

Minutes: Badminton GB Board Limited Meeting**Monday 25 September 2017 at 10am**

Via Conference Call



Board:	Stephen Baddeley	Chair and Non-Executive Director
	Christine Black	Director (Badminton Scotland)
	Kenneth Nixon	Director (Badminton Ireland, Ulster Branch)
	Jane M Nickerson	Company Secretary / Non-Executive Director
	Graeme Finch	Non-Executive Director
Invited:	Jon Austin	Performance Director, Badminton England
	Mark Beecher	Head of Performance Operations, Badminton England
	Adrian Christy	Accountable Officer
	Sue Froud	Minute Taker (Badminton England)
Apologies:	Roger Moreland	Director (Badminton Wales)
	Gail Emms	Non-Executive Director

1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
	Noted as above.
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS No new declarations were advised.
3	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
3.1	<i>To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2017</i> <u>Decision:</u> a) The minutes of 16 June 2017 were approved
3.2	<i>To consider matters arising from the minutes</i> The following points were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Item 4.1; Discussed at this meeting under Item 8 ▪ Item 7.2; Jane had discussed with Chair whether the induction pack was needed. Although it was noted this item is not urgent, and is not being scrutinised by UK Sport; Chair asked Jane to progress with the draft. Jane continues to lead on this item. ▪ Item 8.1; Stephen had circulated the letter 22/08/2017 stating that the existing Service Level Agreement between the GB Board and BE has been “suspended”.
4	PERFORMANCE UPDATE
4.1	<i>Performance Report</i>

	<p>The following points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jon reflected on the World Championships. In the Tokyo submission paperwork submitted to UK sport in Autumn 2016, the target was 1 quarter final to 1 medal. GB actually achieved 1 medal plus 1 quarter final so exceeding the target. The intention is to submit to the Investment Panel meeting to be held on 28th November 2017 for the Olympic Programme, subject to confirmation of the process to be undertaken. Jon is in dialogue with Chelsea Warr, the Director of Performance, and other members of her team regarding our potential submission. UK Sport (Sport Intelligence Unit) are currently carrying out an analysis of our sport to see if Badminton is now a Band 3 sport. It is not certain if the Investment Panel meeting held on 28th November 2017 will be attended by representatives of GB/Badminton England (BE) but this will be confirmed in the coming days. The Investment Panel will make recommendations to UK Sport Board in December and will confirm the outcomes to NGBs in the first week of January. Should UK Sport choose to fund it would not commence until 1 April 2018. ▪ Paralympic programme will undertake the same process as Olympic subject to confirmation that we meet the Band 3 requirement to have players “very likely” to medal. Further detail in point 6 of the agenda. ▪ An update of the Solidarity Awards was received. The BOA assess applicants against their criteria and they have 12 Solidarity Awards to give out. ▪ Jon is attending a recce in preparation for the Tokyo Olympic Games between the 14-19 October 2017. This will be paid for by the remnants of the transition funding from UK Sport. This visit will focus on accommodation as the Olympic Village is about 50-60 minutes away from the venue. There are two further recce’s before Tokyo which will be funded by BOA. ▪ Mark reported that due to B E’s new financial administration system, the financial report on the allocation of UK Sport funding promised in June, for which the GB board is accountable, is still not produced but he said it would be received by the Board within 8 weeks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He confirmed the transition figures between April and July accumulated to £89,075 and with an agreed underspend (16/17) of £20,000 which could be carried forward, the budget of £108,000 had been fully allocated. - It was agreed with UK Sport that the underspend figure of £20,000 would be allocated to Sport Science and Sport Medicine / lifestyle management etc. whilst the remaining £89,075 would focus on the development of coaches, transition and leadership / management. <p>Once the financial report has been approved by the GB Board, it will be sent to UK Sport.</p>
	FINANCE UPDATE
5.1	<p><i>GB Finances</i></p> <p>Jane stated the balance remained at just over £6,000</p>
6	PARA BADMINTON UPDATE

