

Modernisation Working Group - BOB E-Forum

As you may be aware, the Modernisation Working Group have set up an e-forum to collate member feedback on modernisation issues.

The forum will take the form of a series of questionnaires. The results and analysis of the first questionnaire are shown below (based on data capture at 22/9/05). Questionnaire's 2 and 3 will shortly appear online.

The forum is open to any member who wishes to participate. You may register by sending an email to snowsportfeedback@gmail.com. Login and password details will follow.

BOB Questionnaire Responses at 22/9/05 (26/74)

SA = Strongly Agree

A = Agree

D = Disagree

SD == Strongly Disagree

Statement		SA	A	D	SD
1	BOB should be a new organisation, rather than a reinvention of any existing organisation (1 x 0 response)	9	10	3	3
2	BOB should be the national governing body for snowsports throughout the UK	12	9	2	3
3	If BOB is established, the Federation members should cease to exist as independent organisations	9	8	4	4
4	Which organisations, if any, should continue to exist as independent bodies? (Tick the relevant box/es) (Figures reflect Y:N responses)	Snowsport GB		6:20	
		Snowsport Scotland		7:19	
		Snowsport England		7:19	
		Snowsport Wales		7:19	
		SCNI		3:23	
		BARSC		5:21	
		CSWSA		5:21	
		BASI		12:14	
		SCGB		6:20	
		BSA		2:24	
None		5:21			
Statement		SA	A	D	SD
5	BOB should be responsible for all aspects of snowsports, from grass roots to elite	13	9	2	2

6	BOB should provide a centrally developed strategy for snowsports in the UK	14	10	1	1
7	BOB should have a regional network to ensure effective local development and delivery of services	16	7	1	2
8	BOB's seamless structure should be easily understandable to outsiders	16	9	0	1
9	BOB should serve the interests of all snowsport disciplines	13	12	0	1
10	BOB should be a fully inclusive and equitable organisation	14	10	1	1
11	BOB's members should have a representative voice	14	10	1	1
12	BOB should provide clear pathways to meet the needs of every snowsport enthusiast (1 x 0 response)	13	11	0	1
13	BOB should offer enhanced services to its members(2 x 0 response)	8	15	0	1
14	BOB should recognise the talents and contribution of new and existing volunteers	13	12	0	1
15	BOB should make effective and efficient use of its resources	18	7	0	1
16	BOB should proactively seek to increase its resources through commercial activity	10	15	0	1
17	BOB should make best use of professional expertise	13	12	0	1
18	BOB should recognise the importance of the club structure	17	6	2	1
19	BOB should communicate effectively with its members	18	7	0	1

Questionnaire 1 Analysis @ 22/9/05

Response Rate

At 22/9/05, 74 individuals have registered with the Bob Forum. 26 responses have been received.

While the responses are overwhelmingly positive, we must consider why the response rate is only a little over 1:3

- Technical problems
- Apathy/procrastination
- Disillusionment with format of Forum
- Concern at how statements are phrased
- Recent registration

(NB An unscientific telephone survey suggests a mixture of the above).

15 of the respondents are members of Snowsport England. The most notable shortfall in responses is from the members of Snowsport Scotland, although 12 names have been registered in the last 7 days. There are no registrations on behalf of CSWSA or SCGB.

General Trends

(Excluding Q4 re specific organisations)

4/26 respondents “strongly agreed” with all of the statements

10/26 respondents either “agreed” or “strongly agreed” with all the statements

= 54% provided a wholly positive response

1/26 respondents “strongly disagreed” with all of the statements

0/26 respondents either “disagreed” or “strongly disagreed” with all the statements

= 4% provided a wholly negative response

5 respondents generally disagreed with the initial 3 structural questions, but provided wholly positive responses to the principles of BOB

= 19% were against reorganisation to an extent, but agreed wholly with all principles BOB aims to achieve

Creation of Bob/Existing Organisations (Questions 1 – 4)

Statement 1

- 73% believe that BOB should be a new organisation, rather than a reinvention
- The majority (10) “Agreed”

Statement 2

- 81% believe that BOB should be the NGB
- The majority (12) “strongly agreed”

Statement 3

- 65% believe that, if BOB is established, the Federation members should cease to exist
- The majority (9) “strongly agreed”
- Although still in the minority, more respondents “disagreed” (4) and “strongly disagreed” with this statement, than any other

Statement 4

- 27% of respondents believed that the Home Nation Bodies should remain (there was only 12% support for the retention of NISC)
- There was least support (8%) for the BSA, although 2 respondents wish to see it reformed

- There was most support for the continuation of BASI, although still not majority support at 46%
- SCGB and Snowsport GB both receive 23% support
- BARSC and CSWSA both have 19% support
- 19% of respondents believe than none of the listed organisations should continue

Principles

*While we are considering all responses as given, it should be noted that one respondent provided a “strongly disagree” response to all statements. It would be reasonable to suggest that while he truly strongly disagrees with statements relating to structure, he does not necessarily disapprove of the principles, but believes that they should not be attributed to BOB.

The fifteen statements of principle, laid down in the questionnaire, were broadly agreed. Disagreement ranged from 4% to 15%, with the thorniest issue being responsibility for grassroots to elite.

Strongest agreement (majority “strongly agree” and only 1 negative response*) was found on the issues of communication, good use of resources and the need for an easily understandable, seamless structure.

For 13/15 statements, the “strongly agree” responses outweigh the “agrees”. This is not the case with respect to enhanced member services and increased commercial activity.

Conclusion

It would appear that there is an appetite for BOB among at least some of the membership, although the low response rate is of concern.

While there is considerable work required on future structures, there does seem to be a general consensus with respect to our aims. In a sense this is not surprising, however, we should look very closely at what members want, find some common ground between grassroots and elite and begin an education process with respect to the realities of funding sport in the current environment.