

British Curling - Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday 20th September 2016.

The Board of British Curling met as scheduled in September in Stirling. A number of important discussions took place and decisions were made for the future of the programme. The key issues that were discussed are summarised below:

Media

The meeting started with an informative and interactive presentation on the Media role by Kate Weldon.

British/Scottish Joint Board meeting

Final dates for the meeting of the two boards were circulated with a view to a meeting in January.

National Performance Centre

The new facility now has a roof and the outer walls are currently being put up. The fixing of points for the performance analysis equipment was confirmed, the next step will be to look at procurement of technology items. Concerns were raised about the lack of progress on recruiting an experienced ice maker for the new venue, as it is hoped that this post would be filled before completion and the person would play a significant role in preparing for operational activity.

Selection Policies

The board discussed the draft policies and presence of independent observers. The policies were approved

APA Proposal

The proposal on the allocation of UK Sport funded Athlete Personal Awards was approved.

Wheelchair Curling Programme

Great news that the team has returned to World Championships from the B level, and in doing has qualified for the Paralympic Games in 2018. The team now need to record a good result if the UK Sport investment is to be reinstated. Cost models for different scenarios need to be developed.

UK Sport Business Case 2018-22

The PD will be building this document over the coming months with support from SIS colleagues .

Performance Updates

The PD sought feedback on requirements for the board to receive regular updates in the lead up to the Olympics/Paralympics . The extent of the good work done by the PD was recognised and board will consider support required and management information coming to them.

Governance Audit

Dissatisfaction was noted over the quality of the output of the audit, which had focussed on the wrong things. Particular issues were raised about the criticism of the underspend/deferred income.

Risk Register

The revised risk register had been circulated and Margaret Richardson would work with the COO to develop it further.

Policy Updates

The policy updates would be deferred to the next meeting with some input sent directly to the COO.

Finance

During the first quarter of the new financial year there was a notable increase in overseas costs due to weaker pound since Brexit announcement in June 2016.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 1 March 2017