

Minutes of scottishathletics Board Meeting

Friday 8 May 2009 – 4pm sportscotland, Glasgow

In attendance

Mark Hollinshead (Chair)	MH
Mark Coyle	MC
Tommy Boyle	TB
Jim Goldie	JG
Geoff Wightman	GW
James Stewart	JS
Ed Warner	EW
Niels De Vos (UKA CEO)	NDV
Stewart Harris (sportscotland CEO)	SH
Louise Martin (sportscotland Chair)	LM

Apologies

Julia Bracewell

Alan Potts

Peter Eager

(Gavin Lightwood has left sportscotland. The new Partnership Manager for athletics is Gill Messenger)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting which took the format of a long-scheduled, tri-partite discussion and update between **scottishathletics**, UKA and **sportscotland**. In particular, this centred on the area of international performance through 2012 and 2014.

GW presented first, including an outline of a future performance structure, once SPACE Centre under way in autumn 2009.

NDV then presented UKA's proposed new performance structure which had an emphasis on 'coach' designated appointments.

LM updated from **sportscotland's** point of view, emphasising a need for the Scottish and UK models to be dovetailed together, seconding coaches to Scotland where appropriate. It was agreed that a planning group comprising GW and TB for **scottishathletics** and Kevin Tyler for UKA would develop the agreed structure and update **sportscotland** for 24 June Board meeting.

There then followed a presentation from the **scottishathletics** performance team of Nigel Hetherington, Piotr Haczek, Mike Johnston, Hugh Murray, Darren Ritchie. This was by way of update on new initiatives but also took the format of:

- (i) Which athletes are making progress against a 2010 timeline?
- (ii) Which athletes are progressing against a 2-3 year timeline?

- (iii) Which athletes might also move into contention on a 4-5 year time frame?
- (iv) Who are the coaches of promise in each discipline who can be developed or deployed as mentors over a 5-6 year time frame to create a new generation of coaches with international capabilities?

Other regular Board activity was dealt with briefly at the end of the meeting with other matters including future meeting dates, dealt with by e-mail circulation.

The meeting closed at 6.45pm