



ASA London Region

Minutes of Board meeting Monday 11th February 2008

Present: W. Collins, R. Whitehead, B. Kapp, J. Scott, J. Cook, D. Andrews, S. Baker, D. Heathcock, K. Grimshaw, J. Bedford, V. Davies, M. Weltmann

Apologies: T. Tremeer

Present: C. Brown

1. Notes of meeting of 4th December

These were approved as an accurate record of the meeting. These are not formal minutes as the meeting was inquorate.

2. Action Points arising

1. Crystal Palace site is being reviewed regarding diving provision and London Diving are being consulted
2. Crystal Palace is unlikely to be open until September. BAGCAT championships will be transferred to Gurnell – follow up with GLL was due in the week after the meeting to confirm the bookings and to negotiate costs.

3. Finance

1. Accounts to 31st January were noted.
2. RW to advise of LAP position at next Board meeting
3. RW advised that draft audit report from the ASA had been received but due to personal circumstances he had been unable to prepare a draft response to go to the Finance sub committee. This will need to be completed in near future as ASA need responses
4. The Water Polo CIF bid has been formally signed by the Region and the first year funding is due to be received shortly. A post for has been advertised.

4. Directors Report

1. The written report was noted
2. The strategy is at the printers but cannot be printed as the Mayor's Office needs to sign off the document
3. Rita Martello's project to map pools has been completed
4. The London Swim 21 position was discussed – the Region's performance had been recently criticised at the ASA Board for not achieving the corporate target. However, London had created an alternative process for assessing and providing S21 evidence that would make it easier endorse a quality programme. In addition the Region's strategy of giving real benefits to Swim 21 Clubs via a Borough Pathway would pay dividend in the long run. CB to circulate minutes from the Swim 21 panel as part of the process for monitoring this objective for the Board.

5. Beacon Bid

Will Collins explained the process including the role of the sub Group. The sub Group had met: established a scoring criteria and initially evaluated the written bids received from Ealing and Beckenham/GLL.

Neither bid had reached an acceptable standard, and both parties were subsequently asked to provide additional information and make presentations to the sub group. At this stage there were still concerns regarding the bids with the view that over the next few weeks further discussions would be needed before a recommendation endorsing one of the bids could be made. Beckenham subsequently withdrew. The sub Group reported that the Ealing bid had failed to achieve a satisfactory score to allow it to be taken forward.

Various alternatives were then discussed. The board decided that they would not support the Ealing bid and that instead they would seek the permission of Sport England to re-direct funding towards developing talent pathways.

Actions: CB and VD would meet with Ealing and provide feedback on the bid.
CB would meet with Sport England to look at the flexibility available for re-casting the bid.

6. New Business Opportunity

The background papers that had been presented to the Finance and Admin sub-committee were presented to the board together with the recommendation that the board sanctions the go ahead of the investment of £45,000 subject to

1. Due diligence on the company (the Region would need to bear this cost).
The cost would be up to £2,500
2. Endorsement of a Special SCM of the Region to permit the investment

The board agreed to the recommendation of the Finance and Admin sub Group. The SCM will be held at Southbury Road during the Middlesex County meet on Sunday 16th March.

7. Any Other Business

1. Affiliations
 - a. The affiliation of West London Fastfins was agreed.
 - b. Further enquiries needed to be made concerning the application for Fulham.
 - c. A new Club in Ealing was put on hold until various Court actions had been resolved.
2. The proposal that the Regional logo be reviewed was raised, and Norman Edgell was thanked for his input. It was decided that there was insufficient time for this to be considered at the moment, and that it should be dealt with initially outside of the board. This item was deferred.

3. It was agreed that the Region would work with the clubs involved with Crystal Palace to ensure that maximum benefit was obtained when the pool is reopened. The options needed to be considered so that the maximum benefit to the Region, the Clubs and swimmers can be obtained. This needs to be addressed before the pool re-opens. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Water Polo – Dave Andrews thanked Colin Brown and Ben Champion for their hardwork in developing the bid to Sport England which was ultimately successful. Dave Andrews asked whether the Region would now endorse the Water Polo strategy presented to them in 2006. As there had been considerable changes to the Board since then the matter was deferred to a future meeting so that the strategy could be re-circulated to all. NB: The successful water polo bid to Sport England was based on a business plan distilled from the water polo strategy focusing on the areas eligible for Sport England funding.