

# British Amateur Boxing Association Limited Via Teams 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 09.00-10.00 Board meeting minutes

# In attendance

Jason Glover (GB Boxing Chair)
Matt Holt (GB Boxing CEO)
David Chadwick (Independent Director)
Lucy Walker (Independent Director)
Christine Ohuruogu (Independent Director)
Richard Brooke (England Boxing Director)
Colin Metson (Welsh Boxing Director)
Paul Thorogood (Welsh Boxing Director)
Craig McEvoy (Boxing Scotland Director)

Fran Houghton (UK Sport, Performance Advisor)
Rob McCracken (GB Boxing, Performance Director)
Rebecca Edginton (GB Boxing, Performance Manager)
Laura Ross (taking minutes)

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the board and confirmed the meeting was quorate.

# 2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

## 3. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were received from MH in relation to his role with World Boxing.







# 4. UK Sport Budget/Performance Strategy

MH directed the board to the LA Olympics performance strategy and LA budget in the board pack. MH informed the board that UK Sport have given GB Boxing an indicative figure of just over £12m for the next Olympic Cycle. This is a £570k uplift from the Paris Cycle.

The next step requested from UK Sport is to submit our draft LA strategy supported by a budget based on our indicative figure. MH explained to the board that the approach to building the LA performance strategy and budget was to prioritise budget and activity that enabled the best acceleration of athlete development. These principles were considered as follows:

- Maintaining the appropriate number of boxers across Olympic weight categories.
- Protection of number of boxer training days.
- Comprehensive international training and competition programme that enables development through exposure to all the international styles at competition.

The budget has been allocated according to these principles. MH provided a summary of the LA strategy and budget including programme structure, international activity and staffing.

A discussion took place on the proposals. CM provided the view that discussions on a unified pathway should remain at the forefront of the work of GB Boxing and all the home nations. MH agreed and would like to maintain dialogue with each home nation to ensure effective partnership work.

It was agreed the team would present to the board at the September board meeting on the strategic approach. MH/Chair will reach out to directors prior to the board meeting to determine any specific questions they would like to cover.

### **Action: Chair/MH**

The Chair requested approval from the board for the LA draft strategy and budget to be submitted to UK Sport. The board approved the documentation and its submission to UK Sport.

### 5. World Boxing Cup Finals

MH updated the board that UK Sport, following the success of the World Boxing Cup held in January 2024, has made an award of £270k to support GB Boxing hosting the World Boxing Cup Finals in Sheffield in November 2024. MH explained this grant would come with certain conditions. MH will circulate the proposal to the board for their approval post this board meeting.







The proposal has since been circulated to the board and approval has been obtained by the board via email.

Action: MH

### 6. GB Boxing Charity Partnership

MH informed the board that GB Boxing has completed a process to find a charity partner as part of the social impact strategy. MH directed the board to the process and the charities selected in the board papers. GB Boxing has selected two charities for the partnership namely Roundabout; a charity that focuses on youth homelessness and Sheffield Mind; a mental health charity. MH sought approval from the board to move forward with these charity partnerships. The board unanimously agreed and approved the partnerships.

### 7. Any other business

The Chair updated the board that England Boxing, with the departure of Micky Norford, has nominated a new Director, Chris Smith. The nominations committee had met prior to the board to consider the new director nomination and recommended Chris to the board. The nominations committee sought approval from the board to approve Chris Smith as a new home nation director for England on the GB Boxing board. The board approved the nomination.

**ENDS** 



