

**Minutes of a Meeting of the SBU Board of Trustees  
held on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 6 pm.**

In the Chair: Sarah Gunn (SG)

Present: Alan Goodman (AG)  
Jean McLaren (JM)  
Ian Patrick (IP)

In attendance: Bob McKinnon (Ops Coordinator) (BM)

Apologies: Mike Hodder (MH)

The board recognised the resignation of Ronan Valentine from the Board of Trustees as at 13 January 2026.

**1. Declarations of Interest**

None

**2. Minutes of the last Meeting**

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Action: SG to send to Damien for upload to website

**3. Actions arising from December 2025 meeting**

Outstanding items	Responsibility of	Outcome
West district new constitution clause 9 had been questioned by the trustees as potentially discriminatory, They agreed that SG should approach the Chair of West District to find out the background.	SG	West district are discussing at next meeting. Very likely that the AGM in April will agree one of 2 changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reference to CBC is removed and the clause relates to all clubs, or</li><li>• Clause 9 is removed</li></ul>

**4. Finance**

The board noted the finance committee meeting minutes of January 26. In particular:

- **Qtr 1 management accounts to 30 November 2025** – nothing to report of significance and within budget and forecast

- **Final Accounts for the Year to 31 august 2025** were formally approved for signature. **Action: Sarah Gunn with Henderson Loggie**
- **Draft contract for story shop** - the board agreed this should be signed and KPIs identified with a break clause after 6 months, if KPIs not met. Start date 1 March; **Action: Robyn Glynne Percy to obtain agreed contract for signature**
- **Changes proposed by 52E to the current agreement for usage of the BBO platform**, are being reviewed by Bob and Sarah, with particular reference to how this will affect clubs. 52E have raised their first offer of 60% revenue share to 70% which is acceptable to all. **Action: BM and SG to get final contract agreed with 52E, to agree start date and to refer to finance Committee for approval and final agreement from Trustees.**
- International funding. The Director of Selection is of the opinion that the reduction in funding for adults to compete for Scotland internationally, is having a negative impact on the selection process. **Action: SG and LC to meet with Anne Symons to discuss financial assistance funds and possible fundraising initiatives.**

The Trustees agreed that the Treasurer could chair the Finance Committee but the TOR would need to reflect that the committee did not require a Trustee to chair. **Action: Treasurer should update the TOR for Trustees approval in March meeting.**

Future finance papers would be prepared by the Treasurer and the Treasurer would attend Trustee meetings when required.

The sale of trophies resulted in net proceeds of £15,000- with silver reaching a record high value. The trustees have asked BM to set up a fund that rewards “Excellence” – this could be awarded to volunteers or players in the SBU.

## **5. Website and communications report**

With the resignation of Ronan Valentine from both the Board of Trustees and the lead on the website and communications group, the working group is meeting on 3 Feb to decide on priorities to create a new landing page to prepare for the promotional campaign beginning March 2026.

## **6. Laws & Ethics update**

The L&E are meeting on 28 January. They will be discussing the exact definition of an “international” ban.

The outcome of the recent disciplinary investigation and appeal is now available on MEM-PAD, through a link on the website, under disciplinary matters.

Bobby Dickson has agreed to be the Convenor of the Disciplinary Panel. This needs to be on the website. **Action: IP to notify the website editor.**

## **7. District Structure**

Trustees noted the paper. AG is keen that the process will be one of brainstorming new ideas rather than dwelling for points of failure in the existing structure.

There are 2 essential questions the group will be focussing on:

1. What is the support clubs and their members need?
2. What needs to change to deliver this?

Its intended the process will take 2-3 months; initial planning starting in February and 2 or 3 workshops to follow. IP will be involved with the review and rewriting of the affiliation agreement if necessary. **Action: AG and Marina Evans to start the review February 2026 and to report on progress at the March board meeting**

## **8. Operations Coordinator Update**

On the request of the OMT, the trustees confirmed that a Pay 2Play scheme would not start before September 2027. Reviews of future income streams will be undertaken in the summer 2026.

## **9. AOCB**

Recruitment of Trustees. The meeting agreed that a dedicated recruitment drive was required and that focus should be on the value individuals could add to the operations and governance of the organisation.

Dates for Next Meetings:

Board Meeting March 11 2026 2pm

Board Meeting April 15 2026 2pm

AGM – 20 May 7pm

**Date of next Meeting – Wednesday March 11 2026 2pm**