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Minutes of the British Disability Fencing Board meeting held on  
Tuesday 5<sup>TH</sup> March 2019

Present:

5 elected Board members,  
1 athlete rep

Apologies:

2 elected Board members  
1 independent Board member

Decisions from the Board meeting

REF	MINUTE	ACTION
206	Conflict of interest from 1 person. None in relation to the Agenda.	
207	<b>MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF 30/06/18, 01/09/18, 02/12/18 and 03/01/19</b> The minutes were approved	
208	<b>Matters arising</b> Audit of all BDF kit – 5 frames at Bath to be scrapped. BDF Strategy and structure – need to revisit. Draft policy documents to be approved by email. Decision to take action to develop referees. Junior fencers – discuss with Safeguarding Officer at BF Athletes who need carers – Policy or contract required. Complaint from referees re payment of expenses. Write policy. Pathway Coach – advertise through BF website. IR policy document to be presented at next Board meeting	Policy required for referees and expenses.
213	<b>European Championships 2020</b> IWAS President and IWAS CEO approached Staff in Sharjah re GB hosting the 2020 European Championships. Full feasibility discussion followed looking at: Venue, accommodation, referees, equipment, funding, television coverage, sponsorship, organisation team. The Board concluded it is not possible to do all of this by May 2020. Agreed to send a letter to IWAS pointing this out and suggesting it may be possible in 2022.	
214	<b>IWAS General Assembly</b> BDF needs to strengthen its links to Wheelpower. Member of current BDF Board needs to be on the Board of Wheelpower. Chair to contact Wheelpower to discuss.	
215	<b>Sport80</b> BDF is having problems with Sport80 re booking athletes into competitions. Other nations having similar problems. Need to take concerns to IWAS.	
217	<b>Classification</b> Seminar on classification raised issues. Suggested BDF approaches other sports and ask for classifiers to work with wheelchair fencing.	
218	<b>Membership list</b> Need an up to date list to be a limited company.	
219	<b>PAYMENTS INTO BDF ACCOUNT – REFERENCING</b> All members emailed with details of how to reference their payments to BDF to distinguish between membership, training camps, and payments for competitions.	

221	<p><b>ATHLETE ISSUES</b></p> <p>Athlete Rep (AR) raised the following issues</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concerns from non-funded athletes that they have to contribute towards the TM. (TM Self-funds)</li> <li>2. Who should athletes contact for TUE (BF Dr)</li> <li>3. Concerns over sharing a room with a minor. (Matter has gone to BF Safeguarding Officer for confirmation of policy)</li> <li>4. What is the Board doing to grow the sport (A coach in a van is visiting numerous establishments and running taster sessions.)</li> <li>5. Do the non-funded athletes know about anti-doping (Training to take place at training camps)</li> <li>6. Request from AR for clarification of his role and how it will work. – (Athlete Rep is the spokesperson for the athletes).</li> </ol>	
222	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>222.1 Decisions on who will be nominated for Gold Silver and Bronze passports from BPA</p> <p>222.2 Sao Paulo - Because of the threat to safety posed by the trip – decision- everyone going should have accreditation but under certain conditions. Email to all must differentiate between official GB staff and those who are supporters.</p> <p>222.3 Discussion around Peter Harrison Foundation funds. Decision – to allow the non-funded athletes to apply for grants towards their training and competition costs.</p>	
223	<p><b>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be during a training camp. Either 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April or 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May</p>	
224	<p><b>CLOSE</b></p> <p>There being no further business the meeting finished at 13.15</p>	