

Welsh Fencing
Annual General Meeting
27th November 2022, 10:30am via Teams
Minutes

Present: M Russell, C Wheeler, C Jones, M Ridsdale, G Law, L Martin, S Russell, L Robinson, M Robinson, L Eastwood, M Evans-Jones, M Clemitson, G Ap Phylip, R Jackson, S Lancey

1. Chair's opening remarks

The Chairman opened the AGM, and explained that this is a formal event required through our Articles, and through Company Law. Its also important from the perspective of SportWales to ensure we are adhering to our governance expectations.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from members Fran Whalley and Tania Craig.

3. Minutes of the last AGM

Mark Ridsdale proposed that the 2021 Minutes be accepted as a true & accurate record of the event. This was seconded by Matt Russell, and duly approved.

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman delivered his report. A copy of the Powerpoint slides is available on the website. It broadly covered:

- Urdd overview & progress
- Commonwealth Championships
- Events
- UKAD
- Welsh Vets integration
- Governance & Funding
- Focus for 2023

5. Adoption of Company Accounts

M Russell proposed that the Company Accounts be accepted; Lyn Robinson seconded the proposal. The Company Accounts were duly adopted.

6. Director Reports

The following Directors provided updates:

- A report on the Accounts was delivered on behalf of Caroline; a copy is available on the website;

- A report on the ADP was delivered by Mike Evans-Jones;

7. Election of the Directors

The following Directors are on a two year tenure, which expired this year:

- Fran Whalley (Secretary)
- Mark Ridsdale (Director)

The following nominations were received:

Secretary: Elaine Corcoran, Christelle Jones

Director: John Rees, Marc Burkhalter

Christelle Jones subsequently withdrew her nomination, meaning that Elaine Corcoran was appointed unopposed as Honorary Secretary.

Members were offered an opportunity to vote online as well as during the meeting. The Chairman proposed that the Chat facility be used to allow Members who had not yet voted to submit their votes for the Director role.

The overall voting was John Rees 22 votes, to Marc Burkhalter 16 votes, meaning that John Rees was appointed to the role of Director under a two-year tenure. However, the Articles allow for eight Directors. The Board therefore appointed Marc Burkhalter into the role of Director. This role has exactly the same definition as the other Directors, except the tenure is one year.

The Chair welcomed the new appointees to the Board, and thanked the retiring Directors for their efforts.

8. Any Other Business

- M Clemitson proposed that the Membership recognize the efforts of Kim, who is shortly retiring as Head Office Manager at British Fencing. This was agreed, and the Chair will submit a vote of thanks & appreciation on behalf of the Membership
- The Board proposed that Margaret Myers lifetime of fencing be recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award. This was vigorously approved.
- Lyn Robinson, on behalf of the Veterans, formally recognized the role of the ADP in having a positive impact on the results of those Veteran fencers who competed at the recent Commonwealth Championships.

9. Date of the next AGM

26 November, 2023.