

Minutes

Meeting Details

Meeting Name	UK Anti-Doping Board Meeting
Date	22 June 2016
Time	10:00
Location	UKAD Offices Fleetbank House
Attendees	David Kenworthy (Chair) (DK) John Brewer (JB) Andy Sellers (AS) Justin Turner (JT) (by phone) Pippa Britton (PBr) Trevor Pearce (TP) Sarah Winckless (SW) (by phone) Hitesh Patel (HPa) Nicole Sapstead (NS) Graham Arthur (GA) Philip Bunt (PB) Pat Myhill (PM) Harriet Purcell (HP)

Meeting Information

Private Session

The Board discussed agenda item 11 prior to Consent items because JT and SW could join by phone for a limited time. The Chair gave apologies for Janice Shardlow (JS).

1. Welcome and Apologies

At 11:37 HPa, GA, PB and PM joined the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

Strategic

12. UKA Athletics – Team Members’ Agreement anti-doping clause – update

The Board considered the ‘anti-doping clause’ in the UK Athletics (UKA) Team Member Agreement in relation to compliance with the National Anti-Doping Policy.

The Board considered the proper body to deal with this is UKA's International Federation, the IAAF, pursuant to its (the IAAF's) Code obligations. Any athlete adversely affected by the sanction will be able to challenge the sanction (and according to UKA's own legal advice would have a 'strong case' in that regard)

The Board requested that HPA made the Minister aware of the issue and agreed no further proactive response was required.

Consent

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes were accepted without change.

4. Report from the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee Report was accepted without change.

4.1 Strategic Risk Register

PB highlighted three changes to register and how the risks would be mitigated.

12:05 JT left meeting for five minutes

5. Report from the Remuneration and Human Resources Committee

Minutes from Remuneration and Human Resources Committee were accepted. DK gave a vote of thanks, acknowledging the sterling chairmanship of the Committee by Mike Brace CBE for last seven years.

6. Annual Report and Accounts 2015-6

The Board approved the Annual Report and Accounts.

Strategic

7. Strategic Plan Update Q1

The exception report was accepted by the Board. It considered the Quarterly Business Review (QBR) and DK indicated that business opportunities and sponsorship would be discussed in Item 9. NS noted that UK Sport, the British Olympic Association and UKAD were co-operating to meet the costs of ensuring that all selected TeamGB athletes would be tested prior to the Games. A similar process will occur for the ParalympicGB athletes. JB requested a presentation on Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUEs).

8. Russia – Update Paper

PM highlighted the challenges of the project including delays in payment of invoices which undermined the progress of sample collection agencies. A meeting has been scheduled with Peter Nicholson, WADA's International Expert to discuss progress and further support. The difficulties experienced by testing officers, including threats, have been reported to WADA. Russia has requested a change to the tripartite agreement.

9. Income Generation Opportunities

PB advised that work on the recommendations of the report is ongoing.

10. Appointment of UKAD Chair and Board Members

DK expressed concern about the delay in the campaign as the material had been agreed in mid-2015. HPa explained that to expedite progress the request for extensions to terms and the chair campaign had been separated into two submissions to ministers, to enable separate consideration.

13. Strategic Plan for 2017 onwards

The Directors and staff have engaged in a session to examine the key deliverables. The proposals will be shared at the September meeting prior but final proposals not determined until engagement with stakeholders is complete. The plan will commence in April 2017. DK expressed concern about the timetable; his successor should be involved in developing the plan because they will need to lead its implementation.

14. A.O.B.

NS gave an appraisal of current cases and ongoing media interest. HPa expressed concerns for staff morale.

TP suggested considering how UKAD can convey its operational model to stakeholders to increase understanding (in relation to Select Committee).

GA is working with Govt to understand data protection items so it is possible to engage with other countries in optimising the use of regulation.

TP recommended the collection of third party validation for future use in briefings etc.

NS requested the opportunity for Sophie Ashcroft, Head of Media and PR to come to the September meeting to understand its views.

JB urged colleagues to review the approach to Communications and expressed the view that positive and pro-active engagement was necessary to restore credibility. He suggested reviewing the team structure to assess if an experienced communications director is required. HPa offered the ongoing support of the DCMS Communications team. PB noted a strong positive public image would assist in generating commercial income streams.

DK gave a vote of thanks to AS for his years of service including as a member of the NADO Project Board. He acknowledged his exceptional efforts to ensure that UKAD developed as an intelligence-led organisation.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13 September 2016