

London Sports Board

MINUTES

Fifth Meeting 2005

Held on Thursday 22nd September 2005 09:30 at 11th Floor, York House, Empire Way, Wembley

PRESENT

Chairman
Mr Phillip Lewis

Members

Prof Steve Hodkinson – Acting chairman for Agenda items 1,2 & 3
Prof Sue Atkinson
Dr Colin King
Ms Paula Craig
Ms Ros Potts
Ms Rosi Prescott
Ms Andree Deane
Mr Alex Welsh
Mr Murad Quershi
Mr Mohni Gujral
Mr Neil Taylor

Regional Director
Matthew Delaney

Observer
Mr Ray Smith

Officers
Mr Andy Sacha
Ms Melanie Rodrigues
Ms Holly Woodford
Ms Shirley Burgess – taking minutes

1. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As Philip Lewis was running late Steve Hodkinson “took the chair” for items one, two and three.

Steve Hodkinson welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular Ray Smith, who was attending in the absence of Lyn Brown by special agreement.

Apologies were received from Lyn Brown and Mike McFarlane.

Neil Taylor declared his interest in CIF and Active England award on Community Sports Coaching Scheme.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:



The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7th July were agreed as an accurate record. Rosi Prescott to be referred to a RJP to avoid confusion as more than one RP on the board. Colin King informed the group that the date for the Black & Minority Ethnic Conference at Chelsea is now 21st November, members encouraged to attend. With regard to item 5 (a) Physical Health Coordinators should read Physical Activity Coordinators. The National coaching certificate – is now known as The UK Coaching certificate.

3. Single System for Community Sport

Matt Delaney made a presentation to the board outlining the single system. The single system has the potential to make funding more streamline and avoid duplication. The presentation was followed by a discussion on the issues regarding the lack of applications received from minority group and what measures will we take to ensuring we meet the widening access agenda and ensure they are an integral part of the CSN. Who set targets, monitor and support CSNs. It was suggested that the CNS be called Sport and Physical Activity Network (SPAN). Members agreed this. It should be noted that this model should not be seen as prescriptive, but one to be adapted to suit each sub region. Research on the impact of the 5 sub regions will be carried out over the next 12 months.

4. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman, Philip Lewis, commented on the sadness caused by the incidents of the 7th July, which marred the effects of the previous day's 2012 celebrations. He reported on the activities of the Main board and Regional chairs away day. The session chaired by Ged Roddy, chairman of South West Regional Sports Board discussed ensuring activities at local levels. It was a very productive meeting. LAP was delivery agent for Sport England, it became apparent that one agency couldn't meet delivery target, therefore decision taken to disband LAP. Recruit from current LAP staff to work with new CSP. The chairman and regional director met with LAP to resolve issues. 2012: Philip had meeting with Patrick Carter. There is a lot happening regarding 2012 and board will be kept up dated as decisions are taken. It was noted that Alex Welsh sits on 2012 community forum and will feedback to the Board. Following the government announcement on changes to the Sporting landscape: Sport England will now be responsible for community sport, while UK Sport take on the Elite sport. Members were encouraged to read the Carter Review - which is available on line. Sport England Main Board meeting will be on Monday 26th September. The chair noted the regional sports boards would be playing an even more important role in view of the changes afoot. The Regional Director added that the changes will not impact as greatly in the regions, but more so in the support centre. However there is an even greater need to make sure we continue to deliver. The surprise was the reduction in staff from 121 – 80. The rationale being we are currently carrying 40 vacancies. Patrick Carter and Richard Cabourn have found confidence in the regions. It is hoped that there will be an opportunity for extra funding.

5. Sub Regional Partnerships Update.

- The board received paper LSB(05) 5.2 Sub Regional Partnerships and agreed with. The Board also agreed to:
 - the decommitment of the London Active Partnership funds and novation to the ten NGBs
 - Award will sit the NGB but ring fenced and focussed on London

Holly Woodford reported that 5 Sub Regional Partnerships would be fit for purpose in six months i.e. 1st April 2006. There are some staffing implications to resolved. Basketball have some issues that needs to be worked through. The importance of equity was raised, and the ability to cross reference disability. It was reported that in London importantly ethnicity is built into participation surveys. The Board will have an input on equity in sub

regions to ensure it happens and is consistent. Equity embedded in the KPIs of the Whole Sport plans. This is to be discussed further at next meeting. There will be data available, as the NGB has to report back, they have a responsibility to collect and report data around Key Performance Indicators. Community cohesion was also discussed and it was noted that, sport has a fantastic opportunity to make a difference. It is important to decide on the message and go out and do it. The CSP's has role to manage performance. The sub regional structure, SPAN is the ideal way to get the message out. Sport England need a PR exercise to bring physical activity to the community

The board received paper LSB (05) 5.3 London Active Partnership – Transition Phase Two and Regional Delivery and agreed the recommendations therein:

- Agree the implementation of the proposed London Active Partnership transitional phase 2 (1st October 05 to 31st March 06) and associated staffing structure.
- Agree the implementation of the regional delivery mechanisms from the 1st October 05.
- Note the financial implications of the above recommendations.

It was noted that the title name 'London Active Partnership' would not remain beyond 31st March 2006. All references beyond this point will be made in relation to the Central Partnership and the pan London core delivery functions based at London South Bank University.

