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Minutes of the Swim Wales Annual General Meeting Held on 19 November 2016 The Metropole Hotel, Llandrindod Wells at 1110 hrs

Quorum: 5 members

Present: Allen Bewley, Chairman
Fergus Feeney, CEO
Roger Eady
Robert James
Angharad Rowe
Martyn Woodroffe

Clubs and Life Members; (Voting members)

CLUB	VOTES PER CLUB
Abergavenny Aquatic Squad	1
Aberystwyth Swimming Club	1
Barry Amateur Swimming Club	1
Bridgend Swimming Club	3
Buckley Swimming Club	3
Caerphilly County Swim Squad	2
Cardiff Masters	2
Carmarthen Swimming Club	3
Chirk Dragons	2
City of Bangor Swimming Club	2
Colwyn Bay Swimming Club	1
Cwm Draig Water Polo Club	1
Denbigh Dragons Swim Club	1
Fishguard Flyers	1
Flint Swimming Club	1
Gele Gators	1
Heads of the Valleys Swimming Club	3
Holywell Swimming Club	2
Llanelli Swimming Club	2
Merthyr Tydfil Swimming Club	2
Neath Swimming Club	4
Newport Swimming & Water Polo Club	6
Newtown Swimming Club	2
Nofio Clywd	6
Nofio Sir Gar	6
Pembrokeshire County Swimming	6
RCT Performance Swim Squad	3
Rhondda Swimming Club	3
Rhyl Dolphins Swimming Club	3
Ruthin Swimming Club	2
Swansea Synchro	

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City of Swansea Aquatics	6
Swim Conwy	3
Swim Gwynedd	6
Titans Para Swimming	1
Torfaen Dolphins	4
Welshpool Swimming Club	2
Wrexham Swimming Club	4

Life Members: Robert James
Alan Roberts
Sheilah Roberts

President: Viv Perry

Proxy Votes: 1 CEO's Authority

In Attendance: Swim Wales Staff usually here

Apologies: Jennifer Smith

Minutes: Dawn Mancey, Swim Wales

Welcome

Allen Bewley, Chairman, welcomed all delegates to this 118th Swim Wales AGM.

1] **Quorum**

The meeting was declared quorate.

2) **Accounts**

Robert James explained that the accounts had been audited by Arthur Gait & Co and that there were no auditors' remarks and the statutory accounts contained a complete set of balance sheet and profit and loss account. However, it was noted that the balance sheet was not in the Annual Report. Robert James commented that we could issue the balance sheet to the clubs.

Robert James outlined that £250,000 of Sport Wales grant money from the commencement of the start of Aqua Passport which was transferred into the balance sheet should now be brought into the P&L.

Robert James explained that there has been a dramatic increase in terms of income from national competitions; the figure of £220,000 is up by 80%. Equally there has been a dramatic increase in overheads. Robert James explained that there was a re-vamp of the championships programme two years ago and there has been an increase in entries. This is mainly due to the fact that English youngsters cannot compete until they are 12 years old



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whereas our swimmers can compete from 11 years which gives Welsh swimmers the opportunity to compete.

Robert James explained that as British Gas sponsorship has finished we had to de-badge. We did receive £40,000 from British Gas and this has gone into the overheads.

The Chairman asked if there were any other questions relating to the accounts.

Questions

There were questions from the floor (4 people) regarding the figure of £430,000 which was related to Aqua Passport development costs.

Fergus Feeney (FF) responded to all questions confirming the following regarding the Aqua Passport software product:

- 1] The software for Aqua Passport was written 5 years ago. The relationship with the company chosen for the initial development (Phase 1) of the Aqua Passport software product unfortunately broke down and this resulted in a parting of the ways. The software had to be re-written by another company and that is what the £430,000 is for which is a one-off amount although maintenance will be required.
- 2] Everyone Active have taken the software for £200,000 and amortised. The spend since 01 April 2016 is £50,000 with maintenance agreements and ongoing fixes and support.
- 3] Sport Wales had a relationship with the company in the sector and part of the funding was received from Sport Wales. The procurement process should have gone out to tender but there is now a procurement policy.
- 4] There are currently 30 customers and there is a huge potential in the product, it supports the national framework and the money will be recouped by working with our partners and clubs too. In the 2013 strategy the forecast was for 100,000 users and members. By working with our partners such as Parkwood and other suppliers there is huge potential.
- 5] FF confirmed that there has been a legal battle for almost 12 months which has been challenged. A mutual agreement was reached and Swim Wales now owns the rights and the new company, Digital Marmalade, are moving this forward.



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- 6] The Swim Wales Education Team, teachers, children and parents were involved in the development to take it from a simple tool to support the framework to a software tool.

Other Questions and Comments

- 1] James Donovan (Cardiff Masters) asked if there was any risk of Sport Wales funding being reduced. Robert James responded that in the 4 year planning and with austerity, grants would be reduced between 5-20%. All NGB's have had their grants reduced.
- 2] Tracey Davies (RCT Performance Squad) said that RCT Council have been big supporters of this very good product and that if clubs supported it they would help in the development which will further help clubs.

The Chairman asked the meeting to receive the financial accounts as shown:

Proposer: Robert James
Secunder: Simon Morgan, Nofio Clwyd

The accounts were received by the AGM.

3) **Confirmation of Auditors**

Allen Bewley asked for approval for the re-appointment of the auditors until the close of the next AGM. Robert James confirmed that the fees of £12,000 included all tax guarantees.

Proposer: Robert James
Secunder: Fergus Feeney

Arthur Gait & Co were re-appointed as auditors.

As there was no other business, Allen Bewley then declared the meeting closed at 11.45 am.