

Annual General Meeting

16 September 2023

Board Members: Paul Thorogood (PT), John Davies (JD), Helen Arnold-Richardson (HAR), Jared Lougher (JL), Richard Brice (RB), Adam Thompson (AT). AT was via video link.

Attendees: Colin Metson (CM), Dean Morgan (Ogmore Valley), Gareth Davies (Ogmore Valley), Anthony Ford (Cwmavon Hornets), Nigel Davies (Cwmavon Hornets), Paul Kennedy (Celtic Warriors), Becky Absolom (Portmead), David Jones (Maelor), Carl Pesticcio (Prince of Wales), Chris Houlihan (Warehouse), Stephen Brophy (Premier), James Salter (Warehouse), Lee Martin (Pontyclun), Mathew Robinson (Pontyclun), Ryan Osgood (Mynydd Cynffig), Chris Parry (Mynydd Cynffig), Paul Grenfell (Portmead), John Bates (Pembroke Dock), Dean Hopkins (Llynfi Valley) and Rachel Sansom (notetaker)

Invited: Debbie Lane (DL), Advantage Accountancy

Apologies: Gwent Swansea, Planet Fitness and Paddy Simons

ITEM	NOTE	
	PT opened the meeting at 10.10am, welcomed everybody in the room and virtually. PT confirmed the meeting quorate. PT pointed everybody to his report in the AGM pack and gave a brief outline of the changes since the last AGM including an expansion of the team at Welsh Boxing and the drive to improve communications, grant applications and the service to the clubs. He asked the clubs to help the team by providing membership data and respond to requests. This enables the sport to get noticed and apply for funding. Clubs should also be encouraged to apply for the grants available. CM read out the list of names from the obituaries that had been received. No other names were proposed. A minute's silence followed.	
2.0 3.0	TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF 2022 AGM & MATTERS ARISING CM said the minutes, including the finance questions and answers, were included in the AGM pack, and already circulated. Carl Pesticcio and Paul Kennedy proposed and seconded that the minutes be accepted.	
4.0	APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS HAR, RB and Katie Langan (not present) had all expressed their wish to continue as a board member for Welsh Boxing. The recommendation for each director was unanimously agreed by the meeting.	
5.0	RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD None proposed.	
6.0	MEMBER RESOLUTIONS None received.	

<p>7.0</p> <p>8.0</p> <p>9.0</p>	<p>TO RECEIVE REPORTS</p> <p>CM pointed everybody to his report in the AGM pack.</p> <p>CM said the Board also wanted to update the meeting about the current status with IBA and World Boxing and take any questions. Three slides were shared and will be circulated to all clubs at a later date.</p> <p>CM outlined the threat to boxing continuing to be an Olympic sport due to ongoing issues between the IOC and IBA. The IBA has been de-recognised by the IOC for the Olympics, although there is currently a legal challenge on this. CM outlined that there was a new body, World Boxing, and they are looking to be the next recognised body for the Olympics. The landscape is changing very quickly, and CM advised the meeting that the position for Welsh Boxing is currently a 'wait and see' policy. He confirmed any decision to join the new organisation would be taken by the Board, but the AGM was a good opportunity to hear from the membership. PT added that it is important to understand the differences between the two organisations. IBA can offer more competitions and World Boxing are focused on the Olympic pathway. PT told the meeting that Welsh boxers must have a clear pathway to future Olympic Games.</p> <p>Questions from the meeting followed such as asking if this will be a political decision. PT answered that Welsh Boxing has to consider the government's position as they fund the sport. Also, if recognised, the IOC will fund World Boxing for Olympic involvement.</p> <p>Discussions moved on. CM confirmed that the Sport Wales funding is based on performance on the world stage but also on the impact boxing clubs have in the community. This is why the team has grown, including a Head of Community Boxing, to support clubs in growing.</p> <p>PT confirmed that boxing clubs in the community offer an exciting opportunity. Many clubs are doing amazing work that needs to be shared.</p> <p>Returning to World Boxing and the deadlines imposed for joining, PT confirmed that decisions would be made soon but the ideal position is to be a member of both the IBA and World Boxing.</p> <p>CM concluded the section and advised that any news will be shared as it happens.</p> <p>CM confirmed that the Finance Director report was also in the AGM pack and asked for any questions. None were received and all reports were accepted.</p>	
<p>10.0</p>	<p>TO ADOPT THE ACCOUNTS 22/23</p> <p>CM confirmed that the board had approved the accounts and these were available on the website and shared at the meeting. He invited DL, from Advantage Accountancy, to give an overview. DL outlined the headline figures from the accounts and provided detail on income and expenditure.</p> <p>AT addressed the meeting. He raised the fact that DL had informed a deficit in the accounts although the reserves remain good at £130,000. He explained that this is based on the investment made throughout the year. He wanted it to be clear that investment, in the right areas, is a very positive action. This expenditure is planned, and decisions made with due diligence on the benefits of the spending. He confirmed that the accounts show a very healthy position.</p> <p>CM asked for any questions. None were received and the accounts formally adopted.</p>	

11.0	LIFE MEMBERSHIPS <p>Before CM introduced the next section, Dean Morgan asked why his proposals made at the 2019 AGM had not been progressed. He named Ken McCain (Gilfach Goch) (deceased), Bobby Lewis (Porthcawl) and John Eldwood (Kenfig Hill) as people who had been proposed at the meeting and nothing had been followed up. CM confirmed that the normal process is for nominations to be made to the divisional officers. These nominations are received with a supporting statement that is then reviewed by the board members prior to the AGM. The Life Memberships are then presented at the AGM.</p> <p>Action on CM to check previous AGM minutes and respond to Dean Morgan.</p> <p>CM read out the nominations for Life Membership. Awards were presented by the Chair to Carl Pesticcio (Prince of Wales), Stephen Brophy (Premier) and Nigel Davies (Cwmavon Hornets). Paddy Simons (Gwent Swansea) was also honoured but was unable to attend. Paul Kennedy, in his capacity as West Division Secretary, took the award to present to Paddy at the next divisional meeting. All life members received a round of applause.</p> <p>CM encouraged more clubs to consider nominations for next year.</p>	Completed
12.0	ANY OTHER BUSINESS <p>CM shared some proposed dates for future competitions that Welsh Boxing are planning to hold throughout the next season. Although not confirmed dates, the schedule is a busy one and Welsh Boxing is keen for the members to have lots of opportunities for different events throughout the next year.</p> <p>PT thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone good luck for the Box Cup and the future season.</p>	
	<p>The next meeting date will be advised.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 11.00am.</p>	