

## **Key Issues from CCPR Meetings – Summer 2010**

### **Board of Directors Meeting held on 13 April 2010**

- The Chair reported that the Board Succession Planning would be discussed by the Officers following the election process held by the General Council on 21 April 2010.
- TL reported on the Chief Executive's Report. With regard to the London 2012 Sporting Legacy work he advised that, in addition to CCPR'S involvement in the Local Connectivity Working Group, Mike Reynolds would be the CCPR representative on the 'Commercial Investment Working Group', one of the other working groups set up by the Sports Legacy Steering Group to consider ways of attracting more private sector investment into sport.
- The Board received the final draft budget which incorporated the agreed contractual income from Sport England. The budget had therefore been adjusted in cooperation with each Head of Department to ensure they had the necessary resources to meet organisational objectives as identified in the Operational plans for 2010/11.
- The Chair reported on the meeting held with the Vice Presidents (VPs) on 8 April. One of the issues discussed had been the VPs' concern about the future of the Divisional meetings and the Directors' attendance at same. The Chair was aware that there was a review of the Divisional structure and how to increase attendance at some of the Divisional meetings. She suggested that, in addition to one or two of the VPs, some of the Directors might like to be involved in this process and suggested that a further discussion on this subject be held at the next Board meeting.

### **Major Spectator Sports Division Meeting held on Wednesday 22 April**

- The Division discussed Rick Parry's recommendations on sports betting integrity, and heard from Tim Lamb (TL) and Tim Payton on how they were being taken forward. A Sports Betting Group had been established with TL acting as interim chair and Dominic Goggins providing the secretariat, which aimed to help CCPR members ensure that their rules and procedures reflected the principles of the report and the recommended Code of Conduct contained within it.
- The Division welcomed the 'best possible outcome' of a delay in any decision on the free-to-air Listed Events until after the General Election, when sports would work to ensure that David Davies' recommendations were left 'in the long grass'. All MSSD members agreed that the work around the Listed Events demonstrated the full effect of cooperative working among a range of different sports, and all concurred that speaking with one voice had helped the campaign.
- The Division welcome DCI Chris Phillips, Head of the National Counter Terrorism and Security Office, to discuss the Government's strategy on protecting crowded places. DCI Phillips stressed the importance of good planning in protecting sports stadia, and ensuring that staff are fully trained and have a good understanding of all security procedures. Vulnerability Self Assessment Tests must constantly be refreshed and remain relevant. DCI Phillips finished with the sober warning that the nature of the threat we face today, being one that seeks to inflict maximum casualties rather than communicate a political message, makes an attack likely and sports stadia will always be high risk targets.

### **Games and Sports Division Meeting held on 11 May**

- The Division received a presentation from Kerry MacDonald, National Development Manager for StreetGames. He explained that the organisation had been created in 2007 and existed to increase sports participation in disadvantaged areas through developing partnerships and infrastructure. Street Games was a national charity with strong trustees

and aimed to connect as many local deliverers together as possible through the "StreetMark" brand and seal of approval. Members of the Division were very interested in the presentation and a number were keen to work with StreetGames.

- The second speaker was Dominic Goggins of CCPR who outlined the potential for clubs to generate greater levels of income through registering as CASCs and taking advantage of Gift Aid. At present Gift Aid take up was far lower among CASCs than among charities. Leading fund-raising website Just Giving had agreed to waive registration fees for CASCs making it even cheaper to fund-raise. Dominic urged members to promote the scheme within their sport.
- A question was raised by Alan Sommerville OBE of British Gymnastics in relation to the significant deficit that existed within their pension scheme. He was concerned that other governing bodies might be suffering the same fate. Andrew Hanson agreed to seek input from CCPR's Head of Finance regarding this.

### **Water Recreation Division Meeting held on 19 May**

- Members received an informative presentation from David Hunt of Farrer & Co on the Legal Framework as it affected clubs, volunteers and participants. Key issues for members included: preventing volunteer relationship inadvertently becoming employment relationships and what an NGB must do to demonstrate it has enforced its guidance as far as reasonably possible. In discussion members revealed how their insurers imposed vastly different conditions relating to safety guidance, members said they would use this information to negotiate improved contracts.
- Members welcomed the recommendations of the Facilities Inquiry particularly that 'voluntary and community groups must be more fully involved in facility provision' and that 'access to, and maintenance of, waterways must be improved'.
- Members were keen to flag the upcoming ISA-registration for the Vetting and Barring Scheme and asked what requirements would be placed on sporting organisations. Members would like CCPR to disseminate information when it is available and suggested the upcoming joint divisional meeting may be the most suitable forum for this.

