

BOARD MEETING (in person)

BPA Office; 101 New Cavendish Street; W1W 6XH

11th June 2026 (1.30pm-4pm)

1. Opening Remarks, Apologies and Declarations (JPR)

In attendance

- Jules Parke-Robinson (Chair), Emma Foden (online), Tanya Harris (until 14.20), Clare Griffiths (online), Kirstin Furber, Geoff Hopkinson, Chris Hassell, Andrew Wright, Justine Baynes (CEO), Kevin Currell, Simon Cartwright (until 3pm), Jenny Buckham Hedges, Jennifer Browning (UKS) and Tina Shepperson (for minutes).
- Apologies: Mark Foster, Kevin Analuwa and Jo Rutavicius.
 - *Action: JB/KF to set up a call with MF and EF to update on the board behaviours session earlier that day.*

Conflicts of interest:

- CG BEAA board member and coach for Worcester Wolves; CH Coventry.

2. Minutes and Matters Arising (JPR)

- Minutes meeting 13.04.26 no comments.
- All matters closed out apart from the following which are ongoing:
 - Structure for board apprentice role.
 - NOMS review of Articles of Association.
 - Finance training for board members.
 - Options for a commission structure.
 - In-depth membership review.

3. Sub Committee Updates (JPT/KC/AS)

- PAC: There will be a training camp in Nottingham next month with selection of both teams later this month. GB is now in post, working alongside MVM and is engaging well with the men's team. The increased cost of international travel was highlighted as a concern, in particular the sharp increase in costs of flights.
- FRAG: The main points of this meeting were covered during the discussion on the management accounts. BWB are required by UK Sport to undergo a financial audit as part of the grant funding award by UKS which will take place at the end of the year.
- NOMS: There has been no meeting of NOMS but one is scheduled for July during which the Articles of Association and the board skills matrix will be discussed.

4. RAG report and Risk Register (JB)

- Feedback on the new version of the risk register was requested.
- SE funding is a major risk. The current cycle of funding ends in March 2027 and there has been no information from Sport England about the new submission process. There is a

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possibility that the funding may be rolled over for a year to allow more time to go through the submission process but as yet Sport England have not issued any further information. If there is a rollover year, it is not clear if IAG funding would be included as this was project funding, separate to the core system partner award.

- The Exec team are looking at where cost savings can be made if the IAG funding is not continued.
- JB and SC have an opportunity to work with new partner AktinsRealis on how best to maximise opportunities for the use of AI within the business.
- The Board were asked to consider any introductions they could make from the network to support the growth of commercial income opportunities.
 - *Action: JB to share investment proposals for the new league and BWB more generally with the board.*
 - *Action: Proposal on finances to be brought to board meeting in September if IAG funding is not confirmed.*

5. Management Accounts and end of year report (AS)

- Income is performing well and ahead of what is expected. National Championship Finals 2025 were over budget due to the WPL matches being held on the Friday evening. This was a one off and won't be repeated. Commonwealth Games appear as an overspend because the budget was set after the start of our financial year but this budget will not be overspent.
- The bank account for NEWCO has now been set up.

6. Verbal Update on Euros (JB)

- UKEL have been appointed to deliver the event as part of the UK Sport grant funding award. Recruitment for the Steering Group/Event Board is underway.

7. Safeguarding Update and Action Plan (SC)

- 80% of the board have recently completed safeguarding training.
- The safeguarding plan for 26/27 was presented to the board and approved.
- It was agreed that the case management team should meet quarterly rather than only when there is an issue, led by JPR with the assistance of CH and EF.
- An update on recent case management issues was provided.
 - *Action: Case management team to meet quarterly.*

8. Workforce Strategy (JBH)

- The new workforce strategy was presented for information purposes. The focus of the new strategy is about cultures as well as numbers of volunteers. In developing the strategy, members have been widely consulted.
- The strategy splits the workforce into a number of groups, such as coaches, officials, referees, classifiers etc. Each will have a slightly different set of needs so the strategy must account for this.
- Six new referees have been trained and there is a wait list of 25 waiting to complete a conversion from the running game.
- Opportunities are being extended to ex-players to train as workforce.
- Work is ongoing with Basketball England for sign off of the programme for Table Officials.
- Classifiers – ABH has done extensive work on this and more training is being offered.
 - ***The board were unanimous in their approval of the workforce strategy.***
 - *Action: Board members to reach out to anyone interested in training as statisticians and table officials.*
 - *Action: JBH to catch up with SC to discuss the opportunities with Duke of Edinburgh awards.*

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9. IAG Evaluation initial findings (JB)

- A full report on this will follow as it was covered under the risk register.

10. Approval of changes to classification policy (JB)

- **Decision:** *The board were unanimous in their approval of the changes to the classification policy.*

11. Verbal update on new league structure (JB)

- JB is in the process of discussing new league proposals with potential investors.

12. AOB (JPR)

- A proposal has been put forward to change the election process for IWBF members and to make changes to the chairs of the commissions. In case the proposals do not receive approval at the upcoming Congress, two people have been nominated by BWB for the role of Chair of the Competitions Commission. If the proposals are accepted at Congress, this post will become an appointment rather than an election.
- Feedback was provided on the board behaviours session earlier that day.
- At future board meetings, any items requiring approvals will be scheduled at the start of the meeting to ensure all members can vote if they need to leave early.

ACTION LOG:

11.06.26	Set up a call with MF and EF to update on the board behaviours session.	JB/KF
11.06.26	Share investment proposals for the new league.	JB
11.06.26	Proposal on finances to be brought to board meeting in September if IAG funding is not continued for another year.	JB/AW
11.06.26	Case management team to meet quarterly.	JPR/EF/CH
11.06.26	Board members to reach out to anyone interested in training as statisticians and table officials.	BOARD
11.06.26	Discuss the opportunities with Duke of Edinburgh awards.	JBH/SC
11.06.26	Future board meetings to schedule approval items at the start of meetings	JPR/JB

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