool.

4.2. Recruitment of Sport England Chairman is being handled by Rockpools, they are also handling the recruitment of the Chief Executive, which will happen once the Chairman has been appointed.

4.3. Philip met with Patrick Carter recently, with regard to a letter from DCMS. The GLA will have a say in the appointment of the Sports Board Chair and members. In view of this we need to consider our working relationship with the GLA. A member remarked that the GLA wants to move from being strategic to operational, and feels that we should remain independent. We are the only board to be semi controlled by regional government.

Neal Coleman and Peter Lewis are supportive of Sport England and the work it undertakes and the regional office has an excellent officer relationship.

Another member remarked that we needed to look at the details as it changes our charter. Issues such as; who control the lottery funds and what happens when national directives comes into play.

The need to have a clear understanding of the process and also clear about what our needs are were also mentioned

Action: PL to gain clarity around changes to royal charter and management agreement from PC

4.4. The all board event was a success, well done to Holly for organising it. All the attendees found it useful.

4.5. The summer of Sport launch on Thursday was a great success. The mayor, Tessa Jewel and the Prime Minister were also in attendance.

4.6 The London Youth Games; Matt and Steve reported that it was well attended and was really fantastic; both made speeches to LA attendees.

4.7 Board Priorities: Good feedback was had from members. 15 points emerged as key for the board. Members were asked to note point 1.9 as really important and encouraged to contact staff to get answers.

The question of how we move forward, now that these points are agreed was raised.

Action: Philip, Matt and other member to meet and set the priorities.

Members to consider being champions for each theme

5. Regional Director's Report:

5.1. Matt reported on the impact of the delivery plan against the London plan for sport. Members wanted to review what we said we wanted to do and what we are doing now. The plan is still relevant and the national delivery plan links with the London plan.

Members commented that; facilities and playing fields were missing from the report.

We originally spoke about multi sport hubs, but report multi sport clubs

Our focus should be on hubs with a club structure below.

London plan will be reviewed and refreshed.

Equity and diversity not reflected in the report – it needs to be explicit.

No achievements included – it would e good to see it.

How are the targets decided? Targets come from national plan and are government driven not needs led

Action: As to circulate information showing regional investment

MD & HW - Plan to be re written with additions mentioned above

6. All Board engagement

Holly reported that the paper presented noted the outcomes of key messages and asked for feedback from the board. She also mentioned that the feedback from the partnership boards was varied.

Some comments from members:

Great concept; but too many power point presentations.

Would have liked more information from the partnerships, more interaction.

Next time would have five tables with one board member at each table, to get dialogue going. All information receiving. An opportunity to get engagement.

Too much from us; nothing from partnerships.

Next time hold event at Victoria House as a working group.

Holly informed the meeting that the partnership boards were consulted before the event and didn't want to contribute; they wanted to get information from us

A member pointed out, that when the board are up and running, there could be 90 people and a 1-day activity may be better suited. It was important to work out who drives!

PL, mentioned that the five chairs have been invited to meet, and feels the five directors should be included as well, this group would give direction to and feedback from partnerships

It was suggested that 'Feedback from partnerships' should be an item on future agendas.

There is concern about the representation on the board; pathways to access

One way around this may be to use borough and strategic partnerships to encourage under represented groups

This could be a 1st task for the pan London Equality Alliance group!

MQ informed the board of impending changes to sub region at the GLA in an effort to decentralise. We should bear this in mind in light of the substantial amount of work we have already done with our sub regional partnerships.

Action: PL to convene sub regional chairs meeting.
HW to continue to meet with partnership directors

7. Grants and Awards:

7.1. The Investment Sub Group met on 27th June 2006 and agreed awards as set out in ISG Decision paper (270606)

7.2. Members were informed that the Panathlon challenge and the mini games took place at Crystal Palace last Thursday and were very successful. Panathlon was very thankful for the funding we gave.

7.3. Investment strategy is in place and needs to be reviewed as soon as possible and kept up to date. We also have a very good asset utilisation policy. There was some discussion relating to the funding beyond 2009 and lottery licence and distributors. We have £15m to spend up to 2009. We will develop a strategy of how this will be spent, by next board meeting.

Action: Asc to investigate filters on web application.
To draft new investment strategy by next ISG Meeting.

