

NOTTINGHAM & NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP  
MINUTES OF THE INTERIM BOARD MEETING

Friday 10 February 2006

NATIONAL ICE ARENA

		<b>ACTION</b>
1	<p><b>PRESENT</b>            Ted Cante (Chair), IdEA            Adrian Bradley, Nottinghamshire County Council            Derek Brewer, Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club            John Briggs, Nottinghamshire Badminton Association            Clare Claxton, Wheldon School            Geoff Huckstep, Nottingham Arena            Stephen Jackson, Nottingham Trent University            Andrew James, Bridgfordian            Dr Sandra Lee, Queens Medical Centre            Tim Reddish, British Swimming            Anne Rippon, Sport England            Simon Starr, Nottingham &amp; Nottinghamshire Sports Partnership            Michael Williams, Nottingham City Council</p> <p>Ted Cante welcomed Stephen Jackson and Dr Sandra Lee to their first meeting. Apologies had been received from Michael Burrows, Nottinghamshire County Council and Adrian Bradley was welcomed as his deputy. Ted Cante stated that the Board membership was an issue that would be under regular review. Adrian Bradley had received feedback with regard to the make-up of the Board membership in relation to the number of women members, representation of district councils and geographical distribution.</p>	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.	
3	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting (22.12.06)            Director appointment commenced on 1 February 2006            Nottinghamshire PE &amp; Sport Conference, now a 1 day event on 26.6.06. NNSP given 5-10 slot at top of programme and recognition of support in brochure. Director given delegated authority to negotiate level of underwriting support, in the light of loss of day for the Voluntary sector.            Derek Brewer reported that meeting of Professional Clubs/Major Venues is to be set up in the near future. Suggestion that Tennis Centre and Harvey Hadden Sports Centre needs to be included.            Derek Brewer, as Chair of the Greater Nottingham Transport Forum proposed a future agenda item on Transport/Signage.            Specialist Sports Colleges list had been circulated. Ted Cante asked that a future agenda item on The relationship between the Partnership and Specialist Sports Colleges, be arranged. Clare Claxton reported that the SSCs met regularly to share good practice, amongst other issues.</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>DB</p> <p>SS/DB</p> <p>SS</p>
4	<p><b>2012 OLYMPICS</b>            Anne Rippon and others provided feedback from the event at the Walker Stadium, which had generally been a very positive event attracting around 250 delegates. There had been some disparity in the quality of some of the workshops which had captured many of the ideas from delegates. Request made for details of the structural relationship between LOCOG/Nations &amp; Regions Group and how this cascades down to the regional level and the Task Groups in the four areas of Tourism/Business/Performance Sport/Legacy. (Attached).</p>	AR/SS

	<p>The event at the Nottingham Royal Centre in January had identified the NNSP as the body to take an overview. The event had captured a number of ideas under the key headings and these needed to be feedback to attendees. The event had been reported in the Nottingham Evening Post. Need for Simon Starr to develop a small Steering Group to take this work forward.</p> <p>Discussion followed on how to maximise the opportunities presented by the Olympics. Key points are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capture the enthusiasm</li> <li>• Translate the ideas that are coming through at a local level and focus on this level</li> <li>• Go to Emda and tell them this is what N&amp;N want and find the ways to make it happen</li> <li>• Similar issues/structures being discussed at Core Cities meetings</li> <li>• Degree of pragmatism needed. So far lack of direction coming out of LOCOG and no clear thinking on Legacy</li> <li>• Likelihood of attracting training camps is low, should be regarded as a bonus if it happens</li> <li>• To attract training camps, it will be the best organised and best co-ordinated that succeed. There is a need for a clear vision and everyone working as a team.</li> <li>• Transport will be an issue.</li> <li>• Nothing can happen in regard to training camps before 2008 and these need to be co-ordinated through Emda. With this timeframe there is a danger of enthusiasm being lost</li> <li>• Tourism benefit across the nation comes later, during the Games it drops</li> <li>• Danger of disinvestment in regional infrastructure as everything gravitates toward London and South East – need for lobby to Govt to ensure proportional investment</li> <li>• Use 2012 to develop sport and drive participation, not infrastructure</li> <li>• Coherent Strategy required, pulling together the appropriate groups and this is needed quickly</li> <li>• Opportunities for major cultural festivals in advance of the Olympics, linking sport and the arts</li> <li>• Little likelihood of SSCs being able to organise a Schools Olympics in 2012, despite Govt. desire</li> <li>• Need to focus on Legacy, cultural events, schools and the community</li> <li>• Use the Visioning event to gather ideas and take these to Emda</li> <li>• Link the Olympics to improving health and increasing participation. Set targets and benchmark against them</li> <li>• Need to identify the USPs (Unique Selling Point) for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. Some mapping work to be undertaken by consultants</li> <li>• Regional Co-ordinator post at Emda needs to link with the CSPs</li> </ul>	<p>SS</p> <p>SS</p>
5	<p><b>HOLME PIERREPONT</b></p> <p>Anne Rippon and Adrian Bradley presented the perspectives of Sport England and Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) jointly and outlined some key facts:  Sport England (SE) had commissioned a Review of National Sports Centres back in 2004  The National Governing Bodies of Sport (NGBs) determine what they want and where they do it  HP is 30 years old, it hosted the World Championships in the 1970s  The canoe slalom course was developed later  HP has never been fully utilised by the ARA (Amateur Rowing Association), although there has been good usage for their Schools Championships</p>	

