

# COMMONWEALTH GAMES ENGLAND



## Minutes

**Meeting** Annual General Meeting 2023

**Date** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Time** 12:30pm

**Location** Holborn Tower, London, WC1V 6PL  
(presenters only) & Teams (all attendees)

**Chair** John Steele (JS)

**Attending** List of attendees held separately

### 1. Chairman's welcome – John Steele (JS)

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the AGM. JS outlined the new format for AGM's, 2 virtual and 2 in-person for a Games cycle.

JS set out the agenda for the meeting.

Apologies were acknowledged from the following sports: Athletics, Basketball, Bowls, Cricket, Cycling, Gymnastics, Netball, Rowing and Rugby. JS confirmed that proxy forms had been received which all confirmed the Chair of the meeting as their proxy.

No comments were received on the 2022 minutes. The 2022 minutes were approved.

JS presented a summary of the major events and milestones from the previous year. This highlighted the changes at both Board and Executive level over the last year.

JS introduced Sharjeel Suleman (SS), the Chair of the Board's Audit and Finance Committee, to present the company accounts.

### 2. Financial report – Sharjeel Suleman (SS)

The Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee, Sharjeel Suleman (SS), presented a summary of the approved Annual Financial Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2023.

The accounts were audited by UHY Hacker Young and no matters arose. The going concern position was reviewed and confirmed, and the Board approved the accounts on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2023.

SS noted that the 2022 Games commercial hosting rights were sold to the Games Organising Committee in 2018, which contributed to the deficit in the current year, and the overall loss in the 4-year Games cycle.

SS presented the balance sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, which included a reserve balance of £3.0m. The majority of this is held in cash/bank deposits which supported the going concern

assessment. SS confirmed that Sport England funding had been confirmed for the next Games cycle.

The Chair of Audit and Finance Committee asked the Members to:

- consider the audited Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023 and the I&E for the year ended that date;
- approve the re-appointment of the auditors, UHY Hacker Young; and
- to authorise the Board to set their remuneration

No questions or concerns were raised, and all matters above were approved and authorised, as recommended, by the Members.

### **3. Organisational review – Mark Osikoya (MO)**

New CEO, Mark Osikoya (MO) presented some of the organisational areas of focus over the last 12 months. These included work on a refreshed strategy, progress around key areas relating to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Sustainability, and stakeholder engagement following the Victoria 2026 announcement.

Members were updated on staff secondments following the Victoria 2026 Games cancellation, and the support CGE has received from stakeholders.

MO noted while the update is top line, a more detailed, discussion based NGB call will be taking place the week commencing November 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **4. Trinbago Update – Frankie Carter-Kelly (FK)**

Chef de Mission for the Trinidad and Tobago Youth Games, Frankie Carter-Kelly (FK), updated Members on the successful and exciting 2023 Youth Games.

Overall, Team England placed second in the medal table and medaled in all 4 sports which it competed in, with 6 Championship records set. In addition, Para athletes were invited to participate for the first time.

FK presented the four performance outcomes from the 2023 Youth Games, which included medal success & individual performances, athlete experience, experience for the team behind the team to experience a multi-city Games format, with key learnings for senior Games going forward, and athlete education.

FK informed attendees that a video highlighting the athletes' performances would be shared via email following the meeting.

### **5. Any Other Business (JS)**

No questions or AOB were raised.

There being no further business, the official AGM was closed.