

# WELSH ATHLETICS LTD

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Annual General Meeting held online via GoToWebinar at 11am on Saturday  
24<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

### **Present:**

#### **Company Members of Welsh Athletics Ltd**

Steve Perks	Board Member (Chair)
Bernie Plain	Board Member
Nick Everitt	Board Member
Adrian Thomas	Board Member
Sue Alvey	Board Member – Chair General Council
Tom Overton	Board Member
Helen Adams	Board Member
Dr Nicky Lewis	Board Member
Lynette Harries	Honorary President

Joyce Tomala	East Wales Regional Council
Mark Gold	Cardiff Athletics
Elizabeth Rowland	Pembrokeshire Harriers
Jamie Clode	Secretary General Council
Fred Malkin	Barry & Vale Harriers
Peter Sowerby	Brecon AC
Simon Williamson	Penarth & Dinas Runners
Gareth Oldham	Welsh Schools Athletic Association
Crispin Backshall	Colwyn Bay AC
Geraint Jenkins	Amman Valley Harriers
Jennifer Aylward	Celtic Tri
Steve Hames	Neath Harriers
Bernard Henderson	Port Talbot Harriers
Ian Griffiths	Swansea Harriers
Alun Currie	Life Member
Alexis Barrett	Ogmore Phoenix Runners
Chris O'Brien	Fairwater Runners Cwmbran
Arwel Lewis	Eryri
Jacqueline Brace	Bridgend AC
Alison Werner	Newport Harriers

Robert Champion	Llanelli AC
Kay Hatton	North Wales Road Runners, NWRC
Nigel Holmes	Cybi Striders

**Also present**

James Williams	Chief Executive Officer
Robert Sage	Head of Corporate Services
Bethan Davies	Welsh Athletics
Barry Edwards	Welsh Athletics
Chris Jones	Welsh Athletics
Fyn Corcoran	Welsh Athletics
Christopher Moss	Welsh Athletics

Phil Jones  
Stuart Penny  
Lynne Brier  
Emma MacArthur  
David Thomas  
Dic Evans  
Sue Champion  
Sue Hooper  
Michael Robert  
Bernie Jones  
Christine Vorres  
Pete Morris  
Kerry Chown  
Christopher Pruski

**i President's welcome**

The President (LH) welcomed everyone to the AGM of Welsh Athletics Ltd. As part of her welcome, the President acknowledged the fantastic job that James Williams, CEO, and his staff team have done to sustain and to protect the interests of all the disciplines within the sport as we've all had to adapt to the challenges of COVID. LH also expressed how encouraging it had been to see Regional Councils and the Community as a whole adapt and embrace the use of new technology to continue meeting and her hope is that we can begin to look forward to the future.

LH asked the room to respect a minute's silence to remember those members who have passed away over the past 12 months;

- Ron Odunaiya, Averil Williams, David Alun Williams, Linda Cushing, & Audrey Bright and former Welsh Athletes;
- Liz Johns, Greg Ashcroft, Steve Blakemore, Phil Ramsey and Rhian Taylor (nee James).

**ii Apologies for absence**

Matt Ward, John Penny, Tony Clements, Melanie Westlake

**iii Minutes of the 2019 AGM**

The minutes were unanimously accepted as an accurate record.

**iv Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**ITEMS OF ORDINARY BUSINESS**

**1 Appointment of Scrutineers**

- 1.1 Rob Sage and Bethan Davies, both non vote holders, were appointed scrutineers

**2 Report of the Board of Directors**

- 2.1 The Chair welcomed everyone, stated his thanks to all for attending, and echoed LH's words regarding former board member Ron Odunaiya.
- 2.2 The Chair invited James Williams, CEO, to present his report on behalf of the Board.

2.3 **The report of the Board of Directors was accepted unanimously.**

**3 Financial Report, Accounts and Audit Findings**

- 3.1. Nick Everitt, Non-Executive Director – Finance, gave an overview of the annual accounts.

- 3.2. The annual accounts to March 2020 and a full audit report had been distributed ahead of the AGM. As had been agreed previously a full annual audit had been conducted.