7.4. There was a discussion relating to the application process. It was highlighted that the process makes it difficult for applicants if they are not aligned to a NGB. It may be necessary to revise some of the filters on the system to make it more user friendly and needs led. It was also suggested that “needs” should be defined.

8. Newham 2012 update:

Lyn Brown declared her interest in this item.

8.1 The ‘Going for Gold’ application was received and debated by the board. deferred two meeting previously. Holly has now taken over as case manager for this project and has met with Newham to discuss the application. Papers tabled. The ensuing discussion was around the purpose of the project. Was it Talent ID or increasing participation? In the absence of Sport England Talent ID policy, we couldn’t agreed to fund in its current form.

8.2 The board recommended that Newham be encouraged to revise the application, to a much scaled down version focussed predominantly around Newham. The board felt that a one off aware around £50,000 would be appropriate for a revised bid. There were, however a number of conditions that they wanted to see in the revised application:

- Greater emphasis on widening access and increasing participation
- That the application reflects the emerging talent development strategy being developed by the London region and that the focus need to be around talent identification as opposed to support services (seen as a UK Sport role) acts as a pilot for it.
- Greater focus on working with and through national governing bodies of sport

- More of a multi sport focus.

9 Holding/Preparation Camps:

9.1. LOCOG is putting together a competition standard facilities brochure, which will be published in 2008. Countries will then be able to approach these facilities, negotiate and make their own arrangements for their holding camps. The regions are working with LOCOG to manage application process. Sport England will collate, vet and make recommendations. It will be an open application process.

Questions were raised about consultation with the 28 Olympic sports for their top venues. Also mentioned was the impact on facilities availability for local use during this period.

Action: Asc to endure GLA & ALG are part of the process.

10. Regional Commentaries:

10.1. Andy C reported that the process for the regional commentaries has been agreed by Government Office for London and a letter would be going out next week to the 33 Local Authorities. (Chief Executives/Chief Leisure Officers). DCMS has agreed to extend the deadline for completion to December 07. The process will begin on 4th September with 5 Local Authorities and then repeated in 5 batches of 5 authorities. The process will give us the opportunity begin working closely with the LA again.

11. Unit reports.

11.1 Holly reported that the delivery team had 3 development managers in post. They have been working at full stretch to deliver on Summer of Sport, young people and education, building school for the future, health, Active places and London 2012 4.5 plan.

11.2 There are still two vacancies , however offers have been made and personnel should be in post mid august. We have appointed a consultant to back fill in the meantime.

11.3 Work force development plans are still waiting on national guidance.

11.4 Andy S reported that The investment team had 3 strands – Business support, which was working well. Planning – have two vacancies and one planner in post and he was working on land use planning. Planners were at Bisham Abbey this week working on policy issues. Investment – one vacancy, which should be resolved soon. Working on 2012 4.7 objectives contributing to national plans and sport in london group. Active places power pan london training went very well with substantial uptake of places.

11.5 Andy C reported that the Performance and Improvement team had 2 vacancies. One Improvement manager will be starting on 17th July. The team is moving towards working with partners. They had extended the LIAM role for a further six months. Also working with the regions cultural group chaired by Toni Ainge.

11.6 Matt reported that he had met with a number of pressure groups recently and had some very positive feedback. They feel that the team is doing a great job.

12. Any Other Business:

12.1. CK informed the members of the 100th year celebrations of the abolition of slavery will be 2007 and feel that our contribution should looking investment in and at how sports challenge the BME communities. He was trying to organise an academic conference next year looking at the sporting triangle. We should be looking to have a Race charter for sports

AC mentioned that the celebrations would be on the London Cultural Consortium September meeting agenda

Action: AC to work with CK to move this along.

12.2. AD informed members that 26-28 September is Leisure week in the NEC.

12.3 LB mentioned that Tuesdays is the best days for her to attend meetings. Also she has been nominated as an ambassador for athletics nationally; by the Sports Minister, Richard Caborn.

12.4 MQ mentioned that there discussion on the 26th July at 14:30, on the loss of playing fields. Trevor Brooking will be attending. He also mentioned an organisation call Love Football, that had organised an intercity cricket tournament in June. The tournament was won by Bulgaria. They will be seeking funding for future activities.

Date of Next Meeting: 14th September at 09:00.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: