**Badminton Wales Open Forum & AGM ‘15/16**

**Meeting held at the MRC, Llandrindod Wells**

**31st January 2016, 10:30am – 1:50pm.**

**Present:** Hefin Archer-Williams (Chairman), Sue Maughan (General Manager), Lucie Gwilt, Geraint Williams, Kerry Ann Sheppard, Luke Tanner, Andy Stewart, Neil Morgan, Mike Coppack, John Steele, David Shore, Annette O’Neill, Margaret Redfern, Alison Price, Mandy Hart, Huw John.

**Apologies:** Ian Portway, Genevieve Tyler, James Thomas, Joe Hill, Sian Elvis, Rod Chambers, Simon Rowe

**An Open Forum was undertaken on the morning prior to the formal AGM. This began with Hefin Archer-Williams welcoming everyone present, and Sue Maughan relaying the points made at the previous weeks’ Strategy Meeting. This then prompted a general discussion, where those in attendance raised several key points. These points included:**

* **Key priorities for Badminton Wales – engagement, pathway, partnerships.**
  + Engagement: More needs to be done with County Badminton Associations (CBA). Each CBA should have a voice, and feel valued by Badminton Wales (BW). BW could use CBA’s more efficiently, in order to help cover all of Wales in regards to increasing membership and assisting with the development of badminton in their area. Each CBA should be run consistently with others – best practice can be shared between CBA’s to run successfully.
  + Pathway: Need to identify the gaps in our current pathway, and task new/current partners to help fill in those gaps. By including everyone in the journey, there should be a clear vision for all (including staff, coaches, umpires and players). It was also discussed that whilst BW are building this pathway, we should still be focussing on retaining current players, members, coaches and staff.
  + Partnerships: BW should consider partnerships with Badminton Europe (BE) and the Badminton World Federation (BWF). It was suggested that BW learn from best practice of other countries, including England, Scotland and Ireland.
* **Recent and future staff changes were discussed, with particular focus on the General Manager and Performance lead roles.**
  + General Manager: Currently filled as an Interim post until 31st March 2016. The permanent post will be advertised externally in due course; the specifics will be determined by Sport Wales funding.
  + Performance Lead: Also currently filled as an Interim post until 31st March 2016. Post to be advertised externally in due course.
  + Board Members: Two members to be voted at the AGM, and two more to be chosen by the current board.
* **What are BW annual targets?** 
  + Discussions to take place soon regarding focus points for year 1, year 2, etc.

**The Open Forum closed at 12:10pm**