### **Board of Directors Meeting held on 27 May**

- The Board discussed the 2010 Board Elections which had been held at the General Council meeting on 21 April. A ballot had been conducted for the four elected Directors and the Chief Executive confirmed that Brigid Simmonds, Di Ellis, Peter King and Janice Moore had been re-elected to serve for the two-year period 2010 - 2012 commencing at the conclusion of the AGM on 15 July 2010.
- James Stibbs, on behalf of the re-branding working group, reported back on the options and alternative names which had been discussed by the Group at its last meeting and presented the preferred option to the Board for discussion. The Chief Executive felt that the new name clearly stated what the nature of the organisation was and what it did. He also confirmed that checks had been carried out to ensure that the proposed name had not already been registered at Companies House and legal advice had been taken which confirmed that a name change would not affect the contractual funding arrangements with Sport England. The Board agreed to proceed with the new name as recommended.
- The Head of Finance confirmed that all BingoLotto prizes had now been paid and that the method of distributing the funds raised from Series Two had been agreed. The funds would be paid out to those Members who were involved in the second series during June.

### **Outdoor Pursuits Division Meeting held on 9 June**

- The Division heard from AAIAAC chairman Brian Ogden, on the subject of safety management in the adventurous activity industry. This subject was very topical at the moment and it was vital that CCPR provided a clear voice for its members. Lord Young has been asked by the Prime Minister to review Health and Safety Legislation and the compensation culture, and HSE planned a root and branch review of the Adventurous Activities Licensing Regulations in early-2011. CCPR was working with members and partner organisations to ensure a common sense approach to risk management.

## **Movement & Dance Meeting held on 15 June**

- Janice Moore (JM) provided an update on the organisation of On Show. She informed the meeting that promotional material had been sent out to all relevant organisations and that the marketing campaign would begin shortly. She stressed the point that the Division's reputation alone would not sell tickets in this difficult economic climate and that enthusiastic support and energetic selling of tickets by Members would be appreciated. In addition to promoting the diverse range and contrast of dance taking part, she asked members to emphasise the benefits of dance: health; mental; physical and social; combating isolation and that it would help to reduce crime in inner cities. JM ended her talk by urging the members to "sell, sell, sell those tickets and let's fill the place in September".
- Kerry MacDonald gave an interesting presentation on the work of StreetGames and he assured Members that dance was very firmly one of the options that would be welcomed within a 'Street Games' partnership. However, it was important to note that as the target group of Street Games was the most deprived wards in the UK, as such only those members of the Division operating in these areas would be able to get involved in the project.
- Elizabeth Anderson of the Aldridge Foundation outlined progress with the Dance Champions project – in particular highlighting the website and database, which would enable teachers to upload class details. She told the meeting that the Foundation's aim was to see 100,000 more adults dancing regularly. She reported that the dance industry needed to work together to fund and deliver their recommendations and asked how the Division's organisations could be part of this drive to improve accessibility and the take up of dance.

## **Board of Directors Meeting 14 July**

- The re-appointment of Brigid Simmonds as Chair of the CCPR was confirmed for the period 2010 – 2011. Brigid had chosen Di Ellis to act as her Deputy and the Board formally approved the appointment for a further one year period, after which, like Brigid, she would need to relinquish the position as she would have completed her six consecutive years in the role.
- The internal staff review of the Divisional structure had been completed. A report would be circulated to the Board for comment before it was then sent to the General Council for comments and feedback. A set of final recommendations would be discussed at the December Board meeting.
- The Minister for Sport and the Olympics, Hugh Robertson, had asked the CCPR to conduct a review on behalf of the Government of the regulatory and bureaucratic burden currently facing amateur clubs. A formal request would be sent to the CCPR for consideration but the Chief Executive had indicated to the Minister that this would be a project the CCPR would be interested in carrying out.
- The Board discussed the first quarter monitoring schedule of the new Operational Plan 2010/11 and was satisfied with the overall progress achieved during the year thus far.
- On behalf of the Board the Chair made a presentation to Andrew Hanson as a mark of appreciation for his eight years of distinguished service to CCPR as Head of Policy. Andrew would shortly be leaving the organisation to go and work for Sport England.

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