

Badminton Wales AGM

Meeting held on Sunday 23rd January 2011 at 10am at the Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells.

Participants:

Roger Moreland (Chairman) Eddie O'Neill (Chief Executive Officer), Margaret Redfern, David Shore, Rod Chambers, Stephen Temple, Rob Short, Carly Harris, James Phillips, Mike Coppack, John Steele, Ron Evans, Marc Gregson, James Thomas and Geraint Williams.

Apologies:

Peter Jenders.

A discussion was undertaken prior to the AGM, to discuss the membership structure for the future of Badminton Wales. Numerous points were raised to be reviewed at a later stage. The second document reviewed was the Strategy Framework that has been compiled by Eddie O'Neill and the board members. The strategy framework was endorsed.

AGM commenced at 12.46 pm.

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1. <u>Welcome</u>	
1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies. It was noted that Ron Evans had resigned from the Board during the year. The Chairman expressed his thanks on behalf of the WBU to Ron for his commitment and service to Badminton Wales as a Director. This was wholeheartedly endorsed by the meeting.	
2. <u>Notice of Meeting</u>	
2.1. There were no interests declared in relation to items on the agenda.	
3. <u>Approval of Minutes of the AGM held on 20th December 2009</u>	
3.1. The notes of the meeting were agreed as a true record.	
4. <u>Reports</u>	
4.1. Directors Report – RE asked for clarification about how issues from County Badminton Associations were being fed back to the board. EON stated that he informs the board of any issues raised by County Badminton Associations (CBAs). GW stated that North Wales is a stronger unit, whereas South Wales seems to be fragmented. EON suggested a South Wales Forum might enhance communication in this part of the country. Thus was felt to be an idea worth pursuing.	Eddie O'Neill
4.2. Committee Reports - ST noted his thanks to Lucy Douglas, Margaret Redfern and James Phillips. A further thank you went to Ron Evans for his work with the Events Committee over previous years. ST thanked the line judges and umpires for their work at the Welsh International 2010. The referee's report	

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<p>from the Welsh International has been sent to Badminton Europe and can be made available if requested. ST stated that there was a North/South divide creeping in to the Junior Shuttle Series (JSS) and Satellite Events, he suggested it may be worth re-assessing qualifying to rules to encourage players to travel. JP stated that after gathering feedback from Squash Wales (because they have a similar challenge) they had not yet found a workable solution. GW stated that as Mid Wales events are well attended, one way forward may be to look at staging more events in Mid Wales. ST noted that the Events Committee had evolved in line with the agreed governance changes into an advisory committee. JP looks to identify a way forward in discussion with the Events Committee.</p> <p>4.3. Financial Report for Year Ending 31st July 2010 – RC enquired what Badminton Wales reserve figure was, EON stated that figure listed was made up of a reserve sum and carry forward from 08/09. EON stated that carry forward was not ideal and he fully anticipated that this would be avoided wherever possible in future years. In terms of the impact of the Comprehensive Spending Review, EON reported that Sport Wales would be restructuring to accommodate a 12.5% cut in payroll. However, it was anticipated that NGB budgets will be relatively untouched, save for an expectation that Badminton Wales, alongside other governing bodies, would need make some savings through improved efficiency.</p> <p>4.4. Badminton GB – RM reported on Badminton GB with the main point being the strategic review that was currently being undertaken. It was noted that since the review had started in November, UK Sport had withdrawn funding from badminton which would necessitate substantial changes in the way players were supported in future.</p> <p>4.5. Badminton World Federation – No Report Available.</p> <p>4.6. Badminton Europe – No Report Available.</p> <p>4.7. Welsh Sports Association – RM noted his thanks to Dave Vickery and Sue Holvey for their continued support of Badminton Wales. EON thanked Kerry-Ann Sheppard for her work with coaching in Badminton Wales and the progress she had made.</p> <p>Commonwealth Games – EON stated that the Youth Games are to be held in the Isle of Man in November 2011. At present he will be sending for players to represent Wales.</p>	<p>Stephen Temple/ James Phillips</p>
<p>5. <u>Resolutions and/or Rule Changes</u></p> <p>5.1. None Proposed</p>	
<p>6. <u>Elections</u></p> <p>6.1. The re-appointment of Stephen Temple and James Thomas was endorsed.</p> <p>6.2. The appointment of Hefin Archer-Williams, Marc Gregson, Roger Moreland, Hugh Morris and Geraint Williams was endorsed.</p>	

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<p>6.3. The period of office of current Committee members was endorsed.</p> <p>RC suggested that it would be useful to have a document compiled to indicate when board members are due for re-election. The Chairman agreed to look at this.</p>	<p>Roger Moreland</p>
<p>7. <u>Any Other Relevant Questions</u></p> <p>MC enquired what the name of Badminton Wales was now listed as, EON stated that as of February 1st 2011, the WBU will be replaced with the name Badminton Wales and the website, email addresses will be updated accordingly.</p>	
<p>The meeting closed at 14.07.</p>	