

Board Meeting: 17 August 2023 - virtual

Board Members : Paul Thorogood (PT), John Davies (JD), Jared Lougher (JL), Helen Arnold-Richardson (HAR), Katie Langan (KL), Richard Brice (RB)

Invited: Colin Metson (CM), Adam Park (AP), Colin Jones (CJ)

Apologies: Adam Thompson (AT)

ITEM	NOTE	
1.0	<p>PT welcomed everyone to the urgently arranged meeting. There were three agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Russia and Belarus Board Policy • IBA/World Boxing • Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2023 	
2.0	<p>Russia and Belarus Board Policy</p> <p>The paper already circulated was taken as read and an email from Sport Wales, dated 14 August was also shared.</p> <p><i>As discussed in the meeting, Sport Wales raise no objection to the content of the paper that you are proposing the Wales Boxing Board adopts. We would ask that the emphasis is put on athlete and staff safety and assurance that the appropriate risk assessments will be conducted prior to travel as per the paper.</i></p> <p>With such assurances from Sport Wales and the evidence and assurances within the paper the following adaptation to the existing policy was agreed:</p> <p>Welsh Boxing's policy regarding competitive contact with Russian and Belarusian boxers is amended so that Welsh boxers, coaches and officials, who have already arrived at an IBA/EUBC tournament location, may henceforth proceed to take part in competitions involving them, but only where WABA has been officially led to believe beforehand that they would not be participating.</p>	
3.0	<p>IBA / World Boxing</p> <p>The paper already circulated was taken as read. CM provided an updated position from recent meetings from the International Relations Group and World Boxing and AP and CJ provided updates about the proposed performance programme over the next few months.</p> <p>After a discussion the following position was agreed:</p> <p>Welsh Boxing remains a member of the IBA and considers joining World Boxing.</p> <p>The Board will also share an update on the position with the membership at the AGM on 16 September, as well as communicating the position to the Divisional Chairs prior to the AGM. The Board understands that on 24 October, World Boxing will announce information about the first Congress in November.</p>	CM to develop a paper for the AGM

	<p>It was also confirmed that the proposed board resolution to delete article 42 is not required at this time.</p>	
4.0	<p>Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2023</p> <p>CM had already circulated the draft accounts, prepared by Advantage Accountancy. In AT's absence, CM said both AT and Dave Vickery, Finance Consultant, had both viewed them.</p> <p>The current reserves remained within the guidelines of the Reserves Policy.</p> <p>JL asked for a review of the annual accounts, actual against budget across all areas and this will be shared at the next board meeting. A three-year budget has also been developed by the Finance Committee and will also be shared.</p> <p>The Board approved the Accounts and asked for PT to sign them off.</p>	<p>Finance Committee</p> <p>PT to sign</p>
5.0	<p>AOB</p> <p>Safeguarding Training HAR urged board directors to complete the online training.</p> <p>Dinner Show CM said the Box Cup was a sell out and asked board directors to promote the Dinner Show on Friday 13 October. PT informed the board that the Secretary of State for Wales will be attending. CM will follow up with Welsh Government and Sport Wales.</p> <p>Communications Strategy PT informed the board that Katy Evans, who developed the Community Strategy, has been approached to deliver a proposed Communications Strategy.</p> <p>Papers The following papers were included in the pack prior to the meeting for information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Governance & Leadership Framework document • Updated Gender Parity Action Plan 	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>CM</p>
	<p>The next meeting will be in person in October. A date will be set once board director interviews are completed.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.05pm.</p>	<p>To set a date</p>