

Minutes of the meeting of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board held on 13 June 2011

Present:

Paul Bellringer
Henrietta Bowden-Jones
Richard Ives
Alan Jamieson
David Miers
Julia Neuberger (Chair)
Chris Bell
Russell Hoyle

In attendance:

Jim Fearnley
Carol Stone
Anne Morford (minutes)
Priscilla Padroni

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Gerda Reith and Eleanor Roaf.

2 Declarations of interest

There were no new conflicts of interest declared.

3 Reappointment of members

The Board welcomed RH, who has been appointed to the Board on an interim basis.

The Board was informed that Neil Goulden had stepped down from the Board following his appointment as Chair of GREaT.

It was noted that the Gambling Commission has re-appointed CB and ER to the Board.

4 Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the Board meeting on 24 March 2011 were agreed to be a true record.

5 Minutes of expert Panel meetings

The Board noted the draft minutes from recent Research, Education and Harm Prevention, and Treatment Panel meetings.

6 RGSB costs

CS presented a paper updating the Board on the costs of RGSB and the tripartite system and the following comments were made:

- The number of meetings had been reduced with savings made from holding fewer meetings that ran over lunchtime
- The running costs would have in fact been a lower proportion of total expenditure if RGF had received the expected funds in 2010/11
- It is not RGSB's responsibility to present the cost of the tripartite structure as a whole.
- RGF's running costs will be around 6% of its expenditure.

There was discussion about when it might be appropriate to respond to comments/allegations made about RGSB/RGF's running costs.

7 Future collection of gambling prevalence data / RGSB priorities following BGPS 2010

The Board noted the draft response to the Gambling Commission Chair regarding future collection of gambling prevalence data.

8 Strategy 2011 planning

Board members noted the timetable for the drafting of the Strategy 2011 and JN urged members to provide their comments by 5 July.

It was agreed that the Strategy would be shared informally with GREaT.

9 RGF update

The Board noted the RGF update on the strategic funding framework from RGSB for 2010/11.

GamCare mediation/negotiation

The Board noted the update on the GamCare negotiation/mediation and the problems that had arisen in relation to GamCare's evaluation.

10 Communications strategy update

The Board noted the updated Communications Strategy. The Board was also informed that Alan Ali would continue work with RGF/RGSB, to deliver communications support, which would include pro-active/reactive media support.

11 Gambling Commission research briefing

The quarterly research briefing from the Commission was noted.

12 Date of next meeting

The next meeting is 26th September 2011 at Gala Coral.

13 A.O.B

The Board noted the call for submissions to the CMS Select Committee and members offered their assistance in commenting on the drafting.

It was agreed that each part of the tripartite structure would make separate submissions to the Select Committee.

Action: AM to send contact details of RGSB members to RH.