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Member Development Committee (MDC)

Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 3 May 2022 at 18:00
Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams

Present:	Mark Bayada	-	Chair
	Mary Barrett	-	Council
	Kate Lindsley	-	Until 7.00pm
In attendance:	Tony Butler	-	Chief Operating Officer (COO)
	Lise Moore	-	Secretary
	Jeff Montgomery	-	STO
	Liz Ashley	-	Editor, Skydive the Mag
	Craig Poxon	-	Chair of Council
	Martin Soulsby	-	Vice President
	Adrian Bond	-	Chair AGM / Expo Working group
Apologies:	Rob Hartley	-	INED

The meeting was recorded to assist with minute taking.

Item	Minute
10/22	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Declarations of any conflict of interest would be taken at the relevant item.
11/22	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15 February had been circulated electronically prior to the meeting and agreed.
12/22	<u>Matters Arising</u> None
13/22	<u>Report from Coaching Roadshows Review Working Group</u> Mary Barratt gave a verbal update on the activities from the working group. One new application for the pilot scheme has been received from Skydive Ireland, who want to offer a canopy training event available for all members, but in particular, women. The request is below the pilot project budgetary threshold of £1,500. Given that Mary is still waiting for responses to her request for approval of the pilot scheme, it was agreed by MDC that the project should go ahead as it meets all the relevant criteria.

Further pilot schemes are needed for the remainder of 2022 and early 2023.

Jack Davies has informed the Chair of the working group that he is going to stand down, and Mary stated that she wanted to formally express her thanks to him for all the work he has done.

The next CRRWG meeting is on Friday 13 May where all the material from the previous two pilot schemes will be reviewed. The meeting will also look at material for the website and recommendations for the future for MDC to consider.

An article for the magazine, the website and social media will need to be written to publicise the pilot schemes.

Action: Mary Barratt/ Liz Ashley

Communication will also need to be sent to BUS (British University Skydivers) as they were unaware of the pilot studies taking place.

Action: Mary Barratt / Liz Ashley

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Report from Coaching Structure Working Group

Martin Soulsby spoke to his report circulated prior to the meeting.

Two examiners have approached the working group to be included in the work force training to be able to run training courses. There has been no negative feedback from the membership when it went out for consultation.

There have been staff changes at 1st4sport which has resulted in very little communication from them. The pilot project relies on using their system, but in the meantime part of the written assessment can go ahead.

Mark Bayada asked if there were any other providers as a backup plan should 1st4sport not be able to progress with the qualification. Martin stated that CIMPSA said they could provide a qualification, however it would possibly mean further work.

Martin stated that the staffing changes at 1st4sport has also raised a question about whether we will be able to stick to the agreed budget, with all the additional products they said they would provide.

15/22

Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Sub-Committee

Mary Barratt gave a verbal update on the activities from the working group

There is little to report. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25th May 2022. Initial items on the agenda will include the composition of the sub-committee to ensure they meet the terms of reference.

There is also an intention to revisit the 5-year plan inherited from the working group.

The most significant projects will be to check British Skydiving documents for ED&I compliance.

Ongoing research will be on Sport England Code of Sports Governance that has recently been issued and gender transition in sport.

At the next meeting Mary will report back on an event being held by Westminster Forum on Next Steps for Women's Sports.

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Communications to Members and Beyond

16.1 Skydive the Mag

Liz Ashley gave a verbal update on Skydive the Mag. Pagination is still down, and Warners are stating that there is still no sign of advertising revenue increasing. The starter mag has now been printed following its digital launch last year.

There is a lot of content coming up in the next magazine including a page for Dave Wood (deceased) and the Ukraine.

Liz asked for details of any event dates that have been changed or added so they can also be published.

Warners

Their contract was due to run out later this year, however an extension was negotiated towards the end of last year with them. Warners are saying that they are still losing money on the contract and won't renew the contract on the same basis. A meeting with Warners has been arranged for mid-May.

16.2 Communications Officer

Interviews are taking place later this week for a new Communications Officer.

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Budget Preparation

Discussions took place regarding requirements for the 2022-2023 budget. Amounts were agreed and added to the budget in readiness for the Finance Meeting later in May.

Kate Lindsley left the meeting, and the meeting became inquorate at this point. .

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Any Other Business

Timing of the AGM

Craig Poxon felt that Natasha Higman needed to be at the meeting and that the meeting needed to be quorate to make any decisions. Therefore, the discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

Natasha Higman to be invited to the next meeting.

Action: Secretary

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Dates of the Next Meeting

The next meetings are:

2 August 2022
1 November 2022

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 19.15pm (1 hr 15 mins).