



Minutes of TTW Board Meeting 23rd September 2021 via “Teams”

Present- Nicki Arthur (NA), Andrew Thomas (AT), Steve Heydon (SH), Ben Rose (BR), Ben Stirling (BS), Neil OConnell (NOC), Dennis Bromage (DB), Mostyn Lewis (ML), Peter Francis (PF).

Apologies –Susie Osbourne (SO)

NA opened the meeting welcomed everyone present. She introduced Andrew Thomas who was the successful candidate at the Finance Director interviews. NA updated the meeting regarding RP.

The Board discussed the situation regarding Sport Wales Funding and the impact on members. The meeting decided to send a letter to members making them aware of the current situation.

Declaration of Interest- none received

Action Points – The Board reviewed the action points from the previous meeting. These were;

- A.P.1 Directors yet to submit Effective Boards Questionnaire (retained from last meeting).
- A.P.2 BS to email directors re Strategy Working Group
- A.P.3 ML to circulate Governance Framework.
- A.P.4 RP to update new Complaint Policy and Vexacious Complaints Policy on TTW Website.
- A.P.5 RP to write a paper on membership

The Board was satisfied that all actions were completed or being progressed.

Review of Articles - PF reported on the Articles. SH raised some queries regarding the Articles (around decisions taken outside a Board meeting, equal gender wording, transition period, chairs term). The meeting decided to clarify the above points and approve amended articles by email.

- A.P.1 PF to clarify queries re articles with Legal.
- A.P.2 All Directors to read amended articles and vote on them via email.

NA thanked PF, ML and DB for their work on the Articles.

Community Update – BR updated the meeting regarding competitions, Ryan Trigg had been appointed by the competitions committee to organise several competitions (including the upcoming Butterfly Team Championships of Wales [TCW]). 6 volunteers had also come forward to assist at the events. Paul Collins has continued to volunteer to organise the Veterans Butterfly Team Championships of Wales. BR reported that leagues are in different places at this time, the TT Leagues software is now available. Feedback has shown that care needs to be taken on fees if return



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to play is delayed. Membership is running at Around 396 at this time, although more are expected as the playing season gets underway. NA reported that support for a staff member was being arranged.

Finance Update - AT reported that the financial position at the end of October will be critical. There is £40k in the account, however we have £40k in liabilities. The meeting discussed the situation and it was agreed that TCW is low risk. It was decided that AT needed to speak with RP on finance as a matter of urgency.

A.P.3 AT to speak with RP on finance.

BR updated the meeting on the progress of the Club Accreditation Scheme. SH added that how a club operates and what it gives to the game is more important than the number of members. The Support Helpline was discussed and its importance in the current climate as regards Covid. AT reported the benefits of the scheme, and the cost at circa £600-£700. NA reported that RP had been exploring TTW joining the scheme, and will follow up.

A.P.4 – NA to follow up Support Helpline

Safeguarding – SH that he had met with RP and National Safeguarding Officer Dave Loosemore, but the action plan meeting had not gone ahead due to his attendance at urgent meetings. Another exceptional meeting had prevented his attendance at a UKAD meeting. NA reminded the meeting of the importance of Safeguarding and asked SH to pick up the Safeguarding plan with the National Safeguarding Officer.

A.P.5 – SH to pick up Safeguarding Action Plan with NSO.

AOB – ML queried whether the 200 Club might be able to provide funding for the Support Helpline. He also queried Board minutes which should be published on our website. Ron Davies (Vice President), had also requested copies.

A.P.6 NOC to send minutes of Board Meetings to VC Ron Davies and Lloyd Bell for publication.

