



Meeting of the UK Board of Directors

26th March 2024 starting at 10.30 am

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Present:	Ian Beattie (IB) Chair David Abrahams (DA) Marilyn Okoro (MO) - Zoom David Ovens (DO) Steve Perks (SP) Gary Shaughnessy (GS) Wendy Sly (WS) Jennifer Thomas (JT) Mike Whittingham (MW)
Observers:	Anna Blackman (AB) Steph Twell (ST)
In Attendance:	Paula Dunn (PD) - Zoom Chris Jones (CJ) - Zoom Tom Solesbury (TS) Ruth Thompson (RT) Vickie Armitage (VA) – note taker

1. Welcome by the Chair

The Chair (IB) welcomed the Board members to the meeting and acknowledged RT and ST were attending their first UKA Board meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Jack Buckner, who was attending meetings with European Athletics in Lausanne regarding Birmingham '26.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes

The Board minutes of 30th January 2024 were **approved**.

The Board minutes of 15th March 2024 were **approved**.

The Audit Minutes of 12th March 2024 were **noted**.

Actions, Matters not on the agenda

The previous actions were reviewed – VA to distribute the key messages to the Board after today's meeting. The Hospitality and Gifts Register will be forwarded to all Board members for completion. MW expressed his thanks for the additional board meeting on 15th March to discuss the JV in more detail.



5. CEO Report

- Athletic Adventures

TS confirmed that Athletic Ventures had progressed considerably with a small number of matters still be addressed.

- **UKS Funding**

IB confirmed that UKS had provided an indicative figure for the 25-28 LA cycle

TS referred to the Performance Group ToR (x2)– these were **approved** by the Board.

6. Finance Update

RT reported the January Management accounts and Financial report to the Board.

7. Funding of Small Teams

CJ joined the Board Meeting to discuss the future funding of small teams. He explained that any policy decided by UKA needed to be ethical, aligned and driven by performance. Other nations are looking are sending teams via self-funding and there has been little pushback on part or whole funding by athletes.

IB confirmed the Board was supportive of the funding model providing there is a well thought through structure.

8. Performance

PD joined the Board meeting.

The WIC proved very successful for the team achieving 2nd place in the points table and 6th in the medal table. PD was travelling to Belgrade to support the GB team.

The relay teams for the World Relays 400 m would be selected on 8th April.

Spring camps were getting underway as were the quarterly reviews with athletes on WCP. IB wished good luck for the team completing in Belgrade.

9. Governance

TS referred to the safeguarding policy and Procedures and these were **approved** by the Board.

The Board **approved** the Nutritional Supplements Policy.

The Board **approved** the Health & Safety Policy.

TS presented proposed changes to the Olympic Selection policy which followed on from previous selection policies.

The Board **approved** the selection policy.

10. Reports for Information

Safeguarding - TS directed the Board to the Safeguarding report which was for information.

AC -ST directed the Board to the Athletes' Commission report.



She confirmed that Zac Shaw had been voted the second member to sit on the UKA Members on behalf of the AC. Robbie Britton and Abigail Irozuru had been appointed Vice Chairs.

Meeting closed at 2 pm.