

WELSH ATHLETICS LTD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual General Meeting held in the Taff Suite at the Sport Wales National Centre, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff and online via Zoom at 10am on Saturday 22nd October 2022

Present:

Company Members of Welsh Athletics Ltd

Steve Perks	Board Member (Chair)
Bernie Plain	Board Member
Nick Everitt	Board Member
Sue Alvey	Board Member – Chair General Council
Helen Adams	Board Member
Dr Nicky Lewis	Board Member
Lorna Kerr	Board Member
Lynette Harries	Honorary President
Graham Finlayson	Honorary Vice-president
Ian Griffiths	Honorary Vice-president
Alun Currie	Life Member
Joyce Tomala	Life Member
Kay Hatton	North Wales Regional Athletics Council
Christine Vorres	East Wales Regional Athletics Council
Kyle Perry	South Wales Regional Athletics Council
Rob Campion	West Wales Regional Athletics Council
Richard Gardner	Aberdare Valley AC
Fred Malkin	Barry & Vale Harriers
Steve Brace	Bridgend AC
Steve Hames	Neath Harriers
Chris Pratt	Ogmore Phoenix
Gareth White	Prestatyn RC
Gareth Oldham	Welsh Schools Athletic Association

Also present

James Williams	Chief Executive Officer
Robert Sage	Head of Corporate Services
Jacqueline Brace	Welsh Athletics
Rhiannon Hawker	Welsh Athletics
Andrew Thomas	Welsh Athletics
Brenda Currie	
Peter Morris	Volunteer
Jamie Clode	Secretary General Council
Paul Davies	Secretary, Aberdare Valley AC
Lorraine Price	Secretary, Cardiff Athletics

i President's welcome

The President (LH) welcomed everyone to the AGM of Welsh Athletics Ltd. As part of her welcome LH asked the room to respect a minute's silence to remember those members who have passed away over the past 12 months;

- David Ball, Terry Davies, Nick Fisher, Ron Freeman, Vivienne Head, Lucy John, Ron Jones, Mary Jones, Gillian Regan, Bill Wright, Nick Williams, Luther Williams, Brian Williams, and Adrian Woods.

ii Apologies for absence

John Penny [Life Member], Clive Williams [Life Member], Tom Overton [Board Member], Dr Hedydd Davies [Life Member], Chris Jones [National Coach].

iii Minutes of the 2021 AGM

The minutes were unanimously accepted as an accurate record.

iv Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

ITEMS OF ORDINARY BUSINESS

1 Appointment of Scrutineers

- 1.1 Jacqui Brace, Andrew Thomas, and Rob Sage [online], all non-vote holders, were appointed scrutineers

2 Report of the Board of Directors

- 2.1 The Chair welcomed everyone, stated his thanks to all for attending.
- 2.2 The Chair invited James Williams, CEO, to present his report on behalf of the Board. Hannah Pretty [Head of Development] & Rhiannon Hawker [Head of Competition] presented updates on their areas of work as part of this report.
- 2.3 The report of the Board of Directors was accepted unanimously.

3 Financial Report, Accounts and Audit Findings

- 3.1. Nick Everitt, Non-Executive Director – Finance, gave an overview of the annual accounts.
- 3.2. The annual accounts to March 2022 and a full audit report had been distributed ahead of the AGM. As had been agreed previously a full annual audit had been conducted and no issues were raised which was highlighted as an incredible achievement.
- 3.3. The financial report was accepted, and the accounts were approved

4 General Council Report

4.1 The report was included in the Annual Report. SA highlighted that virtual meetings had actually led to increased attendance and put everybody across Wales on an equal footing. Reports and information regarding COVID restrictions had been received, discussed, and passed on.

4.2 The General Council Report was accepted.

5 Appointment of Accountants

5.1 It was agreed to appoint O'Brien and Partners as accountants, and HSJ Audit Ltd. as our financial auditors for the ensuing year and authorise the Board to fix their remuneration.

