

**Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting  
of the  
Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain Limited  
At 4.00pm on Saturday 30 September 2006  
Hartpury College, Hartpury, Gloucestershire GL19 3BE.**

**1 Present**

Anthony Temple QC (Chairman), Dominic Mahony (Vice Chairman), David Langridge (Treasurer), Clive Hawkins (Director), Howard Jones (Director), Geoff Lewis (Director), Lawrence Moss (Director), Jan Bartu (Performance Director), Peter Hart (Chief Executive), Jane Barmacombe, Alan Brown, Phil Burke, I Cowan, Steve Cowan, Richard Cox, Mick Flaherty, Maggie Gomersall, Nicola Jones, J Kelmer, Sarah Key, Paul Kruzko, Kath Lewis, Roy Lowndes-Northcott, Ann Marshall, Cyril Marshall, Stuart Mason, Bernie Moss, Sheena Moss, John C Miles, Rob Phelps, David Reid, Gary Smith, Robin Salt, Juliet Wallace-Mason, Andrew Wilsher, Peter Whiteside, John Woodbridge

**2 Clubs in Attendance:**

Millfield MPC, Area 12 MPC, CECMPC

**3 Apologies**

Apologies were received from:

Martin Dawe (Vice Chairman), Sean Kinsey (Director), Jill Andrews, Catie Banks, Bill Bland, Victoria Finley (Sport England), David Harrison, Sue Harrison, Thelma Hawkins, Sue Hyde, Gwen Kinsey, Bob Lydall, Dilys Langridge, Gill Measures, Darren Russell, , Peta Shepard, John Stevens, Eileen Tayler, Clive Townend. Ruth Weedon, Anthony Wieler.

**4 Chairman's introduction**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 3rd Annual General Meeting of the Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain Limited.

He reported on the passing of two very well respected members of the MPAGB. Martin Grieves was one of the 117 passengers and crew who died in the commercial airliner which crashed on an internal flight in Nigeria on Saturday 22 October 2005.

Martin was a modern pentathlete from the Metropolitan Police in which he served for many years with distinction. He was widely respected as a congenial and combative competitor in the 1970's. He contributed much to the Association after his retirement from competition, holding many positions within the MPAGB, including the Chairmanship of the Selection and Management Committee and acting as Team Manager at a number of World Championships in the 1980's. Martin will be remembered with affection and respect.

Members of British Biathle were saddened to learn of the death of Peter Nowak, on 29 December 2005 after a long battle with a serious illness, unknowingly contracted 26 years ago when as a result of a car accident he was given blood infected with hepatitis C. Peter was unaware that he had this virus until August 2005. At the time of his death he was awaiting a liver transplant, which sadly he did not receive. He was 53 years old.

Peter made a vast contribution to Biathle, both as administrator producing excellent event programmes and as a selfless volunteer at all competitions.

Martin and Peter will be greatly missed by us all. We extend our condolences to their families.

The Chairman reported that his predecessor, Andy Ripley, though having been diagnosed with prostate cancer, is undertaking treatment and in typical Andy style is out of hospital and carrying on with as normal a life as possible. Andy is an inspiration to all involved in sport.

## **5 To Approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 1 October 2005**

The Chairman referred to the Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting held in 2005. No correction or notice of inaccuracy had been received.

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings with no alterations.

## **6 To receive from the Board a full statement of account, pursuant to Article 80**

The Chairman introduced the Treasurer of the Association, David Langridge, who spoke to the Statement of Accounts and written report:

### **Hon Treasurer's Report**

This is the second year during which the association has operated as an incorporated body - a company limited by guarantee. The accounts are divided into two sections, the statutory part in the format required by the Companies Acts, and a more detailed section showing income and expenditure under the same headings as previous years.

### **Membership and Administration**

Total income for the year amounts to £209,541 (2005:£171,723) including UK Sport grants of £155,000 (2005:£116,620). Members' subscriptions amounted to £33,271 (2005: £21,046), an increase of 58% on last year. This is due to the inclusion of junior membership in the entry fee for the schools biathlon events which has brought our membership up to 3,854 at 31 March 2006. During the year we were delighted to receive a generous donation of £5,000 from Lane 4. Total administration expenditure amounted to £156,985 (2005: £153,436), of which the most significant item is the cost of staff at £93,403 (2005:£86,068). The account shows a surplus for the year of £52,985 (2005: £18,287), which may be regarded as a satisfactory result.

### **Competitions**

The competitions account generated income of £106,689 (2005:£82,339) in respect of Bi- to Pent-athlons. Biathle income was £21,838. Overall the account shows a deficit of £17,903 (2005:£11,510), including a proportion of staff salaries. The increase in income is largely due to the successful international youth competition held during the year, and the increased deficit is due to the cost of running the World Cup competition at Bath.

