

# London Sports Board

## MINUTES

### Fifth Meeting 2006

Held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006 at 08:00 in Sport England, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Victoria House, Bloomsbury Square, London WC1B 4SE

## PRESENT

### Chairman:

Philip Lewis

### Members:

Prof Steve Hodgkinson

Prof Sue Atkinson

Mr Derrick Anderson CBE

Colin King

Alex Welsh

### Regional Director:

Matthew Delaney

### Officers:

Andy Sacha

Holly Woodford

Andy Couves

Patrick Brosnan

Shirley Burgess (minutes)

## 1. Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interests:

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially to Derrick our newest member.

Apologies for absences were received from Mrs Lyn Brown, Mr Mohni Gujral, Ms Ros Potts, Ms Rosi Prescott, Ms Paula Craig, Ms Andréé Deane and Mr Murad Qureshi.

Mr Anderson declared his interest in the SAZ project application.

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2006 were agreed as a true record after the following corrections: paragraph 8.2 "one off aware" should read "one off award".



### **3. Chairman's Report:**

PL reported that the recruitment process for the main Sport England board Chairman's replacement was now down to two candidates. The process for recruiting the CEO was now underway. Members will be kept informed on progress. He also mentioned that MD would be joining Greenwich in the near future. He was sorry to be losing him, but thanked him for the work he had done. The board would discuss his replacement in due course.

He had discussed with Lord Carter and Stephen Baddeley the proposal from LDA to refurbish Crystal Palace. He felt that any decisions made should be done with input from the LSB.

The GLA will be running the recruitment process for the LSB chair and will have 4 members on the board. He was seeking clarity on his appointment as his current tenure come to an end next March. He was due to meet with Peter Lewis and Neal Coleman and will have more news by next meeting.

PL also reported that SA has resigned from her post as Director of Regional Public Health (RPH) and Shelia Adams was now interim head. SA suggested that the RPH should provide the health lead and she would be available until that decision was made. Philip and Colin meeting with the Pan London Equity Alliance was very productive.

### **4. Grants Awards - Investment Sub Group:**

**4.1** AS Introduced Patrick Brosnan the new Investment Manager and mentioned that he would in the future coordinate the Investment Sub Group meetings. In future, applicants will be informed of decisions following the Investment Sub Group meetings. All board members will be kept informed as usual.

The group consisting of André Deane, Rosi Prescott, Colin King and Alex Welsh (chair), met on 29<sup>th</sup> August, and Award decisions were taken as per delegated authority. Four CIF applications went to the board. The board agreed all awards as set out in ISG (06) 5.1 with conditions for SAZ being around achieving sustainability without Sport England funding, and MEND being 'evaluation to drive implementation'. Evaluation needs to take place as the project happens, to build the evidence base. Two Exchequer Awards were also approved for the Community Sports Coach Scheme.

**4.2** The board expressed a need for greater understanding of the budget. £334,000 has been awarded. There is £22m in the CIF budget to 2009; of which £12.5m is earmarked for Talent Development and Building Capacity and the remaining £10m for other projects. We need to be proactively working with the sub regional chairs, in order to achieve spend. The investment strategy will cover a range of issues, working in partnership with Delivery and Performance & Improvement. We are under pressure to spend, but need to ensure we spend on the right projects to achieve our objectives. Think tank consisting of DA, CK, AW, SA and ACS set up to look at innovative ways in reaching target groups.

### **5. Equality:**

**5.1** CK presented the paper 'The Sporting Triangle' and discussed how sport could impact the BME communities. It raised questions such as: how effective have organisations been in addressing equality issues, how successful have

charters been, where and what changes need to be addressed in order for schemes to be meaningful to its benefactors. Suggestions that long term strategies be developed to address, equity at NBG level, mentoring and support schemes for BME groups, develop Twining with Ghana & USA, capacity building. Development needs to be tied into 2012. It was suggested that a research audit be undertaken to build the case. The LSB could lead a national initiative.

**5.2** The equality group has been set up and have had their first meeting. Outcome of the meeting was to develop a work programme with the board. It was suggested that the work from the discussion above could be done by the equality group. The business proposal should inform the investment strategy and should be sustainable.

(PL had to leave the meeting so SH took the Chair at this point)

**Action:** PL to have discussion with Stephen Baddeley and MD and CK to meet with GLA.

## **5. Building Schools for the Future:**

**5.1** MD reported that this is a major piece of work and it may be useful to explore a joint funded post to manage it. The minister has asked for this to be a standing item on LSB agenda. DA commended the author for clarity of explanation. He mentioned that BSF carries a lot of political interest as it is seen as a resolution for school placements. There was much discussion about capacity and the lever of officers required to deliver bearing in mind that the primary level should be coming shortly. The issue of VAT was also discussed in terms of short fall in funding and who will pick up the bill. This is a great opportunity to make the bridge between school and community. The Arts Council are keen to work with us on this programme. In view of the issues around the funding it was suggested that a three way split would be more suitable for joint funding.