6 Appointment of Patrons

6.1. Lynn Davies CBE was re-appointed as Patron of the company. Colin Jackson was appointed as a new patron

6.2. The Chair again stated he and the CEO would welcome suggestions from Members and the community of suitable individuals to be considered for the role, especially any female. The role is an ambassadorial role, spreading the word about athletics in Wales far and wide.

7 To appoint the following positions

7.1 Graham Finlayson was appointed unanimously as Honorary President of Welsh Athletics.

Bernie Plain was then nominated from the floor by Graham to fill the vacant Vice-President role and unanimously approved by those present.

7.2 Jamie Clode was appointed unanimously as Chair of General Council

8 Appointment of Delegates to organisations on which the Company is entitled to be represented

8.1 Delegate to the Commonwealth Games Council for Wales Executive Committee – James Williams

8.2 Delegates (3) to the Commonwealth Games Council - Chris Jones**, Steve Perks, James Williams

8.3 Delegate to the Welsh Sports Association – James Williams

- **Approved en bloc**

***Chris Jones will be replaced by the new Head of Performance once appointed.*

9 Determination of Annual Registration and Affiliation Fees (2023/2024)

- 9.1 Both the current Registration fee of £100 and Member Affiliation fee of £12 for Juniors and £19.50 for Seniors will be frozen at current levels for 2023/24.

10 Consideration of the Report of the Service Awards Panel

10.1 To receive and accept the recommendations for Life Membership of Welsh Athletics. The following were externally nominated and/or recommended by members of the Panel:

Brenda Currie, Bernie Plain, & Graham Finlayson

10.2 To receive and accept the recommendations for the Meritorious Award. The following were externally nominated and/or recommended by members of the Panel:

David Ball, Nick Fisher**, Carol Jones, Joan Goldsmith, David Jessett, Christine Vorres**

10.3 To receive and accept the recommendations for the Award of Honour. The following were externally nominated and/or recommended by members of the Panel:

Paul Aird, Gwyneth Howells, John McFaull, Mick McGeoch, Geoff Wickins

10.4 To receive and accept the recommendations for the Athlete Achievement Award. The following were externally nominated and/or recommended by members of the Panel:

Hedydd Davies, Catherine Dugdale, Bob Maplestone, Jeremy Mower, Andy Turner, John Walters****

***Posthumous award*

All the above were approved.

Items of Special Business

11 Notices of Motion

11.1 Changes to the Articles of Associations

Updating of the Articles of Association in line with the Companies Act 2006

Increase in the term of Office of the Chair:

10.3 The Chair's term of office shall be four years and a maximum of two terms.

Increase in the term of office of a Non-Executive Director:

10.4 The maximum term of office for a Non-Executive Director is four years and a maximum of two consecutive terms of office.

'DISQUALIFICATION, REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS' - Addition of line:

11.1.7 The Director completes the maximum period in office permitted by Article **Error! Reference source not found..3**

All of the above motions were passed with unanimous vote

11.2 Amendments to the Byelaws of Welsh Athletics;

Replace Byelaw 12 'Disciplinary Procedures' with the following:

"12.1 If it shall appear to the Board of Directors that any irregularity or breach of these Byelaws or other matter of concern to it, may have occurred, it shall follow the procedures as set out in the Disciplinary Rules and Procedures (Disciplinary Rules) document."

Replace Byelaw 13 'Appeals' with the following:

"13.1 Any person or affiliated club or organisation suspended, expelled or disqualified by a decision made in accordance with the Disciplinary Rules."

All of the above motions were passed with unanimous vote

12 Date and venue of 2023 General Meeting

Provisionally proposed as 21st October 2023 with the caveat that this may need to move to 28th October if the Chair & CEO are required to be at the European Congress to speak on behalf of a bid to host the European Cross-Country Championships in Wales.

THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.