



Welsh Fencing AGM

24 November 2024

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. Motions
- 9. AOB
- 10. 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 2023

Chair's Report

Introduction & Contents

- Key Priorities & Achievements
- Governance
- Finances
- Focus for 2024

2024 Priorities & Achievements

- Events - Delivering the highest quality events for competitors, officials and volunteers
 - Welsh Cadet Championships – February 2024
 - Welsh National Championships – February 2024
 - Welsh Team Championships – February 2024
 - Cadet ADP & BYC Qualifiers – March 2024
 - Welsh Veteran Championships – October 2024
- 6W Cadet BRC – July 2024
 - The only 6W cadet event outside the British Championships
 - Entry 185 (2022), 193 (2023), 174 (2024)
 - One of the first ranking events of the season
- Welsh Open – November 2024
 - Largest entry in recent history
 - Second year for Wheelchair Fencing – 19 Competitors

2024 Priorities & Achievements

- Cadet & Junior Commonwealth Fencing Championships
 - 12 athletes represented Wales with pride & passion
 - Demonstrated the values and behaviours expected of our fencers
 - Alexander James - Silver Cadet Men's Foil
 - Ava Davies – Bronze Cadet Women's Sabre
 - Thanks to Phil Shepherd-Foster for volunteering to support as coach for all 3 weapons
- UKAD
 - Ongoing discussion with UKAD on framework for small NGB's
- Development and Profile of Wheelchair fencing in Wales
 - Support for IWAS Wheelchair World Cup January 2024
 - 4 frames and 8 fencing wheelchairs provided to clubs across Wales
 - Welsh Open
 - INSPORT Ribbon application early 2025

Governance

- WF continue to adhere to the governance requirements of Sport Wales to ensure our continued funding
- Full financial review with Sport Wales

Finances

- Full report available from Treasurer
- Small reduction in financial support from Sport Wales
 - Due to reduction in funding to Sport Wales from Welsh Government's
 - Sport Wales worked to minimise this by finding savings elsewhere
- Recognised for 5-year planning process and surplus/deficit cycle

Looking ahead to 2025

- Hosting Veterans Home Nations Championships
- Further work supporting clubs and coaches with wheelchair fencing

Adoption of the Company Accounts

Director Reports

- Financial Update – Caroline Wheeler
- Fencing Report – Mike Evans-Jones
- Safeguarding Report – Tania Craig



Election of the Directors

End of tenures – none seeking reelection

- Chair - Matt Russell, Director - Tania Craig, Director - John Rees

August 2024 – AGM process followed with no nominations for director positions

Welsh Fencing Articles of Association:

“Until and unless otherwise determined by Welsh Fencing in General Meeting, there shall be a maximum of eight Directors and the minimum number shall be four. “

A board of only 4 directors places undue and unfair workload on remaining directors. Any resignations would put Welsh Fencing in an untenable position

Further communication was sent to the membership, nominations were received from:

- Ceri Picton
- Erin Corcoran
- Richard Horan
- Rhian Martin
- Julian Nash

Election of the Directors (cont)

- Articles of Association:
 - “Until and unless otherwise determined by Welsh Fencing in General Meeting, there shall be a maximum of eight Directors and the minimum number shall be four. “
- Nominees - wealth of experience and knowledge
- Propose to elect all nominees to the board – total of 9 directors
 - Why wouldn't Welsh Fencing want these skills?
 - Spreads the workload further

AOB

- EGM resolution from 2023 still unresolved
 - “Welsh Veterans wish to dissolve the amalgamation of Welsh Veterans with Welsh Fencing that took place in November 2022 with Welsh Veteran Fencing returning to a self-governing autonomous institution”
- Further and ongoing discussion between the board and veteran fencers
- Propose that this resolution is dismissed

- Date of the next AGM – Proposed date Sunday 23rd November 2025

- Close