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Minutes of the Swim Wales Annual General Meeting.
Held on 23.11.13 – The Village Hotel,
29 Pedwyallt Road, Coryton, Cardiff, CF14 7EF 10.30 am

Quorum; 5 members

Present;
Directors; Roger Eady; Chairman
Alan Jenkins; Finance
Robert James; CEO
Vivian Perry; Judiciary

New Directors; Angharad Rowe; Carole Raymond

Clubs and Life members; (Voting members)
Swansea University (represented by Jon Jacob) (1)
Heads of the Valley (represented by Shirley Jehu) (3)
Pontypridd (represented by Alan Williams) (2)
City of Cardiff (represented by Nicky Beynon) (6)
Life Members: Robert James, Norma Rowles; (Non Voting); Sheila Roberts; Alan Roberts

President: Norma Rowles – Chair North Wales Region

Proxy Votes: 22 Chairman's Authority

Apologies: Paul Chmielewski - Director
Alan Bewley - Director
Iris Thomas - Life Member
Jenifer Smith - Life Member
Grant Smith - Newport
Ian Austerberry - Llandudno
Margaret Phillips - Cwmbran
Richard Wastnage - Swim Swansea
Daniel Wild - Nofio Clwyd

In Attendance:
John Rowles President's escort
Gill Jacob Swim Wales
Mark Arnold Swim Wales
Rhys Mullan Swim Wales



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Carole Raymond; Angharad Rowe; C Mathias (Co Secretary)

Leigh Atkinson City of Cardiff

Minutes: Gill Jacob Swim Wales

Welcome

Roger Eady, Chairman welcomed all delegates to this, 115th Swim Wales AGM. The meeting was declared quorate by Robert James, Chief Executive Officer.

Roger Eady opened the meeting and welcomed two new Directors. Angharad Rowe and Carole Raymond.

Apologies were read out by Robert James and confirmed.

The Chair thanked Mrs Norma Rowles for all her hard work as President for Swim Wales

1. Accounts

Robert James read out the financial accounts in annual reports. He explained that “other reserves” had been increases by £ 428,000 which represented support grants from Sport Wales for projects that were on going at the year end. Most of these projects are in the process of completion and all the work done have been invoiced and paid

Alan Roberts, what is the level of grant and for what period of time?

The CEO responded that Sport Wales Grants totalled over £900,000 for the year 2012/13. We have been notified that Exchequer grant reductions could amount to 5%, 10% and 20% cuts over the next three years.

Alan Williams asked if we are going in the right direction with Aqua Passport? The Chair asked that this could hold on this until after reports.

Alan Roberts asked why GB fees had gone up over last year.

The CEO explained that we received a refund last year; the agreement with British Swimming is that fees increase by 5% each year.

Phil Jehu, how did we spend the £900,000.00? The CEO explained that the grant was for specific projects in our Strategic Plan for 2013 – 2020.

Sheila Roberts asked if a breakdown of spend/income for the Regions is available? What is the breakdown on events? The CEO reported that this is available and is accessible and that over 95% of the regional finances are incurred on the championships.

The Chair asked if there were any other questions relating to the accounts? There were none.

The accounts were received by the AGM



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2 – **New Directors.**

The Chair asked for approval of the appointment of Carole Raymond and Angharad Rowe as Directors. Proposed; Norma Rowles. Seconded; Robert James

Phil Jehu asked if a notice was sent out to all clubs regarding the new directors. Robert James confirmed it had and explained that the board through the Articles could appoint Directors between AGMs and their confirmation would be at this AGM.

Angharad Rowe had been invited to join the Board of Swim Wales in February 2013 (Angharad is a Welsh speaking and will represent us on all Welsh matters)

Carole Raymond is from an education background and will be our specialist on education matters, Carole will replaces Viv Perry.

3- **Confirmation of Auditors:**

Arthur Gait & Co. Proposed Viv Perry; Seconded Sheila Roberts

4 - **Installation of President** – Mr Viv Perry

The Chair thanked Mrs Rowles for all her hard work and commitment as the outgoing President.

The Chair presented Mr Viv Perry with the Chain of Office and congratulated him on becoming President. Mr Perry addressed the meeting

The Chair explained that Mr Perry will be a great asset as the President of Swim Wales and will carry on with the sterling work that Mrs Rowles has achieved



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Appendix

The Chair closed the formal part of the AGM and that he would take any questions and those deferred from earlier?

Aqua Passport.

Alan Williams /Phil Jehu – This was dealing with Learn to swim and should not be Swim Wales role but that of Local Authorities.

The Chair confirmed that the free swimming initiative was Local Government; Sport Wales and Swim Wales are helping the LA's to progress LTS throughout Wales.

Mr Williams asked whether A/P would help Swim Wales rather than learn to swim. There are issues in swimming clubs, swimmers not coming through and not enough water time when they do come.

Mark Arnold gave an explanation of Aqua Passport and how it will work .It is a partnership, working with local authorities and clubs when level 7 is attained.

Mr Williams and Mr Jehu asked if the RBM's could attend meetings with more clubs as they used to do.

Mr Jehu asked about the limited resource of pool time and if with more swimmers coming through how can they be planned into clubs. Do you turn them away?

The Chair responded that some of the points raised need to be addressed and Mark Arnold and the Local Authorities need to look into this.

Roger Eady then declared the meeting closed. Time 11.30 am



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