



Badminton Wales AGM

Meeting held on Sunday 25th March 2012 at 10am at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells.

Delegates

Roger Moreland (Chairman), James Thomas, Geraint Williams, Ron Evans, Mike Cain, Luke Tanner.

In Attendance

Eddie O'Neill (Chief Executive), Laura Cairns (Business Support Officer).

Apologies

Pete Genders, Margaret Redfern, David Shore, Rod Chambers, Mike Coppack, John Steele and Simon Rowe.

Meeting commenced at 10:12am

Item Number	Agenda Item	Action
1. 1.1	<p><u>Welcome</u></p> <p>The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced Laura Cairns as the new business support officer and noted the apologies. Good wishes were extended to David Shore and Mike Coppack for a speedy recovery from illness.</p>	
2. 2.1	<p><u>Change of Articles of Association</u></p> <p>The Chairman explained the technical situation that Badminton Wales was faced with regards to the quorum. He explained that it had been discussed at a board meeting and, following legal advice on the solution, the resolution before the AGM was put forward as the most practical.</p> <p>It was noted that in view of the outcome of the audit of the County Badminton Associations (which showed that there were six active) the AGM could never actually be quorate as the Articles required ten members to be present. The motion was carried unanimously to amend the Articles to say:</p> <p>“No business other than the appointment of the Chairperson of the meeting is to be transacted at a general meeting if the persons attending it do not constitute a quorum. A quorum shall be two thirds or in the alternative no less than four (4) of those Nominated Representatives of voting members in attendance or voting by proxy.”</p>	
3. 3.1	<p><u>Badminton Wales Forums</u></p> <p>The Chairman introduced the discussion item about the Forums and noted that they may provide a useful mechanism for enhancing the governance structure of Badminton Wales.</p> <p>James Thomas outlined how the South Wales Forum worked and the Chief Executive went through a report submitted by Mike Coppack about the North Wales Forum. There followed a wide ranging discussion about a variety of issues. Three main actions arose from the discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The membership structure needs to be looked at to resolve the challenges posed by the decreasing number of active County Badminton Associations. 	Board

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The formalisation of the forums to enhance their value and the link between badminton locally and nationally. Consideration of how communications could be enhanced between Badminton Wales and its local constituents and the part the Forums could play in the process. <p>The Chairman thanked the contributors for their work on their respective presentations, which had stimulated a useful and wide ranging discussion.</p>	<p>Board</p> <p>Board</p>
4.	<u>Notes of the AGM held on Sunday 23rd January 2011</u>	
4.1	The notes of the meeting were agreed as a true record.	
5.	<u>Reports</u>	
5.1	Directors Report – Thanks were given to Stephen Temple and Marc Gregson for their contribution to Badminton Wales during their time on the board. Thanks were also given to the other board members for their support during the year. Badminton Wales’ staff members were congratulated on, and thanked for, their efforts this year. It was unanimously agreed that the Directors’ Report be adopted.	
5.2	Financial Report – Geraint Williams stated that Badminton Wales have made some real advances in financial control. He said he was very comfortable with how the finances were being managed. Ron Evans asked about Sport Wales funding in view of the current financial challenges. The Chief Executive responded to the question by explaining about the Sport Wales situation, i.e. internal restructure to take the brunt of the funding cut. National Governing Bodies have been tasked with reducing own spending by 3% which Badminton Wales has done. He went on to say that Sport Wales were very happy with Badminton Wales at present and had a high level of confidence in badminton.	
	Geraint Williams concluded by stating that Badminton Wales were financially on track. The support of Dave Vickery was acknowledged and thanks were expressed to him for his support. It was agreed that the financial report be adopted.	
6.	<u>Handbook</u>	
6.1	The Chief Executive said that the Handbook had not been updated for some years. It was, therefore, better to submit the Handbook en bloc to the AGM for approval. Having highlighted the main changes. It was agreed that the Handbook be approved.	
7.	<u>Verbal Reports</u>	
7.1	WSA – The Chief Executive talked about WSA which is an independent voice for sport in Wales. They are of great benefit to the organisation, for example, they provide courses from staff and financial support from David Vickery, provide a CEO forum which occurs every 2/3 months and is funded by WAG. WSA support ensures Badminton Wales is financially efficient in terms of training and financial support. The WSA was thanked for its on-going support for Badminton Wales.	
	Commonwealth Games Committee – The Chief Executive stated that the selection for Commonwealth is top 8 in the Commonwealth which equated to roughly top 60 in the world. This year Badminton Wales will be making a strong case to take a team in development. The Chief Executive stated that he liked to think that Badminton Wales will send a team to the Commonwealth Games, but that was not yet clear.	

	<p>GB Badminton (formally known as Badminton Olympic Committee) - The Chairman said that GB Badminton had gone through an extensive review. It has an independent Chair, 4 high calibre non-executives have been recruited and a representative from each home country. Badminton England is the lead nation at present and is the only nation to have expressed an interest in carrying out this role during the next Olympiad. The Chief Executive went on to explain the new development structure of GB Badminton and explained that Daniel Font and Oliver Gwilt will be put forward for GB development in April.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Resolutions/Rules changes</u></p>	
8.1	<p>There were no rule changes or resolutions proposed and it was noted that the revised Handbook had been approved earlier in the meeting and contained an updated set of rules for Badminton Wales.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Affiliation Fees</u></p>	
9.1	<p>In view of Badminton Wales' healthier financial situation and the on-going challenges posed by the financial environment generally, the Board had proposed no increase of fees for the 2012/13 season. This was set in the context of no increase in fees for some years. Nonetheless, it was felt that this was a constructive contribution to supporting badminton locally. It was unanimously agreed that there be no increase in fees for 2012/13. (It was also noted that fees were published on the Badminton Wales' web-site).</p>	
10.	<p><u>Election of Officials</u></p>	
10.1	<p>It was unanimously agreed that Rod Chambers be re-appointed as President of Badminton Wales.</p>	
10.2	<p>The Chairman reported on the development of the rotation policy discussed at the previous year's AGM. It was noted that there were some Director vacancies and that the board had discussed the need for a Director with expertise on marketing and communications to be recruited as a priority. Other vacancies would be filled as appropriate and new posts would be recruited after a skills audit had been undertaken to identify skills' gaps on the board. It was noted that public funding bodies were announcing governance requirements in other parts of GB and that they may impact in Wales too in the future. One of the requirements was for all vacancies (regardless of the mechanism for their appointment) to be filled against a skills based approach. With this in mind, it was agreed that the Board should move to fill any identified vacancies through a skills based approach and that those vacancies should be openly advertised with the appropriate designated posts brought to the 2013 AGM for endorsement, though it was appreciated that the post-holders will be brought into the board as soon as is practical. New Directors would be allocated against the relevant Director post in the rotation process as previously outlined.</p>	<p>Roger Moreland</p> <p>Board</p>
11.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>The date of the next meeting will be established by the Board in due course.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>There was no other business.</p>	
<p>The meeting closed at 12:16</p>		