

## Welsh Sports Association

### Annual General Meeting 2020

7pm Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Microsoft Teams

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Geraint John	WRU
Roger Williams	WKGB
Sue Maughan	Sport Wales
Colin Metson	WABA
Michelle Fulford	Welsh Gymnastics
Angharad Collins	Torfaen Leisure Trust
Gerwyn Owen	RYA
Philippa Hearnden	WRPA
John Dallimore	WSTF
Owen Rodgers	Cardiff Met
Beverley Lewis	Welsh Triathlon
Richard Bennett	Welsh Student Sport
Alan Green	FAW Club
Helen Tan	Welsh Rowing
Jon Poole	Croft Communications
Tom Overton	Welsh Triathlon
Simon Johnstone	Tennis Wales
Gerald Stacey	Welsh Cycling
Todd Kelman	Cardiff Devils
Anne Adams-King	Welsh Cycling
Leshia Hawkins	Cricket Wales
Martin Watkins	WTSF
Rachel Pedley	UK Breakin NGB
Robin Kellen	Snowsports Wales
Fiona Reid	DSW
Bryan Puckett	Welsh Motor Cycle Federation
Susan Barker	South Wales University
Rebecca Rothwell	Sport Wales
Sarah Powell	Sport Wales
Rhian Evans	Sport Wales
WSA Board Directors	
Lynn Pamment	WSA Chair
Helen Humphrey	WSA Board Director
Mark Tweed	WSA Bord Director
Paul Whapam	WSA Board Member/ Ospreys

Sarah Jones	WSA Board Member / CEO Netball Wales
Kate Stokes-Davies	WSA Board Director
Fergus Feeney	WSA Board Director / CEO Swim Wales
Jonathan Ford	WSA Director / CEO FAW
WSA Executive	
Victoria Ward	Chief Executive
Thomas Sharp	Business Development Manager
Matthew Williams	Head of Communications & Policy
Josephine Pakes	Business Support Manager
Steffan Howells	Business Support Officer

### 1.0 Chairs Welcome

The Chair, Lynn Pamment introduced herself and thanked everybody for attending, she said it was great to see so many in attendance for the WSA's first online AGM.

### Apologies

No apologies were noted.

### 2.0 Approval of AGM minutes 1st July 2019

- (a) The minutes were unanimously approved by the membership and accepted for accuracy.

### 3.0 Financial Matters

- a) Finance Director, Mark Tweed, presented the WSA & Vibrant Nation Annual Accounts. He noted that WSA were committed to developing services for members. He explained how turnover had significantly increased and how WSA had again managed to reduce their reliance on Sport Wales funding, down from 52% in 2018/19 to 42% in 2019/20. MT described how for the first time in over a decade the WSA had finished the year with a deficit, this was due to successfully defending a membership challenge.

- b) MT explained that Vibrant Nation was required to submit Micro Accounts to Companies House, due to its size. Vibrant Nation had made a £4k profit this year and all profits after tax were invested back into services to benefit the membership.

No questions were raised from the membership in respect of the accounts.

- (c) MT proposed the appointment of Arthur Gait & Company as auditors for the coming year. This was unanimously approved by the membership.

#### **4.0 WSA Annual Report**

The Chief Executive, Victoria Ward, thanked members for attending and presented the main findings of the annual report. VW spoke of the increase in membership, from 2018/19 to 2019/20 and how the membership has continued to grow in this current year. VW talked about the WSA's Covid response work. Looking to the future, VW affirmed the importance of WSA listening to the membership on what their needs are. Victoria disclosed that WSA are out to tender for investigatory work to be undertaken in respect of the shared services requirements of the sector so that we may continue maximising collaboration.

VW explained how the training services had continued to grow, the Welsh Political Landscape training had been really insightful and particularly beneficial in preparing colleagues for the management of their Covid response. VW went on to announce a 121% return on investment through the Governance and Leadership Framework for Wales contract it operates through Vibrant Nation on behalf of Sport Wales. For the future of the contract aspirations would be to make the support service more widely available to stakeholders. B

VW referred to WSA's three-year strategy, due to finished next September, she described how WSA had chosen to have a three-year strategy instead of five years so the organisation could evolve and respond more quickly with the changing landscape. WSA are currently ahead on delivering against all targets set in the strategy and will soon being the process of developing its 2021-2024 strategy, ready for publication in September 2021. The WSA will be consulting with members to ensure their new strategy reflects the needs of the membership.

The Chair encouraged members to take part in the membership survey. Thanks were offered by the membership to WSA for its hard work.



Angharad Collins – 15 votes – 52%

Gerry Stacey – 9 votes – 31%

Philippa Hearnden – 4 votes – 14%

Richard Brice – 1 vote – 3%

Angharad Collins was announced as the new elected director to the WSA board. The Chair thanked all those that had been nominated and congratulated AC on her appointment.

### **7.0 Proposed changes to the Company Articles**

The CEO, briefly explained the proposed changes to the Articles, which reflect the changes made to the Membership Terms & Conditions. She explained that the changes allowed the WSA to have more control over the membership process, supporting the best interests of the sector and the membership. Full details of the changes were circulated 14 days prior to the meeting as set out in the Articles. Voting took place online; the voting was closed during the meeting. The membership unanimously accepted the changes with no opposition.

### **8.0 Keynote Speaker – Chris Grant – Minority Interest?**

The Chair introduced the Keynote Speaker for the evening, Chris Grant. His full keynote can be found [here](#).

### **9.0 Any Other Business, closing remarks from the Chair.**

The Chair thanked Chris Grant for his contribution and the attendees of the meeting gave CG a round of applause. She thanked everyone for attending and acknowledged the challenges that had been faced in the last 7 months and praised the sector on their collaboration that would only make them stronger going forward. The Chair thanked the WSA staff for their support and hard work also.

VW thanked the attendees for their continued support and confirmed the AGM recording would be available from tomorrow.

The membership thanked the WSA for its continued support, particularly in response to the Covid crisis.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm

