Meeting of the UKA Board of Directors

19.05.2026 – 10.30 – 14.30

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Present:	**Ian Beattie (IB) Chair** **Anna Blackman (AB) - TEAMS** **Jack Buckner (JB)** **Paul Lawther (PL) – TEAMS** **David Ovens (DO) – TEAMS** **Steve Perks (SP) - TEAMS** **Andrew Pozzi (AP)** **Gary Shaughnessy (GS)** **Wendy Sly (WS)** **Jennifer Thomas (JT) - Teams** **Mike Whittingham (MIW) - Teams**
Observers:	**Denise Lewis (DL)**
In Attendance:	**Cherry Alexander (CA) – PART/TEAMS** **Darren Bennett (DB) - PART** **Liz Birchall (LB) – PART/TEAMS** **Lee Dakin (LD) – PART/TEAMS** **Lorna Dwyer (LDw) – PART/TEAMS** **Ralph Gilbert (RG) - PART** **Chris Moss (CM)** **Rebecca Saunders (RS) - PART** **Ruth Thompson (RT)** **Richard Yates (RY)** **Tommy Yule – PART/TEAMS** **Vickie Armitage (VA)**

1. Welcome by the Chair

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

2. Apologies

There were no apologies.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest. The Declarations of Interest have now all been received and the Board will review the Register of Interests at the next Board meeting.

4. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 17th March 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

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

<u>Legal Update</u> - The Legal Update was taken as read. RY updated the Board on the latest legal matters.

6. Finance Update

RT reported on the March 2026 Year end management accounts.

7. Governance

<u>Safeguarding</u> – the submitted report was taken as read.

<u>Rules Group</u> - the submitted report, written by Mark Granby, was taken as read. The Board discussed the proposed process for making changes to the Rules Book. This was **approved** the by the Board.

8. Athletic Ventures

RB and CA joined the meeting. The two presentations were taken as read. RB and CA updated the Board on the progress of the European Athletics Championships organisation.

RB left the meeting.

9. Power of 10

RG, DB and LD joined the meeting and updated the Board on the progress with the platform.

CA, RG, DB left the meeting.

10. Tech Update

LD joined the meeting.

The Tech report was taken as read. CM and LD updated the Board on the ongoing project work including working with the HCAFs.

LD left the meeting.

11. Performance

TY joined the meeting and confirmed that WIC were a success with 25 athletes competing and 4 gold medals. The World Relays had also been successful with 5 out of the 6 teams qualifying for the relays at the WC'27. Only 3 teams qualified for 5 relays and just 1 with all 6 which was Australia who are at a different time in their season. The men's 4x400m still need to qualify, this will be challenging as there are some excellent teams still to qualify including Germany and the USA.

It has been confirmed that the European Para Champs will not be going ahead in September. 35 para athletes will compete at the CWG. In addition, individual opportunities are being sought, both here and overseas. Liverpool have confirmed that they will hold a Sport & Cultural Festival in 2027 which will be a further competing opportunity.

The ongoing progress at Loughborough University was discussed.

TY left the Meeting.

12. Branding

LB and RS joined the meeting and referred to the papers that had been circulated including the survey results. The Board recognised that the need for one brand is very clear and that this should be British Athletics. The Board **approved** the one brand – British Athletics.

LB and RS left the meeting.

13. EDI

RK and LD joined the meeting and presented the EDI plan to the Board. The Board **approved** the EDI Plan.

14. Any Other Business

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 14:27.