**5.2** MD also reported on the progress with Clissold Leisure Centre. They are now being managed more closely and will meet on a milestone basis. The next milestone is securing the roof. They should be ready to open next year.

**5.3** Hackney Marshes Sport Strategy group met 13<sup>th</sup> September. They have employed a consultant to develop design. But it is lacking vision. The design should influence usage to increase capacity management and sustainability.

**5.4** Concerns were raised about the temporary 50m pool development proposal at Crystal Palace. Options should be re-considered. SE is interested in long term investment, and sustainability.

## **6. NGB/Talent development:**

**6.1** Relationships between national governing bodies and Sport England

have changed over the years, and there have been less engagement with them. London region have commissioned a consultant (Vaga Associates) to develop this work. The NGBs appreciate the work being done as it gives clarity of roles and responsibilities and determine the relationships they want with the region. The board is being asked to agree recommendation 4a. as presented.

**6.2** CIF is about meeting gaps in provision and the Investment Sub Group would look at NGBs that need the help other than the 5 big sports. There are grey areas where whole sport plans stop/start and the system must avoid duplication of funding. The Investment Strategy will tie into initiatives, for example a BSF school could be a volleyball centre which would solve facilities issues. Consideration to be given to where we sit with issues i.e. national policy v regional needs. Board is asked to agree to recommendation 4b, thus allowing the region to work with category 2 sports. The board expressed the need for clarity before making priorities. They will agree strategy in December before ISG meets to make awards.

**Action:** Holly to shape strategy with sub group.

## **7. Active People Update:**

**7.1 The interim findings were published** to inform Local Authorities of their CPA scores. Richmond was top and Greenwich bottom. The final results will be published in November along with a diagnostic tool. The diagnostic tool has the potential to drill down for a variety of information to give the LAs real baseline evidence. The Improvement managers will work with the LAs using the tool. The full report will be communicated.

**Action:** Andy will circulate copy of questionnaire

## **8. Heads of Unit Reports:**

**8.1** Andy S reported that the Investment Team was up to capacity with John Wood covering on the planning side. Conal Stewart started on the 11<sup>th</sup> September; however we are experiencing difficulties recruiting a 3<sup>rd</sup> Planning manager. We may have to review the post. The team is working well on projects such as 2012, playing field issues, FPMs Lambs Squash club to name a few. The National Sports Foundation held panel which involved us and consultation is on going. Work on the investment strategy is on going and is the main priority. Roger went to London Lottery Forum to discuss the delivery system. 2012, 4.5 was also delivered at sports forum. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October there will be a workshop here for holding and prep camp applicants. The due diligence report is about a month away. The strategic planning consultation report on swimming is on the way, this will help to shape the future of swimming provision in London.

**8.2** Andy C reported he had a full team in place; Joel Brookfield will cover the boroughs in the East and Central sub-regions and Paul will do likewise with the West, North and South sub-regional boroughs. Three boroughs

(Merton, Haringey and Lambeth) have started on the regional commentaries. Eighteen (including the aforementioned) have signed up, one borough has declined the offer and 14 have yet to declare their interest. The region will be refreshing the London Plan for Sport and Physical Activity over the next 9 months. The region will be undertaking TAES (Towards An Excellent Service) later in the year and will need a board member to volunteer to join us on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Partners will also be involved. This will help us to develop an improvement plan.

**8.3** Holly reported her team was still two members short. They were waiting on policy to be signed off on the delivery system. They are struggling with CSPANs until national guidance available, but working with directors to develop CSPANs early. Workforce development need to get going, but waiting on guidance. 3 physical activity coordinators are in place, working towards 5 subject to partnership funding. Partnerships going well, and in process of writing strategies. Active workplace package being developed – west are leading. Pan London Portal being developed sign post to Physical Activity in London; feasibility study being carried out. 2012, in final stages of consultation on 4.5. feedback process is web based feedback process. Draft plan due on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Disability Paralympics report commissioned to look a disability strategy for London..

## **9. Board members reports:**

**9.1** Alex reported that consultants were working in the East.

**9.2** Steve reported West met yesterday, proceeding well. Need to do recruitment.

## **10. Any Other business:**

**10.1** Alex: there will be an ASDIL conference at the Emirates stadium on 18<sup>th</sup> October followed by the AGM. Speakers include Matt, Andy C, Andy S, from SE, Andréé Deane from FIA.

**10.2** Colin: wanted to find out what was happening with the review of Board priorities!

**Action:** Philip to follow up and report at next meeting.

Date of next meeting: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2006 at 09:00

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Date: .....