



TABLE TENNIS WALES

Minutes of TTW Board Meeting 19th May 2022 via “Teams”

Present- Mostyn Lewis (ML), Rhian Pearce (RP), Andrew, Andrew Thomas (AT), Steve Heydon (SH), Ben Rose (BR), Susie Osbourne (SO), Neil OConnell (NOC), Dennis Bromage (DB), Ben Stirling (BS)

Apologies - Nicki Arthur (NA), Peter Francis (PF).

ML passed on NAs apologies and chaired the meeting.

Action Points – NOC confirmed that the action points from the previous meeting had been completed. RP asked if everyone could agree the minutes of the previous meeting so they could be made public, the meeting agreed the minutes.

Declarations of Interest – NOC confirmed that he had received no declarations of interest.

Financial Risk - AT/RP reported that they had met and compared operational plans against various financial scenarios, including loss of Sport Wales funding due to the governance issue. They prioritised commonwealth games (CWG) preparation, The good news is that Sport Wales had recognised the hard work done by TTW around the CWG, and because of it had agreed funding to September. However, the deadline to resolve the governance issue by end of June remains.

Articles Discussion Decision Next Steps- RP reported that she had met with Rebecca from Loosemores, a partner at the firm was currently working on a template set of articles for Sport Wales and WSA, which could be used by NGBs. It was felt by Loosemores that the removal of section 18.5 had been problematic in achieving agreement at the EGM. ML offered to meet with VMs to ascertain whether insertion of 18.5 would lead to an agreement. The Board discussed whether insertion of section 18.5 would get the articles over the line. The vote had been very close, 2 VMs had not attended and the reasons for this was discussed. SH queried whether the issue of the new VMs had affected the vote. RP stated that there had been some confusion in clubs and leagues in the north around the articles. This was discussed by the Board, which felt unsure as to what VMs required to agree the articles. ML stated that there was a need to sit down with them and ascertain what they required. BS stated that the Board should do what is in the best interests of the sport, and if that's insert 18.5 then we should do so. ML proposed that we should insert 18.5. This was discussed. AT stated that having worked through the funding scenarios and looking at placing the company into dormancy, that morally long term we should work towards the best governance standards. The way to proceed was discussed at length.

The Board voted and decided to insert article 18.5, giving VMs the power to alter rules and byelaws at an AGM by special resolution, and call an EGM.



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RP asked for clarity on who would speak to VMs prior to the EGM, ML stated that TTW President Ron Davies would attend meetings in his area to assist.

DB/ML – Swansea Carmarthen

BR - North Wales

NOC – Rhondda and North Gwent

RP – Cardiff

Matters Arising/AOB – ML enquired about schools packs. RP stated that this was the equipment fund, which had been paused, it is an operational matter which she will progress outside the meeting.

AT asked where we were with the recruitment of a new CEO. RP reported that she had approached Sport Wales who were making enquiries through their networks.

NOC asked for confirmation of the function in Cardiff, all present were able to attend, date set for the 9th of June, RP will make a booking.