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### **Merchandising**

Merchandising sales amounted to £29,657 (2005: £23,698) and the account shows a surplus for the year of £2,951 (2005:£4,911).

### **World Class Performance Programme**

The WCPP account received total grant income of £440,702 (2005: £396,209) to cover operational expenses, including those of the National Training Centre at Bath. At the beginning of the year the programme was under spent by £21,024, and finished the year under spent by £29,884. The programme runs for the four year period to March 2009 and any amount unspent at the end of this period is due to be returned to UK Sport, for which provision is made in the accounts.

### **World Class Talented Athlete Programme**

The account shows the grant received amounting to £525,000. The programme was under spent by £25,921 at the start of the year which amount was due to be returned to Sport England. However, Sport England agreed not to reclaim this balance if the Association used it to fund grass root development of the sport, and it is being applied to support the schools biathlon events. At the end of the year the programme carried forward an unspent balance of £19,922. This programme also runs for the four year period to March 2009 and any amount unspent at that date is due to be returned to UK Sport, for which provision is made in the accounts.

### **Overall Summary**

The Association's total income during the year, excluding grants received on trust to cover specific expenditure agreed in advance, amounted to £175,360. This is the amount shown as 'turnover' in the statutory accounts. After administering the association and running our competitions the overall surplus for the year amounted to £38,033. Total grants received for the specific World Class programmes, general administration etc amounted to £1,067,752.

The Association's general reserves at the end of the year stood at £165,676, almost all of which is represented by cash or readily realisable assets.

### **Conclusion**

Funding of the WCPP (Olympic Podium Programme since 1 April 2006), the Talented Athlete Programme (Olympic Development Programme since 1 April 2006), the National Training Centre at Bath and the general administration of the Association is confirmed and adequate to meet planned expenditure until 31 March 2009.

At 31 March 2006 the Association's financial position is again stronger than it has ever been before. However, we continue to tread a knife edge of complete grant dependency. To state the obvious, without the continuing financial support of UK Sport and Sport England the Association and the sport, particularly participation in international events, would not exist as we know it today.

The Treasurer invited questions: none was raised.

Andrew Wilsher proposed the acceptance of the accounts which was seconded by Peter Whiteside. The Accounts were unanimously approved.

The meeting passed a vote of thanks for David Langridge's work.

## **7 To receive from the Board a report of the activities of the Association since the previous Annual General Meeting**

## **7.1 Chairman's Report**

The Chairman referred to his written report enclosed within the previously circulated papers and highlighted the following:

**Sponsorship:** The Chairman reported that the Board was pursuing Corporate Sponsorship vigorously. The Board had approached a number of major potential sponsors this year but unfortunately, for a variety of reasons they had not been successful.

Modern Pentathlon's continuance in the Olympic Programme had been a threat until last year's decision by the International Olympic Committee where they agreed for it to remain on the Olympic Programme until 2012. We must ensure that it remains so in the future.

**Membership:** The Chairman informed the meeting that he was pleased with but not complacent about the growth in membership over the last 12 months. Membership currently stands just under 4,000. Two years ago it was hovering around 1,500. He thanked everyone including those that were at the AGM for their contribution. He said that there is still much work to be done in this area including improving recruitment and retention of the current membership and the Board were willing to invest further resources to do this.

**Grateful thanks:** The Chairman thanked all those involved in making the last 12 months a success, from athletes, members, volunteers, the Board and staff all of whom had made a fantastic contribution.

## **7.2 Chief Executive's Report**

The Chief Executive referred to his written report enclosed within the previously circulated papers and highlighted the following:

The Chief Executive reminded the meeting of the key objectives of the MPAGB's Whole Sport Plan which the Association was on the road to achieve the intermediate objectives.

He informed the meeting that the growth in membership had provided a number of challenges at the office especially as it came at a time of developing the administration database to improve administration and reporting. He thanked John Woodbridge and Elizabeth Hunt for their dedication to this task whilst under considerable pressure.

The Chief Executive informed the meeting that the Board was focusing the resources on the Schools' Programme. In 2005/6 the Board had committed additional resources into this area but recognized the need to find innovative ways of increasing this.

The Chief Executive highlighted the need to have influence and an early warning of changes in Modern Pentathlon. In particular he highlighted the work of Martin Dawe and Kate Allenby.

The Chief Executive thanked the many people involved in the sport at all levels including Members of the Board, Regional Officers, competition organizers and officials as they had all played a vital part in the success of the sport.

