



Meeting of the UKA Board of Directors

17.03.2026 – 10.30 – 14.30

NIKE/ZOOM

Present:	Ian Beattie (IB) Chair Jack Buckner (JB) Paul Lawther (PL) – TEAMS David Ovens (DO) - TEAMS Andrew Pozzi (AP) Wendy Sly (WS) Jennifer Thomas (JT) Mike Whittingham (MW)
Observers:	Anna Blackman (AB) Denise Lewis (DL) Rebecca Saunders (RS)
In Attendance:	Liz Birchall (LB) Lee Dakin (LD) - PART Paula Dunn (PD) – PART Chris Moss (CM) Ruth Thompson (RT) Dan Wagner (DW) - PART Richard Yates (RY) Vickie Armitage (VA)

1. Welcome by the Chair

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

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Steve Perks and Gary Shaughnessy.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest. It was noted that the Conflict of Interest forms have been circulated for 2026. All Board Members and Observers who haven't completed the forms were asked to do so.



4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 27th January 2026 were **approved**. The Audit & Risk Committee Minutes, PCAG Notes and CEO Forum minutes were noted.

Actions – All actions are up to date.

5. CEO Report (Appendix 1)

The CEO Report was taken as read. JB updated the board on the matters raised in the report.

Legal Update (Appendix 2)

The Legal Update was taken as read. RY updated the board on the latest legal matters.

6. Finance Update (Appendix 3)

RT referred to the February Management information and discussed the draft budget for 2026-27.

The budget 2026-27 was **approved**.

7. Performance (Appendix 5)

PD joined the meeting and confirmed that potential para-athletes for LA will be taken to the World Champs in 2027 due to the qualification requirements. The 2026 European Para Championships are still not confirmed. All international competitions are being reviewed including in the Diamond League to find opportunities.

A decision was taken not to send a team to the European Throws Cup in Cyprus due to the international situation; however, a different competition has been identified in Halle Germany.

No decision has been taken on the warm weather training camp in Gloria with the situation continuing to be monitored and other options being considered.

The World Indoor Championships take place 19-22nd March with a team of 29 athletes flying out to the event. One event coach is being taken per event, with more personal coaches being accredited instead.

A UKS Performance culture health check is to take place. The AC is helping encourage athletes to complete this.

8. Field Review (Appendix 6)

DW joined the meeting and presented on the work of the field review.

9. Governance (Appendix 7)

The Safeguarding report was taken as read.

CM highlighted the Eligibility Group to the Board and the work of this group.

10. Power of 10

LD joined the meeting and updated the Board on the latest position with Power of 10.



11. **Website** (Appendix 9)

RS referenced the circulated paper and main presentation with the key areas being discussed.

12. **Athletes' Commission (AC)** (Appendix 8)

Appendix 8 was taken as read. AP confirmed that the AC currently has 8 members with a further 3 members to be recruited from the WCP via a targeted approach. The AC have identified a number of key areas in which individuals have been assigned. This will bring measurable value for both the AC as a whole but also the individual AC members.

AP has been working with the Performance Department on selection criteria. AP sees the AC role will be to help athletes understand the quotas/top lists. Work is also starting on supporting athletes in their post career transfer by identifying companies that are keen to employ ex-athletes. [This is similar to the process used very successfully by the military].

There will also be ad hoc work as situations arise. the current political situation and how this affects athletes, for example. AP added that he has been pleased with the access he has had to Performance.

JB thanked AP for his excellent work to date and added that PD is very athlete centred and offered any support as AP needed from the UKA Executive.

13. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 14:50