



**Amateur Boxing Scotland Limited Board Meeting  
5 Nasmyth Court, Houston Industrial Estate, Livingston EH54 5EG  
24 April 2013 17:00hrs**

Present: Willie Burns (WB), Frank Delaney (FD), Richard Thomas (RT), Peter Evans (PE)

In attendance: Fraser Walker (FW)

### **1 – Apologies**

Kevin Bell (KB) offered his apologies. Andrew Caulfield (AC) did not offer apologies.

The Chairman explained that AC's AIBA commitments as a three star R&J and R&J instructor meant he was finding it more difficult to deliver in his ABS Technical Director role.

The Chairman asked for the other Directors thoughts on the Technical Director position and there was unanimous agreement that AC should resign from the Board.

The Chairman re-iterated it had been agreed at the 27 February 2013 Board meeting that training and development of Officials would now be tasked to professional staff. The Chairman noted his disappointment on the lack of Official development over the last two years.

The establishment of an R&J commission is also a key priority.

### **2 - Conflict of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest noted.

### **3 – Approval of Minutes of the ABS Ltd Board Meeting held on 27 February 2013**

FD approved and WB seconded the minutes.

### **4 - Chairman's report**

The Chairman explained that he will provide written reports at every second Board meeting where possible, and will provide verbal reports otherwise.

The Chairman provided update on the ongoing **sportscotland** investment negotiations.

ABS attended a positive meeting with **sportscotland** senior staff on 26 February 2013. It was explained there was a will to support ABS' request for increased performance investment.

The Chairman and FW presented at the **sportscotland** Board meeting held on 17 April 2013 – The presentation focused on the uniqueness of Boxing, the fact we are at the start of our journey as an organisation and **sportscotland** has a fantastic opportunity to invest in a sport that can deliver outcomes in the communities that need it the most.

Following a series of questions from the **sportscotland** Board, we have been informed flexible conditions are currently being worked up for the 2013/2014 offer of investment. This will result in increased performance investment and also additional funding to cover the operational costs of Bridgeton for a five year period.

## **5 - Operational report**

### **5.1 Legal (for Discussion and Action)**

FW informed the meeting that Morton Fraser are acting on behalf of Katy Atkin, a Meadowbank ABC boxer. A letter received on 25 March 2013 threatened legal action against ABS based on a belief that ABS was discriminating against female boxers. Katy Akin is seeking financial assistance to allow her to participate in tournaments to qualify for the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

#### **Background**

In line with our equality policy, we actively sought additional investment from **sportscotland** in April 2011 to develop a female programme but this request was denied. Despite having limited investment and a number of outcomes to achieve, we have taken positive action in appointing a voluntary Women's coach (Summer 2010 through to Spring 2012), arranged GB assessments for our best females (3-5 February 2012 in Sheffield), had female boxers box in our Home International events (January 2011) and have had double page articles championing Women's boxing published in broadsheet newspapers (Glasgow Herald, 12 January 2011 and The Scotsman, 27 March 2011).

ABS will continue with its plans to establish a Women's development programme but this will require the production of a plan that considers numbers participating, medal prospects, associated costs etc.

During our **sportscotland** Mission 2014 meetings, our primary concern is always for the health and safety of the boxer. Our best Women boxers have no international experience and there is a caution to expose them to the level of competition they would face in the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games.

### **5.2 Performance (For Information)**

The report was taken as read.

### **5.3 Talent ID (For Information)**

The report was taken as read.

### **5.4 Cashback (For Discussion and Decision)**

The Chairman informed the Board of the fact all the identified targets for the Cashback project had been exceeded. Recently the Government appointed an external partner, Inspiring Scotland, to assist Cashback partners with programme monitoring and delivery. There needs to be greater clarity on exactly what its role is in assisting Cashback funding recipients.

Cashback programme delivery is currently on hold as an external evaluation study is being carried out by ODS. Delivery of the Cashback programme will resume once this has been completed in early June 2013. The Chairman recommended that, based on the options

contained in section 6.3 of the Board pack, option 2 was the most suitable delivery mechanism moving forward.

#### **5.5 Coach and Club Development (For Information)**

The report was taken as read. WB registered his frustration regarding the lack of engagement from key external partners, such as the SQA, to assist ABS with the production of a nationally recognised coaching qualification.

#### **5.6 PVG/Child Protection (For Information)**

The report was taken as read.

#### **5.7 Equality (For Information)**

The report was taken as read

#### **5.8 Finance (For Information and Discussion)**

FW presented an accounts summary to 31 March 2013

The Chairman explained the organisation was on target to have 3 months reserves at the end of the financial year. There was no end of year forecast as we are one month away from the end of the financial year.

### **6 Risk Management (For Information)**

FW presented the Risk Register and advised that this will be updated for Board meeting with a particular focus on child protection and events.

### **7 Appendices (For Information)**

The five appendices were taken as read.

### **8 AOCB**

8.1 The Chairman asked FW organise an operational meeting for Directors to meet with him towards the end of May 2013. Items for discussion would be **sportscotland** investment, new AIBA rules and scoring system, the operational plan for R&J Development, option two of the Cashback programme, the ABS weekend of Sport and any other operational matters.

8.2 Following receipt of correspondence from Mr Jim Greig, the Chairman in the interests of fairness, and to avoid any conflict of interests, requested that an independent panel was convened to meet with Mr. Greig with regards to allegations made against a senior member of staff and events relating to a Bronx ABC show held in June 2012.

The panel will consist of independent ABS representatives that have had no prior dealings or experience with Mr. Greig.

### **9 - Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting was provisionally agreed for 03 July 2013.

## ACTIONS

Number	Responsibility	Details
1	Richard Thomas	Contact Mr Andrew Caulfield to discuss the ABS Technical Director role.
2	Fraser Walker	Develop an operational plan that address immediate R&J development needs.
3	Craig McEvoy	Further develop option number two under section 6.3 of the 24 April 2013 Board Pack and present to the board.
4	Fraser Walker	Update the existing Risk Register for the 03 July 2013 Board meeting