



# Welsh Fencing AGM

27 November 2022

# Agenda

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Chair's opening remarks
- 3. Minutes of the last AGM
- 4. Chairman's Report
- 5. Adoption of Company Accounts
- 6. Director Reports
- 7. Election of the Directors
- 8. AOB
- 9. Date of the next AGM

# Opening Remarks

- Formal event required through our Articles & Company Law
- Also required by Sport Wales' governance requirements
- Engage with the membership
- Adoption of minutes from AGM 2021

# Chair's Report

# Introduction & Contents

- Key Priorities & Achievements
- Governance
- Finances
- Focus for 2023

# 2022 Priorities & Achievements (1)

- Attract new fencers to the sport
  - Partnership with the Urdd
    - April '22 - 10 x Urdd coaches were delivered “Core Coach”
    - 5 x sets of plastic swords provided across Wales
    - Delivering fencing to Welsh speaking primary schools
    - Communications to all clubs on their nearest Urdd Coach
    - Urge you to engage with them
  - 6 month review
    - Positive feedback from pupils, schools and Urdd coaches
    - Potential for further coach development
    - Please engage

# 2022 Priorities & Achievements (2)

- Commonwealth Fencing Championships
  - Delivery of ADPC (Athlete Development Programme Cymru) programme in the lead up to the Commonwealths
  - All age groups together at one event
    - Logistical challenge – staff/volunteers/accommodation etc
  - A huge thank you to all the coaches, TM's, athletes and supporters
  - Collated results
    - 1 x Gold
    - 2 x Age-group Gold
    - 4 x Silver
    - 7 x Bronze

# 2022 Priorities & Achievements (3)

- Other Events
  - Welsh Cadet Championships (Feb'22)
  - Welsh Senior Championships (Feb'22)
  - Welsh Teams Championships (Feb'22)
  - Welsh Veterans Championships (Sept'22)
  - Welsh Open (Nov'22)
  - Cadet Winton (Dec'22)



# 2022 Priorities & Achievements (4)

- UKAD – New Framework
  - British Fencing coordinating for all home nations
  - Lyn Robinson and Matt Russell identified as key points of contact
  - Close contact between WF and BF to ensure we comply with all requirements
  - Welsh Fencing framework approved with no amendments required
- Incorporating Welsh Veterans into WF
  - Agreed by the WVFA
  - Veterans will benefit from
    - Improved governance (financial & safeguarding)
    - Additional, coordinated support from the Board of WF

# Governance

- WF continue to adhere to the governance requirements of Sport Wales to ensure our continued funding
- Policy review calendar implemented which has covered
  - Articles of Association
  - Development of a social media policy
  - Updated selection policy – consultation from the membership

# Finances

- Maintained financial support from Sport Wales throughout Covid period and 2022
- Recognised for 5 year planning process and surplus/deficit cycle
- Key Points
  - Covid related underspend for 2020-2021
  - Surplus will be neutralised in 2022 (4 x Commonwealth Events to support)
  - Investment in modernising and replacing equipment
  - Increasing expenditure for investment in attracting new members to the sport
  - Increasing expenditure for investment in developing new coaches
  - Increasing expenditure for investment in developing athletes for Commonwealths and beyond

# Finances (cont)

- 2022/23 – Applying for increased funding to achieve our ambitions
- Successful in securing £18k capital investment from Sport Wales to enable our ambitions to better support para-fencing in Wales
  - Support the purchase of 2 x wheelchair frames & several ambidextrous wheelchairs suitable for fencing
  - We are planning coach development to support all clubs accept para-fencers

# 2022 Summary & Focus for 2023

- A busy year!
- Important achievements
  - Commonwealth success
  - Return to a full fencing diary
  - Continued improvement of our policies
- 2023 will be as busy
  - Preparing for 2024 Cadet & Junior Commonwealths and Veteran Commonwealths (not same venue or time!)
  - Continue to develop para-fencing in Wales
  - Maximise the opportunity to develop fencers with the Urdd

# Adoption of the Company Accounts

# Director Reports

- Financial Update – Caroline Wheeler
- ADP report – Mike Evans-Jones

## Election of the Directors

- End of tenure

Fran Whalley (Secretary)  
Mark Ridsdale

- Nominations

- Secretary

Elaine Corcoran  
Christelle Jones (withdrawn)

Elaine Corcoran is therefore elected unopposed as Secretary

- Director

Marc Burkhalter  
John Rees



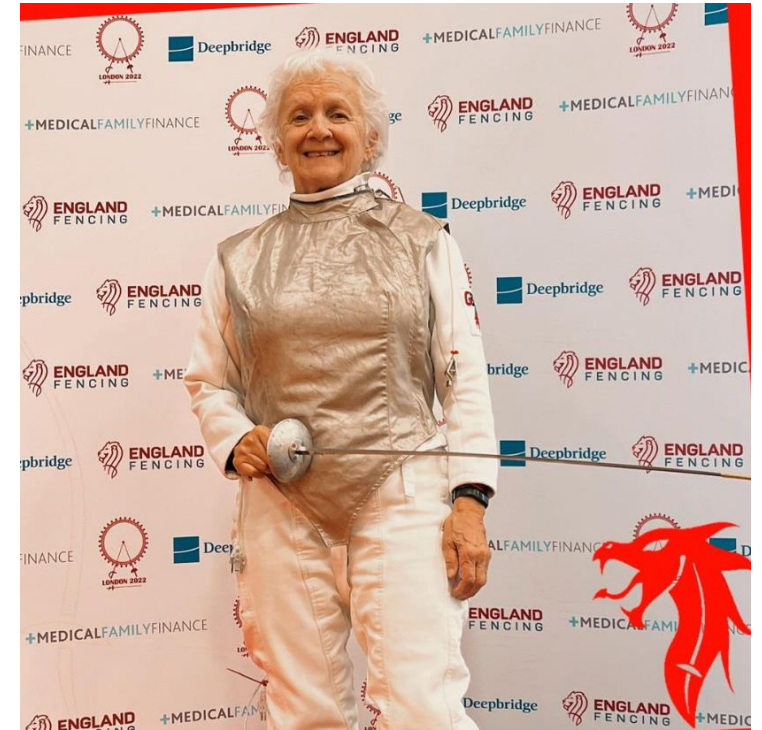
# AOB 1

- Kim Robinson – BF Head Office Manager
  - Retiring December 2022
  - WF recognise her sterling service over the years and support for Welsh Clubs and members in resolving many queries
  - The board have recognised her contribution and expressed our gratitude to BF

# AOB 2

- Lifetime Achievement Award – Maggie Myers
  - 54 years representing Wales
  - 6 x Commonwealth Championships
  - Represented GB as Senior & Veteran – Euros/Worlds
  - Innumerable Winton Competitions
  - Referee, Coach, mentor for developing fencers
  - Enthusiasm, energy attitude
  - Embodies everything good about fencing
  
- Life Membership of British Fencing

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



- Date of the next AGM – Proposed date Sunday 26th November 2023
  
- Close