



THE BRITISH ATHLETES COMMISSION LIMITED

Minutes of the BAC AGM held at 11:00am in the International Britannia Hotel, Marsh Wall, London

Present:	Kate Allenby (KA)	BAC Chair (outgoing)
	Karen Pickering (KP)	BAC Chair (incoming)
	Pete Gardner (PG)	BAC Chief Executive
	Giles Long (GL)	BAC Director
	Adam Pengilly (AP)	BAC Director
	Leon Taylor (LT)	BAC Director
	Jonathan Edwards (JE)	2012 Board Member
	Alison Williamson	Member (Archery)
	Andrew Austin	Member (Shooting)
	Beth Davidson	Member (Fencing)
	Elizabeth Johnson	Member (Paralympic Swimming)
	Fran Leighton	Member (Waterpolo)
	Gareth Wilson	Member (Canoe Slalom)
	Graeme Smith	Member (Swimming)
	Graham Edmunds	Member (Paralympic Swimming)
	Graham Gristwood	Member (Orienteering)
	Halil Zorba	Member (Weightlifting)
	Helen Casey	Member (Rowing)
	John Cavanagh	Member (Paralympic Archery)
	Lucy Wainwright	Member (Canoeing Sprint)
	Michael Sharkey	Member (Goalball)
	Michaela Breeze	Member (Weightlifting)
	Michelle Crunkhorn	Member (Paralympic Equestrian)
	Richard Davison	Member (Equestrian)
	Sarah Winckless	Member (Rowing)
	Shirley Webb	Member (Athletics / SIS)
	Talen Skeels-Piggins	Member (Paralympic Skiing)
	Tim Yarnall	Member Table Tennis
	Zoe Cooper	Member (Synchronised Swimming)
	Huw Goodwin	Member (Handball)
	Lynn McCafferty	Member (Handball)
	Susanne Risbridger	BAC Admin
Apologies		
	Karen Roberts (KR)	Chair World Class Committee (WCC)

Karen Pickering opened the meeting			
Ordinary Business			
1	Minutes of the last meeting		Action
	1.1	PG provided an update on progress with the benevolent fund in the last year, stating that it was now up and running and receiving funds	
	1.2	PG provided an update on athletesDIRECT, outlining progress with setting up a website and asked for athletes to contact BAC and register on the new website, as the number of visit requests was beginning to outstrip the available athletes.	
	1.3	Jonathan Edwards spoke to the members about his role within 2012 and how the sports could feed information to him	
	1.4	The minutes were accepted as true and correct and a copy signed by KP	
2	Accounts		
	2.1	PG took the members through the accounts for the year 06-07 outlining key income and expenditure items. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £25,000 from TOP Foundation for athletes direct • £15,000 contribution from UKS for this years conference 	
	2.2	PG explained that for future years the BAC would be looking to increase the amount of independent funding it receives. This will involve launching a membership scheme in which athletes will have to pay a yearly subscription	PG
3	Report of the activities of the company		
	3.1	PG went through the Chief Executives report outlining the main areas that the BAC office has been working on these included:	
	3.2	Representation – Many more sports contacting the BAC for assistance this year including:- Sailing, Archery, Weightlifting, Rowing, Bobsleigh, Boxing, Shooting, Taekwondo and Volleyball. PG outlined in more detail some of the cases that have caused particular concern	
	3.3	BAC looking to recruit experienced professionals in future to assist with resolving individual cases	
	3.4	Athlete Taxation – PG outlined work that has been done since last year in approaching treasury to get a resolution on the issue of when an athlete is deemed a professional	
	3.5	Catch Sport – PG outlined work done with Catch Sport and explained how the system works while still protecting confidential athlete data.	
	3.6	Careers After Sport (CAS)– PG outlined work CAS have done with a number of athletes this year and explained that anyone interested should work with their Performance Lifestyle adviser to ensure that it fits in with their training and competition schedules	
	3.7	SportsAid & TASS, BAC has set up a relationship in which TASS members have access to BAC services in return for a membership fee	

	3.8	Olympic representation – KP spoke about the work that she has been doing on the NOC and the BOA executive board. She also spoke about the questionnaire that the BAC will be sending around the athletes at the Olympics in Beijing. She went through the findings from the Athens report and asked for feedback and suggestions for how the survey could be structured in 2008	KP/AP
	3.9	AP went through the Turin Athlete Report and spoke about the key findings and recommendations made in the report.	
	3.10	PG outlined work that has been done with UK Sport over the year and in particular the input that the BAC will be having in the Mission 2012 project.	
4	Results of Elections		
	4.1	KA and KR officially stood down as chair and Director respectively, and both were thanked for their tremendous contribution to the BAC over the past 4 years. Karen Pickering was elected to fill Kate Allenby's position as BAC Chair, and AP was elected to fill Karen Pickering's position as BAC Vice Chair. No further elections were made to the BAC executive as there has been interest, but the individuals wish to spend some more time thinking about training commitments before deciding to join the board. They will be invited to the next executive meeting to discuss possibilities.	PG
5	A.O.B		
	5.1	There was no other business to discuss, KP Closed the meeting	