



MINUTES

Of the meeting of the **British Water Ski & Wakeboard Board** held on **Thursday 26th September 2024** via **Video Conference Call**

1. To Record Attendance and Apologies for Absence.

Present:

Martin Winter
Steve Sopp
Andy Phillips
Michael Lock
Richard Fogden
Patrick Donovan

Kylie Cooper
Keir Boissevain
Sarah Wassell, Lead Safeguarding Officer (LSO)

Apologies:

Anny Wooldridge
Margaret Curtis

2. Safeguarding & CPSU Annual Compliance Process.

The BSW Safeguarding Group (comprising of the Chair, CEO and LSO) had met on Tuesday to discuss progress on the rescheduled Child Protection in Sport Until compliance process. Sarah, in her role as LSO, had circulated for today's meeting a comprehensive and clear report outlining safeguarding communications, compliance and case management aims together with an update on progress and completed actions. Sarah outlined key areas of this report and answered any queries on the various actions ongoing, the aim was to attain a full compliance rating as opposed to the current 'conditionally met' rating. A key area in terms of communications was more 'youth-orientated' communications that connected our messaging in a more appropriate way for a young audience; bi-monthly e-newsletters and online drop-in sessions were now also available to provide support at club and centre level.

Case management in particular was highlighted as a particular priority and area of focus, the process had been streamlined with a secure online submission form now available to aid the process (thanks to Kylie for assisting with this online tool). Sarah was clarifying with clubs how and what Club Welfare Officers reported, the affiliation pack had been reviewed also highlighting safeguarding and welfare.

A paper on a new initiative via Active Partnerships (formerly known as County Sports Partnerships) was outlined, which consisted of a network of 63 Sport Welfare Officers employed across the network of 43 Active Partnerships. This network would actively contribute towards the Uniting the Movement strategy and represented one of Sport England's commitments in the policy response to the Whyte Review, published by Sport England and UK Sport. The Whyte Review questioned the level of responsibility and support given to volunteers at grassroots level. The network, in place until March 2027, would complement a sport's existing NGB safeguarding services and provide additional local capacity to help support safeguarding compliance to become embedded in the culture. With smaller NGBs having lean resources this was welcome news.

Furthermore a draft CPSU review meeting submission report (a work still in progress) was outlined to give board members oversight of the highlights, challenges and work ongoing in this area which would be formally assessed in early November.

Requirements 4.7 (in particular) and 5.2 of the Sports Code highlighted in the board agenda front sheet were duly considered in the review of Sarah Wassell's report.

3. Confirmation of Future Meeting Dates.

Board

Thursday 17th October	9AM
Wednesday 6 th November	9AM * Additional date tbc re EDI strategy *
Thursday 21st November	9AM

Some additional meetings may well be required to address ad hoc issues and the proposed time for these meetings is 9am on Wednesday mornings.

Board Sub-Group

Wednesdays	9AM
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Advisory Council

TBC

AGM

Sunday 19 th January	1PM	Queens Club, London
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The meeting closed at 09:25 AM

Minuted by:

Patrick Donovan
CEO