

British Curling - Meeting of the Board of Directors

Wednesday 1st March 2017.

The Board of British Curling met as scheduled in March 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:

World Championships

The Scottish Teams are now known, Muirhead, Murdoch and Mouat/Aitken, to play the respective world championships and potentially secure Olympic Points for Team GB for 2018. The Olympic Team selection will commence after the end of the season.

Mid-season Reviews

The reviews had been very positive and the PD was very pleased with the process and attitudes of teams.

National Performance Centre

The construction is reported to be on track. After practical completion ice making can commence in July so back up plans are being prepared in case the ice is not ready for late summer training.

Mixed Doubles

The PD expects there will be a programme for 2 teams, assuming continued funding from UK Sport. Composition of the selection panel was noted to include an analyst rather than a coach.

Finance

No significant concerns re the governance budget report.

The board are comfortable with the figures as presented and noted the finance team and PD routinely meet to review progress.

The wheelchair curling budget was discussed in light of the qualification for 2018 and pending results unknown at this stage and subsequent decision by UK Sport on future investment. Further work will be done in this area.

UK Sport Governance Code

The chairman had reviewed the recently launched code and summarised a number of actions that would require to be addressed by British Curling. Some clarity would be given when summer sport have been through the new code and some issues ironed out. Key points were around board diversity, appointing a senior independent director and external board evaluation every 4 years.

Governance Audit

Still awaiting the revised audit following the discussion on treatment of reserves.

Risk Register

The board were happy with the revised version and the open actions would be reviewed.

Policy updates

The updated Risk Register was noted and approved.

The adoption of the revised RCCC policy was approved with a cover sheet added by the Chairman and COO

The Reserves Policy will now be set at £20,000 rather than £30,000

AOB

Working Group: a group of RCCC and BC directors will be meeting on 28 March to discuss future collaboration, structures and responsibilities.

Mission East: at least three personnel will attend UK Sport's Mission East seminar/event in London, looking forward to Pyeongchang, Tokyo and Beijing Olympics/Paralympics.

Culture paper: there is an on-going piece being put together by UK Sport, that will have an effect on the sport in the future.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 15 May 2017