

Welsh Sports Association
Annual General Meeting 2022
6.30pm – Thursday 13th of October
Online via Microsoft Teams

1.0 Chairs Welcome

Lynn Pamment introduced herself as Chair and thanked everybody for attending. The Chair commented that it was great to see so many in attendance.

The Chair then welcomed Andrew Howard to his first AGM as CEO of the WSA.

Members were reminded that if there were any questions, as usual, please raise the hand or enter the question via the 'chat box'.

1.1 Apologies for Absence

Andrew Howard CEO of the WSA shared that Alistair Dickson – Canoe Wales, Richard Bennett – Squash Wales, Sian Gillies – National Pool, Swansea, Tom Rogers – DSW and Colin Metson, Welsh Boxing, were unable to attend and sent their apologies.

2.0 Approval of AGM Minutes: 11th November 2021

The Minutes were unanimously approved by those present at the WSA AGM 2022.

3.0 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising by those present at the AGM.

4.0 Financial Matters

a) Presentation of WSA Annual Accounts

In the absence of the Financial Director, the Chair reported to the AGM that the directors are happy to present the financial statements for the year, including the P&L and Balance Sheet which highlight a trading surplus of £4.8k (2021: £8.9k) and reserves of £97k (2021 : £92k). These are a solid set of results through a period where the sector has continued to be significantly impacted by the impacts of Covid. Income has been positively impacted (£50k year on year) by increase in membership volumes and the grants associated with the kick start programme. This has been offset by an increase in costs (£54k year on year) reflecting the investment the directors have made into the team in order to continue to serve its membership to the highest standards and ensuring it is best placed to proactively address future challenges and opportunities within the sector.

b) Appointment of auditors for 2022/23: Proposed – Arthur Gait & Company

Arthur Gait & Company were unanimously approved as auditors by the members for the coming year.

5.0 WSA Annual Report

WSA CEO, Andrew Howard, presented the WSA Annual Report, which outlined the vision and mission of the WSA and how we will achieve this over the next year by prioritising, leading advocacy and developing resilience in the sector as well as the development of the Welsh Sports Foundation. The CEO introduced and concluded the item bilingually.

6.0 WSA Membership Plus Products

6.1 Finance Plus

Tom Sharp, Commercial Manager at the WSA outlined the finance plus package which was launched in April and is an extension to the WSA member core benefits. The package includes, professional bookkeeping services, monthly management accounts and statutory filing. The price of the package is £5,000 per year and is handled in-house through the WSA team. Mr Sharp thanked those members who had already taken out the service and also thanked them for their valued cooperation in order to make the project a success. CEO of Welsh Gymnastics stated that the finance plus package is really valuable and the speed of the response and the sound knowledge of their business. And noted that Welsh Gymnastics had a custom-built package.

6.2 Advocacy Plus

Matt Williams, Head of Advocacy and Communications, shared that the package is a service which is an extension to your current members benefits, including ad-hoc support and alerts to the on goings within Welsh Government and the Senedd. The price of the package is the same as the Finance plus offering at £5,000 for a year. Mr Williams also thanked those members who had already taken out the service to date.

7.0 Questions from Members

The Chair shared that no questions were submitted from members prior to the AGM and no further questions were asked at the time of asking in the AGM.

8.0 Any Other Business

8.1 Procurement Portal Introduction

Tom Sharp, Commercial Manager at WSA, presented a demonstration of the Procurement Portal, which is a platform where our members can have access to a range of approved supplier lists, framework agreements, quotes & pricing from pre-accredited suppliers, and to access these via a request for quote process will be free. There will also be access to a series

of best practice procurement guides, templates, and procedures free of charge. Mr Sharp advised that the official launch is imminent, and members will be communicated accordingly.

The AGM was then shown a promotional video of the WSA Time to Listen (safeguarding) course, which has been advocated by Welsh Athletics. In the video James Williams (CEO, Welsh Athletics) and Carl Williams (Safeguarding Lead, Welsh Athletics) discuss why the course has been so well accessed by their club welfare officers.

Guest Address – Georgia Davies

The WSA were honoured to present swimmer, Georgia Davies, a two-time Olympian as well as a Commonwealth and European gold medal-winner as the special guest at the WSA AGM 2022. Georgia was able to share her swimming journey as well as her experience in competing in elite level sport at all the major championships. Also, Georgia outlined her concerns surrounding the threat posed to swimming pools due to exponentially rising costs and the cost-of-living crisis

Members were offered the opportunity to ask further questions to Georgia.

Closing Remarks – Lynn Pamment, WSA Chair

Lynn Pamment brought the WSA AGM 2022 to a close, by thanking all for attending and reiterating that the role of the WSA is to provide a service to our members and any feedback is welcome.

Attendance

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