

# COMMONWEALTH GAMES ENGLAND



## Minutes

**Meeting** Annual General Meeting 2024

**Date** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

**Time** 10:45AM

**Location** Tintagel House, 92 Albert Embankment,  
London SE1 7TY (presenters only) &  
Teams (all attendees)

**Chair** John Steele (JS)

**Attending** List of attendees held separately

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 2024 AGM.

Apologies were received from the CGF, England Netball and England Golf.

The 2023 AGM minutes noted England Athletics was not in attendance, CEO Chris Jones attended on their behalf so the 2023 minutes will be updated to reflect their attendance. Following that correction the 2023 AGM minutes were approved as read.

JS thanked Sport England for their support over the past year while waiting for a Games announcement, as well as the BOA and BPA for their support to our staff.

JS thanked Macfarlanes, who were recently appointed as the new legal partner, as well as Mark Hanson for supporting the Hanson recipients.

JS noted the appointment of 2 new Board members and 1 Board apprentice. JS thanked Denise Lewis for her outstanding service during her tenure as CGE President.

### 2. CEO's Update: Organizational Review – Mark Osikoya (MO)

MO highlighted the new 2030 CGE strategy, which will launch in March 2025. The new strategy focuses on the broader scope of Team England, both inside and outside of Games times, as well as acknowledging the importance of CGE's people and partners who will continue to represent and carry CGE values forward.

Following the Glasgow 2026 confirmation, CGE is looking forward to an innovative and refreshed Games format. MO noted the excitement from those on the programme, and acknowledged the NGBs not on the programme, who CGE will continue to try to support.

CGE Staff Secondments: CGE have seen some staff move on to new roles and organizations during 2024, but numerous secondment opportunities were put in place to support staff development and preparation for the upcoming Games. CGE staff have completed over 150

days of secondment with Sport England and over 1,000 days with the BOA and BPA.

CGE Offices: CGE have moved offices from Holborn to Vauxhall to best fit the company culture and accommodate requirements around break out space and meeting rooms.

CGE Trust: The Trust has been relaunched, with the first Board meeting held in November 2024.

### **3. Financial report – Sharjeel Suleman (SS)**

The 2023-2024 financial reports were summarized by SS. The accounts were audited by UHY and adopted the accounts on sept 4<sup>th</sup> 2024. There were no concerns regarding the accounts throughout the year.

CGE income in 2023-2024 was £1.1M, running at a deficit of £778k, which was expected. CGE held £2.4M in cash, mostly in reserves, which supported the going concern during the time of uncertainty.

**Members approved the remuneration of the reappointment of auditors and remuneration of CGE Board.**

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

Matthew Curtain congratulated the team on the Glasgow announcement and asked when an announcement or plans will be made for the next Youth Games. MO noted the expression of interest window with the CGF is open, with aim for 2027. FCK and MO hope that by Q1 2025, an announcement will be made for the next Youth Games.

Jon Cockcroft thanked CGE for their efforts to include Bowls and the impact it will have on Bowls.

Sarah Powell asked if conversations around alternative Games planning will continue with sports and disciplines that were unsuccessful in making the 2026 programme. MO noted that the team have been engaging with sports on an individual basis rather than as a collective group of 'no' sports. MO also noted that CGE will need to be opportune in the timing of any future meetings due to the short lead up time.

Phil Smith acknowledged the efforts MO and the team have put in during the time of uncertainty and the work the team have done to positively impact other organizations during this time.

Adrian Christy thanked MO and FCK for their work and are appreciative of the support Table Tennis has been given despite not making the 2026 sport programme, and Adrian looks forward to conversations for the future.

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