	<p>NCC own the site, SE manage the site, through a Leisure Management Contractor  Discussions between SE and NCC have centred around how to secure the best outcome for sport and for the people of Nottinghamshire in the future.  Consultants were jointly commissioned to undertake an Options Review. This is in draft form at present but is expected to be signed off in March, at which time the story will go public  HP was never intended to be part of London 2012. It may have a role in providing a venue for training camps but is not wide enough to be an international venue and our rowers, even now, go abroad to places like Lucerne for their training camps  SE currently meet approx 80% of the annual running costs of the facility. This will cease in 2009. The Leader of NCC has stated that Nottinghamshire taxpayers cannot sustain the level of investment required  There are no fixed views as to the future (next 30 years) at NCC and the next step will be to dismiss certain options and fully appraise others.  Discussion followed. The key points are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mixed profile – not welcoming, access is poor, gets a bad press, association with elite sport deters local community involvement, conversely, it is well used by local people but mainly in a non-sporting context, it is a venue that has really helped to raise the profile of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, it has hosted a World Championships, is well used by BCU (British Canoe Union) as part of their World Class Start Programme</li> <li>• The future provides an opportunity for greater community access. It needs to become a vibrant regional/County centre</li> <li>• There are 7 Universities based within 45 min. drivetime. There is a willingness to use the facility and contribute (not lead) to the costs. There is no doubt that the facility assists in attracting students to the city</li> <li>• NGBs have utilised the facility to differing degrees but there is a need to work with them and SE role here is crucial to support the massive level of public investment over the years</li> <li>• There will be opportunities for people/organisations to comment on the consultant’s report. Proposed that it may be a future agenda item</li> </ul> <p>Adrian Bradley stated that he was not comfortable with the CSP having a position on HP at such a sensitive time.</p>	
6	<p><b>GOVERNANCE</b>  Simon Starr outlined the fact that SE, as core funders, place a number of requirements on the CSP, both in terms of being Fit for Purpose but also in certain target areas. There is a need to produce a draft 3 year Business Plan with an Annual Delivery Plan by 3 April. This will be presented to the Regional Sports Board on 12 June for future funding to be released.  Currently the Board is an Interim one and has no legal status. SE are commissioning work on the Governance of CSPs and this should be available in 6 months. Until that time there is no need to undertake any work that alters the current status of the Interim Board.  Anne Rippon provided clarification on the funding of the CSP which is made up of core funding of around £150k pa through Lottery funding with the opportunity to bid for CIF (Community Initiative Fund) money through SE for specific work programme areas. In addition, funding can be sourced from other providers. However, core funding cannot be matched with other Lottery money.  Tim Reddish stressed the need to produce Terms of Reference for the Board after the research work had been completed.  A request was made for a summary of the Sporting Outcomes, as opposed to the Fit for Purpose requirements, to be produced.  The ability of the CSP to produce its own work programme is restricted by the requirements of SE and this is a message that needs to be communicated to other</p>	SS

	partners and stakeholders.	
7	<p><b>VISIONING EVENT</b></p> <p>Simon Starr introduced the paper that had been circulated. Discussion followed and the key points are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do we get to some new blood, rather than the usual suspects?</li> <li>• There is a real opportunity to utilise events/major sporting fixtures to promote the work of the CSP and also to gain feedback, Roadshow style</li> <li>• The development of a 5 minute presentation, which any Board member could deliver (Martini principle)</li> <li>• Audiences will be asking “What’s in it for me”. Therefore need a hook to attract them, particularly the Business Community.</li> <li>• Constant feedback is required, along the lines of ‘You said, We plan to ...’</li> <li>• Finish with a Vision</li> </ul> <p>Simon to work with a small Steering Group, likely to include Andrew James and at least 2 other Board members</p>	SS
8	<p><b>DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS in 2006</b></p> <p>Friday 7 April @ Nottingham Trent University, Clifton Campus, Conference Room 198 Erasmus Darwin Building</p> <p>Friday 9 June @ Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, Trent Bridge</p> <p>Friday 22 September – venue tbc</p> <p>Friday 17 November – venue tbc</p> <p>All meetings to commence at 8.45am</p>	