



Minutes of the British Disability Fencing Association (BDFA) Board meeting held at Loughborough College.
 Sunday 14th January 2018 at 12.00

Present:

- 5 elected Board members,
- 2 independent Board members
- 1 guest

Apologies:

- 2 elected Board members

Decisions from the Board meeting

REF	MINUTE	ACTION
104	Conflict of interest from 2 people. None in relation to the Agenda.	
105	Minutes from the meeting on 4 th November 2017 were approved.	
107.1	Governance No funds forthcoming from UKS for IR because Governance code not matched. Need to publish minutes of meetings on website. Board meetings will be quarterly.	
107.2	Articles of Association already agreed by previous Board but needs to be ratified	
107.3	All the policy documents are out of date and need to be re-written	
107.4	Data Protection law changes in May 2018 and we need to be compliant	
108	<p>BDF Strategy</p> <p>We need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a clear purpose with aims and a mission statement. • need a tactical strategy. • a clear purpose, beyond wheelchair fencing. • How NGB looks after operations/corporate services, ie transparent leadership, governance, • effective NGB administration and operations ie how we deal with matters internationally, how we deal with our obligations. • need to think about the model we want through participation from the talent programme through to WCP. • Communication with coaches, through clubs, through spinal games etc. <p>Activity of development coaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using the strategy going down through each section, engaging with coaches and clubs. • We need resources while we are building and developing the strategy we need closer collaboration with BF • We need to make sure we make good use of IR <p>Strategy for selection and code of conduct</p> <p>Selection panel for next competition WCP Lead Coach, Development Coach, Chair.</p>	

	Code of conduct: Refer to BF code of conduct. Athletes must be a member of BDFA to compete. Personal coaches: have to be member of BF and BDFA and sign up to the code of conduct. Referees that want to be reimbursed their expenses from BDFA must be a member of BDFA.	
109	Complaint by a member of staff. Decision: set up a disciplinary panel to look into the incident and report back to the Board with any recommendations. 2 panel members from BDFA plus one independent.	
110 110.3 110.4 110.5 110.10 110.11	AOB Resolve issue regarding Domain name. Lead coach has applied to join IWAS Coaches' Commission. Approved. IR Rep request for financial help to attend competition. £100 approved International Referee request for payment of out-of-pocket expenses and travel costs for journey from home to airport for competition. Approved. BDFA has been contacted and requested to provide a wheelchair fencing demonstration at the Naidex Exhibition at the NEC in April 2018.Approved	
111	DATE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING	
	<u>Doodle Poll</u>	
112	CLOSE	
	There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 16.00.	