Board Report - 7th September 2017



Regular Updates

- 1. **Chairman's update** Sandra thanked the Board for their support at the AGM and EGM. The independent review has now been amended with the process being overseen by the Governance Review Group.
- 2. CEO Update SS welcomed everyone to Worcester and provided some updates to the paper. Following the departure of Emily St John the Mass participation team are now moving be part of the Commercial Team and Events will be moving to the Talent and Performance team. We have now secured the Team World Cup working in partnership with the ITTF. Mark Taffler is leading this on our behalf and freelance event manager will be retained for the event. We have had 650 pre-registered ticket requests and a number of large groups have shown interest. The outcome from the Mayor's office grant bid is awaited.

 The ETTU AGM is taking place and Board were asked to delegate authority to SD, SS and SM in respect of proposition to reduce team numbers for the European Team Championship qualifiers. There were potentially two options, a reduction to 24 or 16. 24 would be the preference.

 GRG has now met and timelines published. There was a second GRG meeting arranged for Saturday 9th September.

The collective of unfunded sports had held a 4 hour meeting with Dame Katherine Grainger (UK Sport). The issues were taken on board and she was grateful for the solutions offered. Funding criteria was unlikely to change during Tokyo cycle but the dialogue would continue. A further conference call had been arranged for the NGBs involved.

Additionally UK Sport, BOA, and BPA were working together to see how they can lever investment from the private sector.

- 3. **Head of Operations Report** Jonathan Bruck updated the Board on recent staffing changes. The budgets were then discussed and an update provided around funding post EGM. Board received an update on current welfare cases. The risk register was reviewed and updated. A number of decisions were then made regarding Company Members, Regulations, County Boundaries and a request to British League for a further update in respect of changes requested to their regulations.
- 4. **National Council Report** The National Council meeting was held on the day of the AGM. SG and SH attended on Board's behalf. Board discussed the notes and tones of that meeting. The new Chairman of National Council was currently being voted for with closing taking place on the 14th September.
- 5. **Operation Plan** Each department report was dealt with and discussed by exception. Membership numbers were all up and insight being gathered. Further discussions were held regarding membership fees and the multiple payments a player has to make, TTE, club, league, County to play the sport. This was felt to be convoluted and a barrier. Ways to change this were being investigated/considered.
 - The AGM and EGM and the constraints caused by the funding suspension had caused a delay in all departmental delivery
- 6. **GDPR** It was agreed that the timing of the paper was correct and the identified lead in time to review and asses risk was appropriate. It was important to review all sources of data including those where Table Tennis England was the Data Controller even if the data was not held on site.
- 7. Network Update

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Mike Smith provided background to some of the key changes that had taken place:-

- County Championships
- Merger of TOC and Calendar Working Party
- ELCC
- 8. **GRG Update** Mark Quartermaine described the actions taken to date. The Terms of Reference were now agreed and a timeline produced.
 - A tender process would take place to appoint the Chairman of the Independent Review Panel. The Independent Review Panel would likely be delivered in a phased approach, phase 1 being the initial focus and other phases being identified from work/focus falling out of phase 1.
- 9. **Team World Cup-** The sponsorship inventory was discussed with various sponsorship tiers still available for purchase. Mark Taffler was working closely with Jonny Cowen from the ITTF. The operational plans were under constant review, check and challenge and costs are being attempted to be brought down.
- 10. **AOB The** merger of ESTTA and TTE on the 1st September was discussed.

 Doug Livingstone commented on the excellent School Games Finals that he had attended.