

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



DATE: SATURDAY 4th DECEMBER 2021

The meeting was held by video conference call and started at 10am.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Hyett, Mark James, Georgina Kellen, Sam Hodson, Sally Hodson, Liz Lewis, Mat Lewis, Guy Ditchfield, Andrew Rowlands, Sara Jones, Andy Burns, Ian Gurner, Caroline Guignonnet, Mark Pursecliff, Julie Harvey, Chris Harvey, Robin Evans, Roger Hughes.

STAFF MEMBERS: Robin Kellen (Chief Executive), Tracey George (Administration Manager)

The meeting was chaired by Richard Hyett.

1. Apologies and welcome

Welcome and thank you from Chairman Richard Hyett to everyone in attendance. Richard also thanked Directors and staff for all their support in what has been another challenging year.

2. Annual Report and Accounts

Annual Report

Robin Kellen provided a report of the activities of the NGB through the period December 2020 through to December 2021.

Once again this year has certainly been a period of massive uncertainty and challenges due to the ongoing impact of the global pandemic.

Despite the difficulties, it is important we remember the successes;

- Our clubs have benefitted from £15k of support through Sport Wales Be Active Wales Fund, each supported by SSW in their applications.
- Supported our Clubs in restarting their activities after lockdown.
- Redesigned and rebuilt new website.
- Implemented our Regional structure with regional directors reporting to the board of SSW.
- Organised 7 camps at 4 venues, delivering 19 days of training to 172 children.
- Restructured our Academy Training Programme to recognise the regional structure as such creating increased local opportunities for development.
- Developed and introduced the National Slalom Awards, supporting local opportunities to measure performance against a national standard.
- Ran our Welsh Championships at Llandudno in a covid secure manner, and increased participation levels by 40% upon pre covid entry levels.
- Ran our Welsh Schools Championships at Llangrannog, delivering this over 2 days
- Selected 12 news skiers to our Welsh Squad.
- Introduced new pathway squad to include Welsh Development Group.
- Maisie Potter selected to the World Cup Boarder Cross GB Squad.
- Menna Fitzpatrick continued her success on the parasnowsport World Cup. Recently winning 2x European Cup events (Nov 21)

- Ed Guignonnet represented GB at the World Junior Championships finishing in 13th Overall in Super G
- Tom Butterworth, Ed Guignonnet, Oliver Weeks & Maisie Potter selected to GB Teams.

Whilst this has been a tough year for the sport and business of snowsports careful management of our resources has ensured that the NGB is in a secure. We have welcomed the support of Sport Wales and Welsh Government along with the continued support of our membership. There's still some way to go and the future of the sport will continue to need careful management.

Looking to 2022 managing the return of activities will be gradual and we will need to adapt how we deliver the sport on an ongoing basis. Our focus will be,

- Managing a budget to ensure the long term future of the sport.
- Reinstating our programme of national events.
- Improving our membership management system – we will launch a new online membership management platform March 2022.
- Seek to increase funding opportunities for clubs and affiliated bodies to develop targeted opportunities for development.
- Assisting ski centres with applications to improve facilities.
- Continue to work toward making indoor snowslope at Merthyr a reality.

Financial Accounts

Finance Director Mark James referred to the company accounts for the period October 2020-September 2021 which show a surplus for the year of £18,407. Given the periods through the year where we were unable to trade and other periods of restricted activities and trading, this results is remarkable. However, it must still be recognized that the periods of uncertainty due to the ongoing effect of the pandemic on business will continue and as such we need to remain cautious in our financial management.

Approval of 2020-21 accounts:

Approved: Mark James

Seconded: Sara Jones

3. Election of Vice Chair

The Board of Directors nominated Andy Rowlands for the role of Vice Chair.

There were no questions and the members were invited to vote in support or against the nomination using the e-poll option. The results of the voting were published on-line to the membership and the regional directors **elected unanimously**.

4. Closing remarks

The Chair closed the meeting thanking everyone for their time and effort to attend the AGM.

Meeting concluded at 10.30am

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