UKDS has kindly given a brief overview of the type of thing they are working on and developing. If there is anything you wish to ask in relation to this information please do so through our own club secretary Nigel and not to UKDS directly. Thank You

Jim Joyce

Chairman GBDSC

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**Leadership**

— Much of the work has been behind the scenes on the governance of the organisation, updating policies and procedures in line with the new Governance Code.

— We continue to develop the Board into skills focused Board, maintaining a balance of Deaf, HoH and hearing - with a number of Independent NEDs and a gender balance as required by the Code.  We are specifically looking for commercial/fundraising expertise to join the Board.

— Craig and I continue to meet with and correspond with Government over DeaflympicsGB recognition and funding and I am presenting to the APPG on Deafness on the 5th February. I also met the shadow sports minister who has agreed to ask questions in the House.

— We are building a relationship with the English Federation of Disability Sports to manage our admin@ email address (Valerie has stepped in to manage this over the last few months

We have changed our insurance offer and are working with Towergate to produce a more comprehensive offer to members, allowing membership of UKDS to cover a range of sports.

— Following feedback after the AGM, are reviewing the way we interact with our members and have an independent review which has made some recommendations on this. We will look to have a tier system which focuses on sports that have International and Domestic requirements from UKDS as the NGB.

— We have been working with our Athlete Reps and DeaflympicsGB Captains to establish a transparent Athletes Commission (or similar) which will represent athletes and participants at Board level and is voted for by members through the sports.

**Participation**

— We were successful in receiving funding from Sport England for the new cycle (end of last year). However, it highlighted the reliance we have on Sport England as a primary funder and the restricted capacity we have.

— A participation committee with Board and non-Board members oversees this work.

— The Participation projects focus on young leaders and partnerships with the likes of GLL, Park Run, Sports Leaders and UK Active.

— Valerie is funded through Sport England funding but is looking to grow the framework with home countries to provide a sustainable future for UKDS.

**Performance**

— After a very successful DeaflympicsGB Mission, the Performance Committee has already started planning for the next Games (wherever the ICSD decide it may be).

— The Performance Committee has reformed with new members and expertise from the Olympic and Paralympic environment.

— We are close to appointing a Secretary replace Christof, tasked with improving the efficiency of the international process.

— The PC plans to meet with Team Leaders from each sport in the coming months and build a solid relationship with that group to support the appointment of a new CdM and core team.