

Draft Minutes of the
British Weight Lifting Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday 27 September 2023
Start: 13.30
Venue: Online

Present: Angus Kinnear (AK), Matthew Curtain (MC), Phil Edmondson (PE), Kelly Sotherton (KS), Jenny Tong (JT), Sheona Southern (SS), Mark Martin (MM), Neil Wood (NW)

Apologies: Rupinder Ashworth (RA), Tom Whittaker (TW), Stuart Martin (SM)

In attendance: Kath Leonard (KL), John Harrison (JH), Tara Drake (TD)

1 Welcome and Apologies

AK welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted from RA, TW and SM.

2 Declarations of Interest

No new declarations of interest were expressed following the previous declarations made by JT and KS at the Board meeting held on 4 August 2023.

At that meeting it was noted the new role that JT has taken on as Governance and Sustainability Consultant with 'I Trust Sport' while KS's employment with Sport England was noted and agreed she would recuse herself if necessary if there were any discussions where she felt she was conflicted.

3 Minutes from Previous Meeting and Matters Arising

Board Meeting, 4 August 2023

As circulated, the minutes of the previous Board Meeting dated 4 August 2023, were approved, noting matters arising would be deferred until the next in-person Board meeting.

Extraordinary General Meeting, 20 September 2023

As circulated, the Board approved the minutes of the EGM held on 20 September 2023. By way of summary, MC noted members voted in favour of the two Special Resolutions whereby

Gibraltar is now included under the definition of the United Kingdom and BWL is able to hold fully online legally compliant and voting annual general meetings.

MC also expressed thanks to PE for his leadership in managing the project and for Chairing the EGM.

4 Finance Matters

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS FOR AUGUST 2023

MM noted that the year to date has now reached August and the accounts continue on the same general path with a surplus of £30k. This increases the projection for the year to £76k. Surplus has been boosted by staff cost savings, over-provision on bonuses and a reduction in Board fees. The main risk against projection remains course income which was set at £500k, last year this was £420k and we are currently tracking at £480k meaning we are slightly behind but the potential for exposure to the maximum level of risk is minimal. Another slight risk is going over our Sport England budget or Partnership Income. Management is still happy to forecast £75k. Regarding the reserves, we are currently tracking at the top of the threshold, but this does not include any charitable donation to the BWL Foundation.

ANNUAL STATUTORY ACCOUNTS, 2022/2023 – FOR DECISION

MM led the discussion noting that the document that has been presented to the Board is final version of audited management account figures. Previously, the figures showed surplus of £28k but this number contained other provisions and was amended to £37k which went to auditors, but following the audit we are now closing on a surplus of £42k. Auditors have found no issues. Document is available for the Board to consider and approve. MM noted a need to make a decision on a charitable donation, NW to lead.

NW expressed thanks from the Finance and Audit Committee for making this a smooth process, noting that the auditors were happy. The surplus figure did not include any charitable donation and the Committee recommends a £20k donation which is in line with the reserves policy, subject to board approval.

AK noted no objections and the Board agreed to execute the proposal, approve the document and approve the 20k charitable donation to BWL Foundation.

5 Board Matters

MC updated the Board, for information only. Together with TW and SM, MC met with UK Sport regarding the Provision Planning Position for the LA 2028 cycle for weightlifting and para-powerlifting. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Both sports will submit final applications by end of October 2023, followed by a meeting on 9 November 2023 and final presentations will be submitted by the end of 2023. JH noted that it is a great recognition of the sport and the work by the NGB.

Related to 2028, MC updated the Board in that a final decision will be made regarding the position of weightlifting at LA 2028 by the IOC on 16-17 October 2023 during the IOC Session in Mumbai. IWF remains quietly confident that weightlifting will be readmitted to the Olympic programme.

6 Date of Annual General Meeting (online)

Thursday 26 October 2023 (time TBC) was proposed for the next Annual General Meeting and was approved by the Board.

7 Private Meeting of NEDs and INEDs (as required)

A private meeting of Non-Executive Directors and Independent Non-Executive Directors was not held after the BWL Board Meeting.