LAP will be winding down and a couple of staff members will remain to continue delivery until March.

5 Sub Regional Advisors have been appointed. Board members will be taking up positions as chairs in the interim. Members were asked to volunteer at last meeting. Host agencies appointments are going well and each agency has been asked to indicate acceptance. The south host agency agreement is expected on 29th September and would be looking to transfer operations to Crystal Palace following refurbishment. The question of Hendon Police College being a host was raised and Paula being chair! This is an option to be explored.

The board expressed thanks to Angus Robertson and Brian Dickenson for their work during this period.

The Next step will be to advertise the post of chairman for the Sub Regions in order to maintain an open and transparent process. Members are welcomed to apply, although this raised the issues of availability (time) pay, the mechanics of how it would work with the board, what role they played on the board, membership period on the board etc.

6. Investment Strategy

The board received paper LSB (05) 5.4 investment strategy. Andy Sacha reported that there were a number of strategies, but the London Plan is our point of reference and constantly changing. The strategy presented is for the next 3 years to 2008 and takes into account the single system. He asked the members to feed comments back over the next 2-3 weeks to either himself or Jonathan Bruck. He also requested the re-establishment of the investment sub group. Their role would be to collate and discuss and decide on CiF award elements of investments and bring to board for ratification.

Members are asked to volunteer for this sub group. It was agreed to bring the Investment Strategy back to the board for adoption at next meeting.

7. CIF Awards

Neil Taylor had declared his interest and Left the room at this point.

The board received and agreed with recommendations to fund awards as set out in LSB(05) 5.5

8. Active England Contingency spend.

The board received and agreed with recommendations as set out in paper LSB (05) 5.6. The contingency fund came about as a consequence of one project falling out of the programme in the early stages. All other projects are currently on schedule.

9. Audit.

Sport England is subject to NAO procedures. Currently Bentley Jansen is conducting an internal audit in the North West Region, and will be conducting one throughout the whole organisation. An audit plan is being put into place to ensure the region is compliant with processes. Members need to understand their roles within the process and should consult the member's guidance handbook in the first instance. It was agreed that members should have an induction day to better understand their roles and responsibilities. The board decided that the questionnaire on the back of the paper should be completed once they had discussed it.

10. 2012:

The board received the paper LSB (05) 5.7. They were asked to read and refer any questions to Andy Sacha. The 2012 transition team are now in place.

11. Development Team update:

Melanie Rodrigues reported on the development team's progress.. Copies of the advocacy document 'Sport playing it part' was made available for members. London's first Health and Physical Activity Co-ordinator, John Harkin has produced a draft of his report. A CiF award was made in July and it is likely that 2 new advisors will be in post October or November. Everyday sport National Campaign was launched on the 15th September along with the London campaign. Equity Standards: Colin King has been identified as Regional Sports Board Champion. Equity Standards is to be embedded in future CSNs. Meeting held with volunteering England. Sport England has a seat on the London-wide assembly.

12. CSCS:

The board received LSB (05) 5.11 Community Sports Coach Scheme. Members were asked to: a) note the position update. b) Note the DCMS and the Sport England Executive guidance to support the approach to LSB to provide resources for the maximum number of full time and substantial part time posts to meet the local need identified. c) To consider the potential budget cost versus benefit implications of this approach. d) Be advised a paper for decision will be presented to the next London Sports Board in November

Progress has been made to reach CSCS target of 360 by March 2006. The 3rd phase has financial issues and will need funds from DCMS. Clubs and coaches will need a significant investment - £2.7m over 3 years from CiF.

The Board agreed the recommendations and they would favourably welcome the paper.

13. Any Other Business:

ASDiL conference on 13th October at Arsenal – EDS, LYG, sub regions, 2012, every child matters, CPAs

Training for PDM

Sign work on Monitoring & Evaluation – will help us shape the future

FIA conference 9th November, Westminster, Patrick Carter and Richard Cabourn will be present.

ODPM – Jim Fitzpatrick to meet Murad, Philip and Matt

Changes to health structure are pending. Work on health legacy consultation - on the importance of keeping well - is due between now and Christmas.

14. Date of next meeting:

The date of the next meeting was agreed for 30th November at Victoria House.

15. LYG Presentation:

Andy Sacha introduced the London Youth Games team - Anthony Kendall, John Hadley, Tom Kerry and Sandy Craig, followed by a short video. Anthony Kendall reported that the LYG board had met and was considering the recommendation from Sandy Craig's work. The decision Sport England took, to invest in LYG had a very good outcome during the 2005 games. The LYG is the only multi-sport activity event in London and the largest in Europe. They acknowledge the need for change and the first round of change would be going the AGM in October. He suggested that Sport England facilitated a round table discussion with all the parties involved.

Sandy detailed options he put forward to the LYG board:

Function for the organisation: should remit be broaden, be more strategic?

Staffing: The question of having paid officers was raised.

Short term: Local Authority membership but opened to non-LA members

Sport England should be a subscriber member with a director.

A lot of work is done by the Sport Development Officers so LYG should stay with LA but have interim director to look at the workings of the organisation – perhaps secondeed from SE, ALG or GOL.

The session ended with Questions and Answers from the board members and Holly made the point that the future direction of the LYG should mirror the work being done on Sub Regional Partnerships.

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