**3.3. The financial report and accounts were accepted**

**4 General Council Report**

4.1 The report was included in the Annual Report. SA stated her concern that not all Regional Councils are present at GC meetings, and that this is impacting on communication of information out to the sport.

4.2 **The General Council Report was accepted.**

## **5 Appointment of Accountants**

5.1 It was agreed to continue with O'Brien and Partners.

## **6 Appointment of Patrons**

6.1. Lynn Davies CBE was re-appointed as Patron of the company.

6.2. The Chair stated that discussions were ongoing in regard to the appointment of further patrons, and that he and the CEO would welcome suggestions from Members and the community of suitable individuals to be considered for the role.

## **7 To appoint the following positions**

7.1 Sue Alvey was appointed to the position of Chair of General Council

7.2 Jamie Clode was appointed to the position of Secretary of General Council

7.3 The role of Secretary to the Endurance Officials Committee was unfilled.

## **8 Appointment of Delegates to organisations on which the Company is entitled to be represented**

8.1 Delegate to the Commonwealth Games Council for Wales Executive Committee – Chris Jones

8.2 Delegates (3) to the Commonwealth Games Council  
Steve Perks, James Williams, Chris Jones

8.3 Delegate to the Welsh Sports Association – James Williams

### **8.4 Approved en bloc**

## **9 Determination of Annual Registration and Affiliation Fees (2020/2021)**

9.1 JW voiced a proposal to suspend the planned increase in the Athlete Registration Fee agreed at last year's AGM in light of the COVID situation.

Jamie Clode raised a question from the floor regarding the revenue loss to the organisation resulting from this proposal. JW stated that this reduction had been budgeted for in the forecasts for the current financial year. There were no objections raised to this proposal.

**9.2 The proposal to continue with both the Club and Athlete registration fees at their current level was approved.**

## **10 Consideration of the Report of the Service Awards Panel**

- 10.1 To receive and accept the recommendations for Life Membership of Welsh Athletics, the following were recommended by members of the Panel:

**Joyce Tomala (East Regional Council)**

- 10.2 To receive and accept the recommendations for the Meritorious Award. In the absence of any external nominations to the Panel, the following were recommended by members of the Panel:

**Lynn Brier (Swansea Harriers)**

**Marc Hobbs (Swansea Harriers)**

**Andrew Jenkins (Swansea Harriers)**

**Sharon Leech (Swansea Harriers)**

**Christopher Price (Cwmbran Harriers)**

**Kevin Tobin (Swansea Harriers)**

- 10.3 To receive and accept the recommendations for the Award of honour. The following were recommended:

**Jeff Aston (Les Croupiers RC)**

**Dic Evans (Cardiff Athletics)**

**Kevin Evans MBE (Carmarthen Harriers)**

**Rob Hooper (Cardiff Athletics)**

**Sue Hooper (Cardiff Athletics)**

**David Jones (Swansea Harriers)**

**Dorrien Thomas (Carmarthen Harriers)**

- 10.4 To receive and accept the recommendations for the Athlete Achievement Award;

**Steve Brace (Bridgend AC)**

**Neil Horsefield (Newport AC)**

**Catherine Murphy (Woodford Green & Essex Ladies)**

**Sarah Moore (Bristol AC)**

**Hilary Thomas (Sale Harriers)**

- 10.5 All the above were approved.

## **Items of Special Business**

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## **11 Notices of Motion**

- 11.1. Addition of three Athlete Advisory Groups into the Byelaws – Junior Athlete Voice, Senior Athlete Advisory Group, and Masters Athlete Advisory Group, and removal of the Run Wales Advisory Group
- 11.2. Updated Terms of Reference for Regional councils 7.1 -7.7
- 11.3. Further amendments to the Byelaws of Welsh Athletics were acknowledged as changes that were largely cosmetic.

**11.4. The motion was passed with unanimous vote**

**12 Date and venue of 2021 General Meeting**

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 was the provisional date. Feedback from attendees was requested in regard to the format for the meeting – a hybrid format of both face to face and online meeting is to be considered, but this to be confirmed by the Board

**THE ABOVE MINUTES ARE PROVISIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AT THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**