British Curling Meeting of the Board of Directors

Tuesday 7th June 2016.

The Board of British Curling met as scheduled in June 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:

Physical Preparation

Lindsay Thompson and Dave Leith gave a comprehensive presentation to the Board, outlining their work with athletes on the programme

Website/Media

The board noted the progress and achievements resulting from the appointment of Kate Weldon and agreed to the proposal to increase her hours. The board approved a modest level of investment to improve the architecture of the website that will improve the look and functionality.

UK Sport Annual Investment Review

The PD, reported that the annual investment panel meeting at UK Sport had gone well but the outcome will not be announced till late June. The Paralympic programme funding is at risk following the team not managing to get promotion from the B division, so missing the World Championships in February 2016. The Mixed Doubles case is looking strong on the back of the 4th place at the World Championships in April.

National Performance Centre

Final sign off by Stirling Council for the design and costings of the dedicated national performance training centre is due in mid-June. The PD and Chief Operating Officer (COO) attended a meeting with the design team and it looks like work will commence in July and conclude by June 2017.

Athlete Selections

The selection of athletes for the 2016-17 season were shared with the board. The staff are currently in the midst of investment meetings with individual teams who will have a greater say in the support they receive through the programme.

Recruitment of Directors

The directors standing down this summer would be Hew, Nigel and Russell. The latter two are eligible to reapply. The COO outlined the timetable for recruiting new directors for the next 4 years.

Representation with the BOA

Hew Chalmers will continue to be the representative on the NOC as well as being on the Board of the BOA. It was agreed that a replacement would be sought for the NOC role in 2017 so there can be a suitable handover period.

Risk Register

A discussion on risk to the organisation was conducted with consideration and agreement that sufficient controls are in place.

Anti-Doping

The draft policy was approved and signed off by the board, effectively adopting the UKAD policy. The anti-doping education programme for athletes will commence in August.

Anti-Betting/Corruption Policy

The Policy was approved and it was acknowledged that it would be revised by the COO when new standards were available in approximately six months' time.

Finance

The current finances are in line with expectations and no concerns were raised.

Policies

It was agreed that there should be a schedule of all policies and plan in place for the review of policies.

AOB

- A question was raised about whether any disciplinary action would be applied in light of incident at the Scottish Championships final. Bruce Crawford reported that RCCC had implemented its disciplinary procedure (having jurisdiction at the event), leading to sanctions and the case was now closed.
- An inappropriate posting on Facebook by an aspiring athlete who had not been selected had been noted.
- It was noted that since the parliamentary elections in Scotland there was a new minister for sport, Alison Campbell. RCCC have already engaged with her for attendance at events.
- Recent collaboration between BC and RCCC demonstrated good collaboration between the British and Scottish bodies.
- Hew Chalmers was thanked for the long commitment he had given to British Curling as the longest standing director, and this was his last meeting.