6.1	<p>Christine gave a verbal update;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The classes, disciplines and athlete numbers for the Tokyo Paralympic Games have been confirmed by the IPC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medal events: 14 (7 men's, 6 women's and 1 mixed) Athlete slots: 90 (44 men and 46 women) <table border="1" data-bbox="379 376 1158 622"> <thead> <tr> <th>Men's events (7)</th> <th>Women's events (6)</th> <th>Mixed events (1)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Singles WH1</td> <td>Singles WH1</td> <td>Doubles SL/SU</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Singles WH2</td> <td>Singles WH2</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Singles SL3</td> <td>Singles SL4</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Singles SL4</td> <td>Singles SU5</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Singles SU5</td> <td>Doubles WH</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Singles SS6</td> <td>Doubles SL/SU</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Doubles WH</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>WH = Wheelchair Classes SS = Short Stature SL/SU = Standing Classes (SL Lower Limb / SU Upper Limb)</p> <p>As previously stated, the application will be submitted by November 2017 however it is not known whether we will be successful until January and funding would not commence until April 2018. Adrian stated that the qualifying period is likely to mirror the Olympic qualifying period and commence from 01/05/19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPA has requested the appointment of a nominated Team Leader for Para Badminton for Tokyo 2020, who would be expected to attend the 2018 and 2020 recces, some team building and training activities and the Games themselves. The Chair said he had identified and spoken too, two strong candidates. Chair will continue to speak to Michelle Hammond (UKS) on any funding support towards medal potential and development of a funding application. JA is also in communication with UK Sport about this and the two are coordinating their approaches. 	Men's events (7)	Women's events (6)	Mixed events (1)	Singles WH1	Singles WH1	Doubles SL/SU	Singles WH2	Singles WH2		Singles SL3	Singles SL4		Singles SL4	Singles SU5		Singles SU5	Doubles WH		Singles SS6	Doubles SL/SU		Doubles WH		
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7.1	<p><i>Youth Olympics</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jon confirmed BOA will fund 2 athletes plus 1 coach to go to the Youth Olympic Games. Funding includes everything that involves them attending. Qualification guidelines have been published and the qualification period will conclude on 1 May 2018. Formal selection process to take place between 10 and 31 May 2018. Jon proposes to select athletes based on the BWF's published qualification process which confirms that GB are likely to qualify 1 male and 1 female player based on their World Junior Ranking at the conclusion of qualification. Selection Policy needs to be advertised on all Home Nation websites as soon as possible. Jon and Chair to discuss and send round suggested selection criteria ASAP. Appeal process will be included. Adrian asked once criteria is published, the Coaches inform the athletes so they are aware of the process Jon stated the Coach should be selected based on the players that qualify but a process should be put in place for GB to select 																								

7.2	<p><i>European Games</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adrian updated the Board confirming that the Championships will take place in Minsk 21-30 June 2019 although there is no final confirmation of the days for the badminton tournament. ▪ Eligibility is maximum 16 players per event. ▪ Costs for athlete's flights, food and accommodation will be paid by the Organising Committee (Minsk) although not sure if any other costs are covered. ▪ The European Games are on the BWF agenda for November 2017. <p>No other detail on selection is clear</p>
8	INFLUENCING
8.1	<p><i>Letter to BOA</i></p> <p>Adrian reported this appeared to have been well received and BOA has confirmed that all GB Qualifiers will be treated equally by the BOA whether from a funded or unfunded sport.</p>
9	UNFUNDED SPORTS
9.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is a further UKS Board meeting on Wednesday 27th September 2017 where the issue of the 11 unfunded sports is on the Agenda. ▪ Within two weeks, Badminton will be featured on the BBC programme "Inside Out" where UKS will also talk about the funding issues within British Sports.
10	DATE OF NEXT MEETING
	Suggest Wednesday 24 January 2018 at Milton Keynes National Badminton Centre
11	AOB
	Graeme asked whether the issue of Brexit and Coach recruitment will have any impact on Badminton. Discussion was around Commonality of Freedom of Movement. No impact on badminton as yet.

Appendix 1 – Decisions:

Reference	BGB Decision	Responsible/Lead	Date agreed
Item 3.1, Minutes of 16 June 2017	The minutes of 16 June 2017 were approved	BGB Board	25 September 2017

Appendix 2: Actions

Reference	Action	Responsible/Lead	Deadline Date	Status
Item 3.2	7.2 - Finalise the induction pack for new GB Board members	Jane Nickerson	January 2018	Update
Item 4.1	UK Sport Annual Investment for Olympic and Paralympic games	Jon Austin	January 2018	Update

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Item 4.1	October 2017 Recce to Tokyo - update	Jon Austin	January 2018	Update
Item 4.1	Financial report required within 8 weeks	Mark Beecher	November 2018	Update
Item 6.1	Team Leader appointment for Para-badminton	Chair	October 2018	Update
Item 7.1	Youth Olympics Selection Policy to be approved and published	Chair	October 2018	Update
Item 7.2	European Games - watching brief	Adrian Christy	January 2018	Update
Item 8.1	BOA Influencing - ongoing	Chair / Adrian Christy	October 2018	Update
Item 9.1	Unfunded Sports update – on-going	Adrian Christy	October 2018	Update