



Welsh Fencing AGM

26 November 2023



Agenda

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Chair's opening remarks
- 3. Minutes of the last AGM
- 4. Chairman's Report
- 5. Adoption of Company Accounts
- 6. Director Reports
- 7. Election of the Directors
- 8. Motions
- 9. AOB
- 10. Date of the next AGM



Opening Remarks

- Formal event required through our Articles & Company Law
- Also required by Sport Wales' governance requirements
- Engage with the membership
- Adoption of minutes from AGM 2022



Chair's Report



Introduction & Contents

- Key Priorities & Achievements
- Governance
- Finances
- Focus for 2024



2023 Priorities & Achievements

- Events - Delivering the highest quality events for competitors, officials and volunteers
 - Welsh Cadet Championships – February 2023
 - Welsh National Championships – February 2023
 - Welsh Team Championships – February 2023
 - Cadet ADP & BYC Qualifiers – March 2023
 - Welsh Veteran Championships – September 2023
 - Youth ADP (N Wales) – October 2023
- 6W Cadet BRC – July 2023
 - The only 6W cadet event outside the British Championships
 - Entry 185 (2022), 193 (2023)
 - One of the first ranking events of the season
- Welsh Open – November 2023
 - Largest entry in recent history
 - Premier for Wheelchair Fencing – 19 Competitors



2023 Priorities & Achievements

- UKAD
 - Continued adherence to the requirements of the Framework
- Development and Profile of Wheelchair fencing in Wales
 - Para-sport festival July 2023
 - Held the British Wheelchair Championships
 - Welsh Open
 - Supporting BF bring the Wheelchair Fencing World Cup to Wales in Jan 2024
 - Attending INSPORT events run by Disability Sport Wales – Introducing fencing to disabled children, young people and adults



Governance

- WF continue to adhere to the governance requirements of Sport Wales to ensure our continued funding
- Full financial review with Sport Wales



Finances

- Maintained current levels of financial support from Sport Wales
 - Challenging given the Welsh Government's fiscal situation and increased focus on NHS, transport and social care
- Recognised for 5-year planning process and surplus/deficit cycle
- £18k capital investment from Sport Wales to enable our ambitions to better support para-fencing in Wales
 - 2 x wheelchair frames purchased
 - Located in Cardiff & Wrexham
 - Specifically designed fencing wheelchairs in final stage of development with RMA – Bridgend



Looking ahead to 2024

- Cadet & Junior Commonwealth Championships – New Zealand
 - Logistical & financial challenges
- Further work supporting clubs and coaches with wheelchair fencing



Adoption of the Company Accounts



Director Reports

- Financial Update – Caroline Wheeler (absent so delivered by Chair)
- Fencing Report – Mike Evans-Jones / John Rees
- Safeguarding Report – Tania Craig



Election of the Directors

Resignation of Deputy Chair - Lyn Robinson

End of tenure

- Director Mike Evans-Jones
- Treasurer Caroline Wheeler

Nominations Received

- Deputy Chair Mike Evans-Jones
- Treasurer Caroline Wheeler

Mike Evans-Jones and Caroline Wheeler are therefore duly elected unopposed to the positions of Deputy Chair and Treasurer respectively

Appointed Directors

- Tania Craig
- Marc Burkhalter

Board will consist of 7 members:

Chair –	Matt Russell
Deputy Chair –	Mike Evans-Jones
Secretary –	Elaine Corcoran
Treasurer –	Caroline Wheeler
Director –	Tania Craig
Director –	Marc Burkhalter
Director –	John Rees



Motion 1 – Lyn Robinson

“To offer Life Membership to Robert Phelps in recognition of his lifetime achievements and long standing association with WF, as a senior and as a veteran.

Rob, having previously represented GBR at three consecutive Olympic Games in 1964, Tokyo, 1968, Mexico City and 1972, Munich, for Pentathlon as an individual and as a member of the Pentathlon team. Representing GBR at veteran level at FIE World Championships and European Championships as an individual and as a member of the team. Additionally, representing Wales as a senior and as a veteran at Commonwealths, Home Nations and the Veteran Celtic Challenge in epee.”



Motion 2 – Rhiannon Craig

- To propose an additional Director role on the Board to specifically represent the younger members (U23) of Welsh Fencing.
- I would like to propose an additional Director role on the Board. I believe that we should have some youth representation to be the voice for younger fencers in Cymru as we have some unique experiences that have become more and more noticeable with COVID, the cost of living, and other changes to the landscape of modern day Cymru



AOB



- Date of the next AGM – Proposed date Sunday 24th November 2024

- Close