

Welsh Sports Association

Annual General Meeting 2021

6.30pm Thursday 11th November 2021

Zoom

1.0 Chairs Welcome

Lynn Pamment introduced herself as Chair and thanked everybody for attending, she said it was great to see so many attending.

Made the difficult decision to once again have the AGM online but hope to have an in-person event in 2022.

Any questions to be written in the chat box or raise a hand if needed.

2.0 Approval of AGM minutes 16th November 2020

(a) The minutes were approved and accepted for accuracy.

18 Approvals and no rejections.

3.0 Any Matters Arising

4.0 Financial Matters

a) Finance Director, Mark Tweed, presented the WSA & Vibrant Nation.

(b) Arthur Gait & Company were approved as auditors by the members for the coming year.

Since Membership fees were first taken in 2017, there has not been an increase in fees. The WSA board has looked at the forecast and taken the decision to increase the memberships fee by 5% to increase from April 2022.

5.0 WSA Board Member Election

Fergus Feeney (CEO – Swim Wales) has finished his first 4-year term and in line with the company articles and was required to step down at the AGM. Fergus has chosen to stand again for a second term.

Gerain John (Community Director – WRU) is also standing for election for a first term as a WSA board member.

As we only had 2 vacancies and 2 nominees, there was no requirement to vote in those elections.

Fergus will be continuing the WSA board for a second term and welcoming Geraint John in joining the WSA board in his first term.

6.0 WSA Annual Report

The Chief Executive thanked members for attending and presented the main findings of the annual report.

Briefly going through the annual report from the last year.

Covid has been our enemy for the past 20 months and our plans did survive all attacks.

Our vision and mission are going in the right direction, Voice in the sector and support the resilience of the sector whilst doubling our Membership in last 3 years.

Training platform and running training programmes remotely with right directions.

Thank you to community leisure UK who helped to deepen our understanding of the challenges and opportunities of the troubles of the leisure trusts in the UK.

A lot of positive opportunities have come out due to covid-19.

2021-22 – new strategy to be launched next year.

Facilities continue to be a challenge.

Welsh sports foundation to provide support for individuals and young people who are unable to afford to take part in activities.

7.0 WSA Strategy Consultation 2022-2025

Matt Williams, Policy & Communications Manager said that the purpose of the presentation was to outline the ongoing consultation strategy for 2022-2025. Hoping to launch the strategy January.

Current strategy for 2018-2021 has stood up to the test of covid.

Renew: Recharge: Reinvigorate

8.0 Membership Plus

CEO, Victoria ward briefly explained the changes to the articles which reflect the changes made to the Membership Terms & Conditions in allowing WSA more control over the membership process, supporting the best interests of the sector. 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.

9.0 Discussion Groups

Discussion Groups Member placed in breakout rooms for 10 minutes to discuss any of the membership topics

10.0 Any Other Business

Thanks to Helen Humphrey for all her hard work, who is standing down from the WSA board.

Thanks, and Congratulations to Sarah Jones who leaves the board and is leaving her post as the CEO of Wales Netball and takes up a new role as the Executive Director for Wales in the Princes Trust.

Congratulations Josephine Pakes leaving the WSA for a new role with Natural Resources Wales.

Congratulations to Steffan Howells who is being promoted to Business Support Manager.

Video address from Dawn Bowden – Deputy Minister [WSA AGM 2021 - Ministerial Address - YouTube](#)

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

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