

SOA EGM Minutes

22nd September 2019. Dreghorn Barracks, Edinburgh.

Welcome

In attendance: Fiona Keir, Anne Hickling, Fran Loots, Ian Pyrah, Sarah McAdam, Graeme Ackland, Anne Haley, Eddie Harwood, Ben Hartman, Jon Musgrave, Colin Matheson, Pauline McAdam, Bridget Khursheed, Grant Carstairs, Phil Smithard, Katherine Kirk, Judy Bell.

Apologies

Robert Philp, Steven Scott, Sarah Dunn, Keith Roberts, Margaret Dalglish, Les Dalglish, Richard Oxlade, Terry O Brian BEM, Gill Berrow, Richard Oxlade, George Esson, David Esson, Lindsey Esson, Keith Brown.

Approval of AGM Minutes

Approval of AGM Minutes with no changes. Thank you to members who made comment following publication of the original set of minutes, all changes were made and approved.

Approved: Pauline McAdam

Seconded: Ben Hartman

Presentation of SOA Financial Accounts 2018

Ben Hartman gave a brief presentation and confirmed there had been no changes to the accounts published at the AGM. The 2018 have now been submitted to Companies House and OSCR.

Approved: Colin Matheson

Seconded: Pauline McAdam

Approval of Liz Orr as SOA Secretary

We are grateful for Liz Orr coming forward as a nomination for SOA Secretary, the Board feel she will be a valuable addition to the Board. Liz attended our September Board meeting on invite from the Chair

Approved: Eddie Harwood

Seconded: Ben Hartman

Approval of Event Levies to remain at the 2019 costs.

It was proposed that event levies remain at £1 seniors and 40p for Juniors at events whereby the entry fee is above £10

The SOA Board have taken note of the comments and opinions expressed at the AGM about the proposal to increase SOA event levies. We have decided that we will not table a revised proposal at the EGM but still believe that we will need to increase event levies in the future to support expenditure that is “unrestricted” i.e. not financially supported by sportscotland. Unrestricted expenditure includes the costs of running an effective organisation, support for events, performance and communications & marketing.

Some of the unrestricted expenditure is essential (e.g. we have to employ staff to run an effective organisation) and some is discretionary. Once we have finalised the 2020 - 2024 strategic plan, and other key pieces of work (in particular the competitions calendar review) we will let members know what discretionary activities we would like to fund with increased levies. Fortunately, our latest forecasts shows that we should have just enough surplus reserves at the end of 2019 to cover unrestricted expenditure during 2020, but this means that will almost certainly have to table a proposal at the 2020 AGM.

Motion approved.

Board Vacancies

FK would like to ask all members to consider if they or someone they know would be willing to support the Board and become an SOA Director. We are actively recruiting for a new Communications Director. Richard Oxlade has agreed to remain in the President position in an acting capacity until our next AGM, however if anyone is potentially interested in the President position in 2020 to see us through our next strategy we would ask they come and speak with Fiona Keir, Anne Hickling or Richard Oxlade. It would be great if our next President was willing to come to some Board meetings prior to being appointed and do some shadowing of Richard in the current position to ensure smooth transition into the next Presidency.

Competition Calendar Review Update

Short presentation from Jon Musgrave on the progress and process of the ongoing Competition Calendar Review

Jon provided an update on the Competition Calendar Review following consultation with clubs. All members are encouraged to complete the short online questionnaire to provide feedback on the Competition Calendar (this is available:

<https://hilaryq.wufoo.com/forms/q1axrky91q7459i/>)

It was suggested that further context is provided on the Competition Calendar Review questionnaire. In particular, some of the potential structure of the calendar moving forward which is suggested as a result of the first round of consultation. This has been provided here in Appendix 1.

Any questions on the Competition Calendar Review should be sent to Jon Musgrave (jon@big-jon.demon.co.uk)