

**Minutes of the UK Members Council Meeting
Saturday 12 July 2008
Malmaison, The Mailbox, Birmingham**

Present:	Lynn Davies	Chair
	Lynette Harris	Welsh Athletics
	Roy Corry	Northern Ireland Athletics
	Stan Burton	Officials Representative
	Bill Adcocks	Clubs Representative
	Keith May	Clubs Representative
	Mike Harris	Coaching Representative
	Graham Jessop	Off Track Representative
	Michael Squires	Representative
	Jonathan Edwards	EAA Representative
	Mark Hollinshead	Scottish Athletics

In attendance:	Niels de Vos	UKA Chief Executive
	Charles Bartholomew	UKA Finance Director
	Ed Warner	UKA Chairman
	Sarah Hall	Minutes

Apologies:	John Graves	England Athletics
	Helen Clitheroe	Athlete Representative
	Lord Sebastian Coe	IAAF Representative
	Chris Cohen	IPC Representative

1 Welcome & Apologies

LD welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from John Graves, Helen Clitheroe, Seb Coe and Chris Cohen.

2 Minutes of previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of 16 February 2008 were approved and accepted. JR presentation to be attached to the minutes. SH to indicate where the minutes of the Council are on the website.

3 Matters arising from previous minutes

There were no matters arising from the meeting 16 February 2008.

4 UKA progress update – Chair & Chief Executive

Chair

EW thanked the UKMC for supporting Jason Gardener with effect from 1 July 2008 onto the UKA Board. Action: SH to invite JG to a future UKMC meeting.

Chief Executive

Sport England agreement bid has to be submitted by mid August for 2009-13. Bidding for circa XX over 4 years.

NdV has had an in principle agreement for final year of legacy funding which will come directly to UKA – NdV will keep UKMC updated of situation.

UK Sport will be indicating to UKA how much funding they are likely to get for World Class Performance Programme (WCPP) two weeks after Olympics and two weeks after the Paralympics – Final amounts confirmed in December.

Strategic Head of Coaching & Development position – A search has been done globally and UKA have interviewed 3 with another 1 candidate being interviewed 14 July. NdV is hoping to make an appointment post Olympics. MH asked NdV who was covering coaching in the interim. NdV responded saying Richard Wheeler, England Athletics has been appointed to work in this area along with Andy Paul who is working on 5 Rings.

Beijing Update

Many athletes will not have personal coaches with them, due to limited number of accreditations. Dr Bruce Hamilton is coming back to cover on medical side during Olympics and the first athletes are going out towards end of July post Crystal Palace.

NdV presented to the UKMC on the past 12 months following his 100 day presentation in July 2007. A copy is attached to the minutes for information.

LD thanked NdV & EW for the updates and wished to record the great performance of the GB & NI team at the European championships last month.

NdV presented to the UKMC the 2007/8 budget and what UKA had achieved. Attach copy of presentation to minutes for information.

5 UKA Budgets 2008/09

CB presented to the UKMC the 2008/09 budget – A copy is attached to the minutes for information.

MS asked for more detail behind the figures to enable the Council to ask questions. NdV suggested that the UKMC ask questions around the budget to CB and to copy all council members in his response. Action: CB to invite questions to all the UKMC. Accounts will be distributed for September meeting

LD thanked CB for his presentation

6 EAA Report – Jonathon Edwards

JE updated the UKMC that European Athletics Association had rebranded and will now be called European Athletics (EA) – their aim is to take a leadership role in world athletics. JE felt that if EA wanted to achieve this they would need to involve UKA along with the other big 5 Federations. NdV & EW had started this relationship building when they recently met with Chair and Chief Executive in Solihull.

LD thanked JE for his report.

7 Anti Drug Review

TGT sent apologies for being unable to attend the meeting today as she was competing in her first Triathlon. A report was circulated to the Council.

8 IAAF Report - Seb Coe

Apologies from Seb for being unable to attend the meeting today. A report was circulated to the Council.

9 IPC Report – Chris Cohen

No report

10 Home Countries Reports

Wales

- Successful Senior and U15 Championship
- Completed re branding exercise with launch to coincide with move to new stadium
- Congratulations to Jeremy Moody achieving a doctorate in philosophy
- Three new athletics development centres – Cardiff, Swansea and Deeside. Focus on development of young athletes and their coaches

Scotland

- New focus of SAL Board with more concentration on performance – ambitious targets for 2014 CWG.
- Feedback from World Cross was good, impact on the city £6.5m – Good publicity.
- Club development strategy to work better in and more strategically with club, LA and schools, contribution of 50% of club development officer. Will update in the future.
- SAL channel on You Tube to encourage younger athletes
- New Board Members – James Stuart & Julia Bracewell (formally chair of Sport Scotland)
- SAL Coaching conference NOT sold out

Northern Ireland

- Successful Senior Championships
- Name Change – Athletics Northern Ireland
- Dave Collins presented to Northern Ireland Board – Development programme presentation & presented to Sport Northern Ireland
- Jackie McKiernan acting up as Performance Manager
- Equality standard to be delivered by each home country

- RC asked re Replacement for funding as at 31 March 2009 – NdV unable to give answer until UKA funding agreed. Any funding to Home Countries will come from UKA own money.
- Mary Cockland CEO of Athletics Ireland appointed and started in May 08

11 Any Other Business

EW asked the Council if they felt that meetings should always be at weekends. The council felt that weekends were ok due to the work commitments and that Solihull was a central location and easily accessible.

MH updated the Council about a meeting with NdV and the volunteer reps to address their concerns on their role on the Council and their contribution to the council. MH asked if volunteer council members could be added to the agenda. MH to lead an email debate with any Council issues and these points are then to be discussion at the next meeting.

A discussion took place on the role of the Council particularly on the Volunteer representative role. NdV confirmed that he was happy to meet to give more detailed information for them to feedback to their clubs etc. LD said that the role of the council was an opportunity to challenge NdV and EW on strategy

Agenda items for next meeting

- Chair/CEO update
- UKA Accounts to March 2008
- Beijing reflections
- Stan Burton – officials? Dependant on timings
- Council discussion led by Mike Harris

LD expressed his disappointment that England was not represented. LD asked if any Home Country representatives were not able to attend future meetings they should be deputised by their CEO

GAJ requested an update on Road Running Leadership Group (RRLG) & EW to update at next meeting following presentation to UKA Board 26 July

KM raised the question of Vice Chairman – LD asked for any recommendation to be sent to him.

MH asked if Coach accreditation for TV Events could be sent out earlier to prevent long queues at the event.

The Council wishes to pass on their best wishes to all athletes competing this weekend.

12 Date of next meeting

Friday 26 September 5.30 pm at UKA offices followed by dinner – SH to coordinate