



Meeting of the UK Board of Directors

30th January 2024 starting at 10 am

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Present:	Ian Beattie (IB) Chair David Abrahams (DA) Jack Buckner (JB) Steve Perks (SP) Gary Shaughnessy (GS) Wendy Sly (WS) - Zoom Jennifer Thomas (JT) - Zoom Mike Whittingham (MW)
Observers:	Anna Blackman (AB) – Zoom (joined at 10:30 am)
In Attendance:	Tracey Carey (TC) – Zoom Paula Dunn (PD) – Zoom Denise Lewis (DL) Tom Paulson (TP) - Zoom Tom Solesbury (TS) Vickie Armitage (VA) – note taker

1. Welcome by the Chair

The Chair (IB) welcomed the Board members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Marilyn Okoro, Andrew Heyes and David Ovens

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes

The Board minutes of 5th December 2023 were **approved**.

5. CEO Report

JB confirmed that he had a positive call with the UK Sport Leadership Team on 29.01.24 and is expecting an indicative number for the LA cycle in late February/March. A final figure will be confirmed in October after the Olympics and Paralympics.

JB confirmed that cross country will not be added to either the summer or winter Olympic programme.

JB explained that the first Roadshow had been a success at Lee Valley. There had been a mixture of attendees and a number of issues raised, particularly around coaching.

The WIC will be an excellent event and the work is progressing well in pulling all the necessary organisation together. The Indoor Champs have seen a record number of tickets sold and a high number of athletes registered.



Channel 4 will be broadcasting two programmes leading up to the Olympics in a prime-time slot. The programme will focus on 4 Olympians and 4 Paralympians. Netflix are also working on a series on sprinting.

6. Finance Update

TC presented the management accounts to September.

7. Governance

TS confirmed that the UKS Sport Governance Code work undertaken by UKA had been accepted by UKS and he was waiting on further feedback.

He reminded the Board that appraisals will be taking place in March.

TS explained that the work on transgender issues was continuing. Three members of SERC sit on a Transgender Working Group along with representatives from the HCAFs. The consultation with the University of Gloucester has received ethical clearance.

TS confirmed that the Skills Matrix summary had been included in the Board's papers.

IB thanked TC for all her work for the Board and wished her good luck in her new role with UKS.

8. Performance

PD joined the meeting.

PD updated on the recent Welfare programme and UKAD Clean Athlete session.

PD confirmed that the first session of the UK wide Roadshows had be completed with many questions around the work of England Athletics.

The World Indoors looks encouraging. Josh Kerr is hoping to compete in the 3000 m.

PD confirmed that the Indoor season has started well with both Dina Asher-Smith and Amber Anning achieving British records. There have also been a number of PBs.

JB confirmed that a monthly newsletter has been introduced for all World Class Performance Athletes and he felt that communications were improving with the athletes and their coaches.

Tom Paulson joined the Board meeting and presented on the current Para Programme.

MW asked if TP retained a good network with the military. TP explained that there was a structured communication with 'Help the Heroes'. Loughborough is opening up a new 'Stamford Fall' unit and there is fledging interest, however this is not the same structure as was previously in place.

9. AOB

There was no AOB.

The meeting closed at 14:11