



## GBPF NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY (NGB) APPLICATION

### Supplement to General Secretary's Report for the AGM

Below is a summary of the current position with respect to obtaining recognition as a National Governing Body:

1. A Pre-Application was submitted on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012. This is the first phase of a new procedure introduced by Sport England for NGB recognition. This application required completion of a detailed questionnaire plus submission of various documents, such as the Constitution, Grievance Procedure and Child Safeguarding Policy.
2. We received a response to our application on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013, which detailed a number of areas where corrective action is required. These are mostly procedural and will be addressed as soon as is practicable.
3. The key area where we are deficient is on membership numbers. The Pre-Application guidelines say that for a UK organisation there should be at least 1,650 members and last year we only had half that number. We had argued that with the re-integration of Scotland and Northern Ireland our membership numbers would grow, but this did not make any difference.
4. We have requested a meeting with Sport England to go through their concerns and gain a complete understanding of exactly what is required to be successful. This is essential, as it is counterproductive to keep submitting applications without a good level of confidence they will succeed.
5. It is clear that the single most challenge for us is how to significantly increase membership numbers and the Executive Committee would welcome suggestions from any member on how we can make good progress towards achieving this.
6. Further announcements will be made as and when there is positive news to report.

Richard Parker

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