



**Boxing Scotland Limited Board Meeting
5 Nasmyth Court, Houston Industrial Estate, Livingston EH54 5EG
12 August 2015 17:00hrs**

Present: Richard Thomas (RMT), William Burns (WB), Kevin Bell (KB), Peter Evans (PE), Frank Delaney (FD)

In attendance: Fraser Walker (FW) Mike Keane (MK) and Chris Robison (CR) **sportscotland** Partnership Manager

1 – Apologies

Caroline Stewart (CS) and John Macpherson (JMac) offered their apologies.

2 – Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were declared.

3 – Approval of Minutes of the Boxing Scotland Ltd Board Meeting held on 17 June 2015.

FD noted his attendance at the 17 June 2015 Board meeting had not been recorded.

The Chairman felt the minute recorded under 5.2 Partnership Manager required alteration.

CR felt comfortable with the minute and that it reflected the discussion accurately.

PE will forward revised wording to FW who will re-circulate the update minutes.

The minutes of the June 17 Board Meeting were agreed subject to the agreed alterations.

4 – Actions

- All Directors to provide feedback to FW on the BSL CEO Job Description by 24 June 2015 – **COMPLETED**;
- FW to meet with sportscotland's Bob Wylie and Alan Clark to agree the East and North Regional Development posts – **COMPLETED**;
- RMT/MK to speak to Mike Whittingham regarding the installation of Strength and Conditioning suite within the Scottish High Performance Centre – **ONGOING**.

5 – Chairman's Report

The Chairman requested the agenda be changed to allow MK to present his performance report.

6 Operational Reports

6.1 Performance Report

MK provided a performance report on the period between 18 June 2015 and 12 August 2015.

It was noted during the performance report that:

- There are currently 25 Institute supported boxers;

- Most, if not all 2018 Gold Coast medals will come from this group;
- Institute support is beginning to pay dividends for boxers such as Reece McFadden, Aqeel Ahmed and Connal McDonald and will be vital for boxers such as Stephanie Kernachan in dropping down to 51kg ahead of the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games;

The Chairman noted the target of having one female boxer representing Scotland in 2018 and the importance of having the necessary programme support for all 2018 Boxers. It is especially important for our boxers to have the correct nutritional guidance and support.

The Chairman asked FW and MK to pursue potential sponsorship opportunities with nutritional companies/suppliers in the build up to the 2018 Gold Coast Games.

MK and FW provided a summary of the GB Boxing Stakeholder Consultation Meeting held on 11 August 2015.

There is a general feeling that GB Boxing has not given sufficient time and effort to fully align to the Home Nations.

The Chairman explained he has given considerable amounts of time to implement Boxing Scotland's commitment to an open, transparent GB Boxing system but this has yet to transpire.

KB informed the Board of his intention to tender a letter notifying of his intention to resign from the GB Boxing Board.

6.2 Operational report

FW provided the Board with a verbal update on:

- The BSL online membership and affiliation system which is expected to be fully functional by the beginning of September 2015;
- There have been no motions received from members ahead of the 2015 AGM;
- The AGM and the 2015 Annual Report.

The Chairman asked FW to contact all Club secretaries to ask them to attend the AGM and ensure it is quorate.

The Chairman commended FW for his work on producing the 2015 Annual Report and asked Directors to provide any feedback on the content.

7 – Legal

KB explained there were no ongoing legal matters.

8 – Equality

FW explained an update will be provided at the next Board meeting on the work required to meet the Equality Standard for Sport Intermediate level.

9 - Finance

The financial reporting template is currently under development and will be included in the next Board pack.

10 – Risk Register

The risk register is updated on a six monthly basis and will be included in the 09 December 2015 Board pack.

11 – AOCB

11.1 High Performance Centre

The Chairman informed the Board regarding the High Performance Centre being unfit for purpose and the non-payment of service charges to the building agent. A meeting with GVA, the agent, quickly proved the building not fit for purpose. Full payment of the service charges will not be made until a satisfactory written remedy is received from the agent.

It has also been suggested that an inner vestibule be built in the gym as currently a vacuum is caused when the doors are opened.

11.2 Chief Executive Officer Position

The Chairman informed the meeting that applications had been received and these would be reviewed in due course.

11.2 Minimum Operating Requirements

FW suggested that all clubs with direct links to professional boxing should only ever achieve Bronze level Minimum Operating Requirements.

We should not invest heavily in boxers from clubs that we know will be turning Professional. There is a need protect our investment.

The Chairman suggested a strategy should be developed to address this issue and that BSL registered coaches must not solicit boxers to turn professional. Coaches found to be complicit should face financial penalties to remain involved in BSL.

RMT asked MK to issue a note to all District Secretaries noting his disappointment over one particular boxer turning professional immediately after the Portugal warm weather training camp.

12 – Actions

Number	Responsibility	Details
1	PE	Forward revised wording to FW for section 5.2 of the 17 June 2015 Board Minutes
2	FW/MK	Pursue potential sponsorship opportunities with nutritional companies/suppliers in the build up to the 2018 Gold Coast Games.
3	FW	Contact all Club secretaries to ask them to attend the AGM and ensure it is quorate.
4	MK	Issue a note to all District Secretaries noting our disappointment over one particular boxer turning professional immediately after the Portugal warm weather training camp.