# Goalball UK Board Minutes

## Date & time of meeting

27/01/2022 10am

## Location

Zoom Conference Call

## Attendees Initials Role

John Grosvenor JG Chair

Mark Winder MW CEO

Alison Burchell AB Non-Executive director

Peter Elliott PE Non-Executive director

Dyfrig Lewis-Smith DLS Non-Executive director

Grace Clancey GC Senior Independent Director

Ranjit Singh RS Non-Executive director

## Apologies

Paul Reid PR Non-Executive director

Kate Coghlan KC Non-Executive director

## In attendance

Mark Martin MM Company Secretary

Steve Cox SC Secretariat

Yuri Matischen YM MLS

Alex Bunney Abu Participation Lead

# MINUTES

## Welcome (verbal)

JG welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## 2. MLS presentation and Q&A - 1hour

MW welcomed and introduced YM to the meeting. YM gave presentation on GUK Major events consultation and then answered questions from the board.

Discussions followed around, resources, coaching framework, venues, and media rights.

MW highlighted that we are a small team and it’s a fine line not to do too much and need to prioritise the next steps. The Coaching pathway is underway.

**Action** - Full MLS report to be circulated to the board.

**YM & ABu left the meeting at 11.20.**

## 3. Declarations of interest (Verbal)

None declared.

## 4. Minutes of previous Board meeting – FOR APPROVAL (1 paper)

MM suggested a couple of alterations to the Minutes of the November 2021 meeting. With these alterations the minutes were approved.

## 5. Action points from last meeting – FOR UPDATING (1 paper)

**Action** - paper updated.

## 6. Finance & Governance Update – FOR INFORMATION (3 papers)

MM gave a verbal an update on Finances:

High performance budgets – GB Head Coaches were asked to look at budgets for the short-term - Spreadsheet in pack. New High-Performance Lead to look at historic budgets. Provisional allocation of budget till end of 2023.

The budget has had a £20k injection from Peter Harrison Foundation.

**Action**: A date needs confirming for the March meeting.

## 7. Governance action plan – FOR INFORMATION (1 paper)

MM confirmed that the Governance Action plan is now competed. MM has approached a consultant with 5 other NGBs for a collaborative governance project. A meeting in April is still the target.

MM gave initial thoughts on how GUK can carry on with governance moving forward – updated SE governance code has been published, and a meeting planned with SE to see how they can support and what they can offer – this will include an Inclusion and Diversity plan.

**Action** - MM & MW to bring back to April board a new governance plan.

**Action** - Date of approval needed.

**Action** - MM to make minor change to papers - Subcommittee to advise not approve.

## 8. Scheme of Delegation – FOR INFORMATION (1paper)

**Agreed** - Board gave formal approval for the Scheme of delegation.

**MM left the meeting at 11:37**

## 9. CEO report – FOR INFORMATION (1paper)

MW reported that we start the year with Covid-19 impacting once more. We have taken the decision to restrict the staff team meeting face to face to provide the best opportunity to ensure we continue to fulfil our activities for our members. Several members of the team have tested positive during December and January, and this was the most prudent course of action.

Goalball UK Referee Course materials (online module and workbook) have progressed and are on track for the course delivery 19th & 20th Feb, 5 candidates confirmed, 1 pending. These new referees are vital to support the competition framework.

We have had initial conversations with UK Coaching to develop our coaching pathway. This is a priority area and SC and KF will be leading on this piece of work and prioritising it.

MW explained the draft version of the new Organogram.

MW answered questions asked around the layout and hierarchy of the organogram.

## 10. Reports from the Sub-Committees – FOR INFORMATION (verbal)

CC – verbal update from CC. Development of Trans gender policy – UK Sport guidance update has come out – expression of interest was asked for a Board member to be involved in updating policy. Coaches, teams, and players also to be consulted. GC and AB volunteered to be included in updating the policy.

**Action -** DLS to send details to AB and GC.

A question regarding the CC’s TORs, it has 2 contradicting points 3 years and 4 years. What’s the longest term a rep should be on the committee?

**Action** – DLS to speak with JG outside of board regarding TORs and length of time a representative can stay on the CC.

PAT – Meeting held last Week – full attendance – Paul engaged prior to the meeting with the group on what is expected from the group. Discussion points instead of full updates.

Discussion in the meeting around throwing the ball better and bringing in external experts/coaches.

Goalfix cup dates are not to clash with 2023 games and international programme, coaches asked for feedback on the best date for the Goalfix Cup.

High Performance Lead discussion. MW added feedback on the meeting.

**Action** – Board to look at wording of Scheme of delegation and team selection.

## 11. Safeguarding and equality - FOR INFORMATION (verbal)

No Equality issues.

Safeguarding – DLS updated board on a previous case.

## 12. UKAD update – FOR INFORMATION (verbal)

AB updated on the progress of the UKAD action plan. There is a need to investigate how athletes and coaches sign up to UKAD and Clean sport education. AB added that the GUK Annual reports need to have UKAD included.

## 13. Any other business

Question came from a board member regarding the relationship with Stonewall. MW responded.

MW gave updates on IBSA board and the World Games 2023. Questions raised around Risk Register and costs to GUK?

**Action** - Budget and UKAD meeting to be held before next meeting.

## 14. Date and time of Next meeting

28th April 2022 at 10am – remote via Zoom.

**Meeting closed 12.20pm.**