



Agenda

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Voting Members; Board; Members of the British Wrestling Association

Location

The British Wrestling Academy,
Salford

Meeting date

1st October 2011

Starts at

11am

Ends at

3pm

Subject

2011 British Wrestling Association AGM

Reference

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BRITISH WRESTLING ASSOCIATION LTD
TO BE HELD AT THE BRITISH WRESTLING ACADEMY, SALFORD
ON SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER 2011 at 11p.m.

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous A.G.M. (22nd October 2010)
3. Matters Arising
4. Chair's Report – Malcolm Morley
5. Treasurer's Report – Gregor McNeil

BWA Accounts 2010/11 [To be circulated by 10th October, Article 18.3]
Re-Appointment of Auditors
6. Performance Director's Report – Shaun Morley
7. Report from Nations & Regions Committee – Gerry Malone
- 7a. Report on Grassroots Development – Roy Wood
8. Ratification of Appointment of Officers
9. Other Business (See over page for details)
10. AoB (for Comments, concerns, issues, & etc. but nothing requiring a vote as no papers submitted for agenda)

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Requirements of Article 7.6: Each such notice must specify

- *Voting Members have the right to to appoint another person as his or her proxy at a General Meeting*
- *28 clear days' notice in writing shall be given to voting members of any Special Business*

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Item 9: Other Business

	Item/Proposer	BWA Executive initial comment / Background to motions
A.	Appeal of Mr Fazlollahi This item is withdrawn as the Southern Region are now in the process of forming a Tribunal to deal with the matter	
B.	Regional Finance-The expenditure of the £30,000. <i>Proposer: John Savage on behalf of Southern Region</i>	This motion relates to how a total of £30,000, granted to the BWA by Sport England across 2001-05, was spent.
C.	That this meeting calls on the Nations & Regional voting representatives to censure BWA Chief Executive & Chairman for their failure to properly progress Scotland's complaint. The complaint was submitted on the 19 th May 2011. FILA confirmed that the BWA position as:- <i>"This solution must be found also with the Great Britain which was against your participation as an Independent Nation"</i> British Wrestling, due to this action, has deliberately delayed any resolution of a complaint submitted over 3 months ago. <i>Proposer: Gerry Malone on behalf of Scottish Wrestling Association</i>	The central focus of the Scottish Wrestling Association complaint is that they believe that the BWA encouraged FILA to disallow a SCO team entry at the 2011 Europeans, thus impacting their performance programme. The BWA is currently awaiting conclusive clarification of FILA's position prior to proceeding with the complaint.
D.	That this meeting censures the BWA Executive Committee and wider Board for their failure to hold the Chairman and Chief Executive to account over their failure to deliver a fit for purpose complaint policy, despite undertakings to UK Sport that a policy would be delivered as matter of urgency and as yet a draft has been not even published to the Board <i>Proposer: Gerry Malone on behalf of Scottish Wrestling Association</i>	The BWA has a Disciplinary (complaints) Policy dating from 2001 . This policy remains in force until replaced. The first elements of a new complaints policy (Disciplinary and Complaints Policy - Employees) has been drafted, legally reviewed, discussed at the July Board and circulated/effectively endorsed by the Board on 19 th August 2011 and available on the British Wrestling website. The next element will be the Child Welfare Complaints Procedure (now well advanced,) followed by complaints procedures in respect of members & volunteers.
E.	That this meeting notes with concern the selection of the GB team for the world championship to be held shortly The FILA President set out recently that to compete in the World Championship our training partners would require to hold an UK	Foreign Training Partners have been part of the elite programme since around 2001. In cases where athletes are able to naturalise as British citizens, this is an individual decision for them. The British Wrestling Association will support their decision.



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	<p>Passport</p> <p>This meeting calls for a full verbal update to be given to members at the AGM regarding UK passports being obtained for these athletes given the substantial investment of UK Sport money.</p> <p>This meeting requests a full verbal update to be given regarding the team selection, given the dismay that has been apparent since the publication of the team</p> <p>It appears the selection policy has been cast aside for the selection at 84 kg</p> <p>This meeting calls on members of the GB Performance Programme to resign over this selection <i>Proposer: Gerry Malone on behalf of Scottish Wrestling Association</i></p>	<p>The Major Tournaments selection panel met on 9th August and selected the following athletes. Selection Notice The athletes with the greatest potential were funded through the World Class Programme, (UK Sport monies). The others were selected on a self-funding basis.</p>
F.	<p>The Midlands Region would like to ask why the BWA Board allowed the Nations & Regions Committee to continue with no agenda and minutes and why are they allowing the said committee to remain even though it has actually done little or nothing in its 2½ years of existence. The Midlands Region further asks the meeting to recommend that the N&R Chairman steps down. <i>Proposer: Trevor Hoskins on behalf of Midlands Region</i></p>	<p>The Executive has long been concerned about the conduct of the Nations & Regions Committee and lack of formal processes/documentation and tangible outputs. However, as the elected arm of the Association, the elected members should be expected to manage their affairs professionally.</p>
G.	<p>That this meeting has no confidence in the handling of matters by the Chairman or Chief Executive and has seen interference in Scotland, Wales and English Northern Region and Southern Region matters in 2011 This meeting calls for the immediate resignation of our Chief Executive and Chairman <i>Proposer: Gerry Malone on behalf of Scottish Wrestling Association</i></p>	<p>British Wrestling has received significant praise from the sporting authorities for adopting a modernised set of Articles in 2008 with a skills-based Board. Sports failing to adopt such structures may have their funding reduced in the next cycle. The transition from an elected Council to a skills-based Board has been found not to be easy by any sport.</p>

Items put forward but excluded from the Agenda: -



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A.	<p>The Tribunal hearing that took place in August of this year regarding the Northern Region <i>Proposer: John Savage on behalf of Southern Region</i></p>	<p>Excluded because:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The matter was dealt with in great detail in line with current policies, by a fully independent Tribunal, of a composition approved by the Complainant and the Northern Region Committee b) That this is a (Northern) Regional matter
B.	<p>That no staff member receiving payment from the BWA should be allowed to stand for Chairperson or Secretary or position of authority for any Region <i>Proposer: John Savage on behalf of Southern Region</i></p>	<p>Excluded because:-</p> <p>This issue is not regarded as unimportant. However, this type of issue is best considered when drawing up a common constitution across the English Regions which is planned.</p>

Explanatory Note for Item 9: Other Business

The debate at the AGM on these proposals should be as informed as possible. To facilitate this debate, anyone who intends to speak for or against any of the above appeal/proposals, or anyone with a contribution to make before or during the meeting, should supply a document (max 2x A4 pages) to the BWA within the next 14 days (by 17th September).

The BWA will circulate these submissions, together with a BWA response, 7 days prior (24th Sept) to the AGM.