

## Minutes: Badminton GB Board Limited Meeting

Wednesday 24 January 2018 10.30 am The Podium,  
Badminton England



<b>Board:</b>	Stephen Baddeley (SB)	Chair and Non-Executive Director
	Christine Black (CB)	Non-Executive Director (Badminton Scotland)
	Kenneth Nixon (KN)	Non-Executive Director (Badminton Ireland, Ulster Branch)
	Roger Moreland (RM)	Non-Executive Director (Badminton Wales)
	Graeme Finch (GF)	Non-Executive Director
<b>Invited:</b>	Jon Austin (JA)	Performance Director, Badminton England
	Mark Beecher (MB)	Head of Performance Operations, Badminton England
	Adrian Christy (AC)	Accountable Officer
	Carole Hanson (CH)	Minute Taker (Badminton England)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Jane M Nickerson (JN)	Company Secretary/Non-Executive Director
	Gail Emms (GE)	Non-Executive Director

<b>1</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
	Noted as above.
<b>2</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS</b> No new declarations were advised.
<b>3</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b>
<b>3.1</b>	<i>To receive and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 Sept 2017:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The minutes of 25 Sept 2017 were approved subject to the change of description of Adrian Christy's title from Non-Executive Director to Accountable Officer</li></ul>
<b>3.2</b>	<i>To consider matters arising from the minutes:</i> The following points were noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No progress on induction pack. This item to be carried forward to next meeting</li><li>Performance update will be given in JA's report. The Financial Report had not been circulated prior to the meeting</li><li>MB distributed a report to Board members regarding transition funding from UK Sport for the period April – June 2018. GF asked why there was an over spend and MB said this was due to unplanned EIS services that went beyond the cut-off date of May 7 2017. Noted and approved.</li><li>MB noted that these had been signed off by UK Sport.</li></ul>
<b>4</b>	<b>PERFORMANCE UPDATE</b>

4.2	<p><i>Performance Director's Report on AIR meeting with UKS on 10 Jan 2018:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JA said that the panel focused very much on the athletes, and not on governance. Peter Jeffrey (PJ) led discussions on Olympic athletes and was questioned on the 'one thing to do to bridge the gap to the podium' for each athlete. This was discussed in the order of likelihood of medals. PJ was pushed hard.</li> <li>• Richard Morris (RM), Para-badminton lead coach for BE, gave an inspirational view on the Para-badminton players.</li> <li>• The next step is that the panel will make a recommendation to the UKS Board for both Badminton and Para-badminton on January 31 2018</li> <li>• Money was not discussed at the meeting, but UKS have a pot of money for allocation during the cycle.</li> <li>• SB commented that he thought the panel for an internal review would be made up solely of executives. However, there were two independent panel members.</li> <li>• AC felt there was very little conversation over what infrastructure is necessary and agreed that the meeting was very focussed.</li> <li>• JA commented that the sports Intelligence Unit report that UKS had compiled had factual inaccuracies and there were at least two significant errors. It has not been corrected as yet so JA will follow this up. <b>ACTION</b></li> <li>• There seemed to be some confusion on the amount of money available. CW said they had £5 million and the demand was £7 million. AC asked if they had £5 million + the allocation of £4 million for new sports and she confirmed this was correct. So they actually have £9 million.</li> <li>• It was felt that funding will be given to individual athletes and that the programme will not be funded. The money, if awarded, will come to GB Badminton and will be allocated from there.</li> <li>• KN asked if we don't achieve at these Olympics will we ever receive funding again</li> <li>• SB pointed out that we will need to be compliant with the Governance code when it comes to receiving any funding given the limited nature of GB Badminton, this should be fairly simple to achieve.</li> <li>• GF brought up the possibility of no programme type funding for Para-badminton and how we might involve the media if this is the case. An appeals process was discussed and the way we would approach any possible appeal. BE will receive the answer to the funding review on 1 February at 10.20am and the GB Board will be informed of the situation immediately after that call .</li> </ul>
	<b>FINANCE UPDATE</b>
5.1	<p><i>GB Finances:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balance is £5,400</li> </ul>
6	<b>PARA BADMINTON UPDATE</b>

6.1	<p><i>To include confirmation of events at Tokyo 2020:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB confirmed that there were no changes to the list of events</li> </ul>
6.2	<p>Team Leader for Tokyo Paralympics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The decision on a team leader has been deferred until we have received the decision on funding</li> <li>• It was confirmed that JA would not be the team leader for both Paralympics and Olympics.</li> <li>• JA felt that the decision on this could be impacted by the number of accreditations</li> </ul>
7	<b>GB REPRESENTED TEAMS</b>
7.1	<p><i>Youth Olympics:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An agreed selection policy and an appeals process is in place. GF will chair the selection panel and KN will serve. A third person on the panel should be external and JA/SB will identify. The chance of the appeal panel having to meet is not very likely because of the selection criteria being based on objective criteria (ie; the Junior World Ranking list)</li> <li>• AC felt that because of challenges to selection in the past, the Chairman of the selection panel shouldn't be someone who sits on this Board. He should sit purely as an observer. There was a discussion on this but it was felt that as the risk of selection appeal is minimal in this case, the selection panel should remain as it is, although AC's point was noted. JA said that this approach should be reviewed for the upcoming Olympic Selection Policy.</li> </ul> <p><i>European Games:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AC said there was no more to add from the last meeting and will we find out more after Badminton Europe's AGM in April</li> <li>• CB asked if the results will count towards Olympic qualification and world rankings and JA confirmed that they would.</li> <li>• There is no team event. BOA are the nominating body.</li> <li>• It will be a strong event and a selection policy is needed. JA will ask BOA how many players we can take and report back. <b>ACTION</b></li> <li>• The event runs from 21<sup>st</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June 2019</li> </ul>
8	<b>UNFUNDED SPORTS</b>
8.1	<i>Update:</i>
9	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>
	Suggest Wednesday 9 May 2018. (Time and venue TBD)
10	<b>AOB</b>
	KN stated that he welcomed that Andy Stewart was now providing coaching services to Badminton England's, England Performance Programme (EPP) alongside continuing to work for the Ulster Branch Badminton Union of Ireland

**Appendix 1 – Decisions:**

Reference	BGB Decision	Responsible/Lead	Date agreed
Item 3.1, Minutes of 16 June 2017	The minutes of 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved	BGB Board	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2018

**Appendix 2: Actions**

Reference	Action	Responsible/Lead	Deadline Date	
Item 3.2	7.2 - Finalise the induction pack for new GB Board members	Jane Nickerson	January 2018	
Item 4.2	Follow up correction to errors in UKS Olympic report	Jon Austin/Mark Beecher	January 2018	
Item 6.2	Team Leader appointment for Para-badminton	Chair	February 2018	
Item 7.1	To discover from BOA how many players we can take to the European Games	Jon Austin	February 2018	
Item 8.1	BOA Influencing - ongoing	Chair / Adrian Christy	on-going	
Item 9.1	Unfunded Sports update – on-going	Adrian Christy	On-going	