### **7.3 National Performance Director**

The Chairman drew attention to the written report from the National Performance Director

Jan Bartu, Performance Director, reported that he was grateful that he had a number of key successes to report on after a disappointing 2005 season. He was delighted in the successful transition of junior athletes in to senior competition. In particular, Mhairi Spence, who set her foot on the international stage winning Individual Bronze at the European Championship earlier this year to add to her Individual Silver and Team Gold at the Junior World Championship. In addition to this the Ladies dominated the Senior European Championships winning the Team and Relay competitions.

He reported that the Men had had a successful year with Nick Woodbridge finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the World Cup in Mexico and Sam Weale showing some encouraging performances including qualifying for the Millfield World Cup Finals and finishing 19<sup>th</sup> at the Senior European Championship.

The Performance Director congratulated all medal winners and their coaches for excellent work for over the last season and thanked his colleagues in the Performance Team and the World Class Team for their enthusiasm, personal support and great results achieved in 2006.

The Team were looking forward to a successful World Championships in Guatemala in November.

The Chairman on behalf of the MPAGB, thanked the Performance Director, his team and athletes for what they had achieved over the last 12 months.

### **7.4 Competitions**

The Chairman drew attention to the Competitions report. He informed the meeting that Jill Andrews was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting.

Questions were invited: none was received.

### **7.5 Biathle**

Howard Jones referred to the written report. He highlighted that 2006 had been the most successful of all for British Biathle, since its inception in 1999.

The competition programme had been very successful with the MPAGB organising a five race GB Series, the British round of the Biathle World Tour, two Schools Biathle, National Championships in Salford and the World Biathle Championships in also in Salford.

Members of the MPAGB had represented Great Britain in a number of World Biathle Tour Events, the First European Championships where we had 9 European Champions and a total haul of 15 medals and the World Biathle Championships.

These Championships attracted competitors from Australia, Austria, Cuba, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece Holland, Italy, Korea, and South Africa. With the advantage of staging two previous competitions at the venue, the course was sorted and the only extras to be integrated into the competition were the electronic timing, using timing chips, and a grandstand to help with the viewing.

In spite of the weather the Championships were a success with Great Britain winning 28 medals and for the first time Great Britain have both male and female Senior World Champions with Gregan Clarkson and Maria Barrett.

The MPAGB are indebted to that support received from Salford City Council, in particular, Wendy Walker, Sue Bainbridge and the Commonwealth Games Volunteers.

The Chairman thanked Howard Jones for his report and thanked him for organising the World Biathle Championships as a most enjoyable and successful day of which the MPAGB should be proud.

#### **8 To re-appoint the Association's auditors**

The Chairman reported that the Treasurer had informed him that he was satisfied with the performance of HaysMacintyre of London and recommended that they be re-appointed.

This was agreed.

#### **9 Elections: to announce the appointment or election of the Chairmen, Treasurer and Directors**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the following positions were properly proposed and uncontested and thereby duly appointed:

Chairman – Anthony Temple QC  
Treasurer – David Langridge  
Director – Lawrence Moss  
Director – Clive Hawkins  
Director – Howard Jones

The Chairman thanked all the Board members for their contribution and support and congratulated them on their appointments. In particular, he thanked Sean Kinsey and Geoff Lewis who were both standing down after three years of service as Board Members. He personally thanked them for their contribution which will be missed.

Geoff Lewis thanked the MPAGB for the opportunity to serve as a Board member: he hoped that he would be replaced by someone representative of the membership and looked forward to the inclusion of a female member of the Board. The Chairman observed that the Board was looking to extend its membership on an inclusive basis.

#### **10 To consider and if appropriate transact such other business as may be properly brought before it**

10.1 The Chairman informed the meeting that the MPAGB had bid to host the Senior World Championships at Crystal Palace in 2009. We were awaiting the outcome from the UIPM which should be announced shortly.

10.2 The Chairman informed the meeting that the MPAGB had won the right to host the World Cup event at Millfield School over the period 12-15 April 2007. The Competition would be supported by UK Sport as the Association had

been successful in securing £48K of financial support from UK Sport for this event for which we were extremely grateful.

- 10.3 The Chairman informed the meeting that Jill Andrews was retiring before the AGM next year. He said that we were indebted to her contribution; in particular, to the competitions programme and we wished her well in her retirement.
- 10.4 The Chairman thanked UK Sport and Sport England for their continued support over the last 12 months and looked forward to working with them in the lead up to 2012.

## **11 Close of meeting**

With no further items for discussion, the meeting was closed at 16.50.

The Chairman thanked all those in attendance.