

Chairman; Chief Executive

Malcolm Morley; Colin Nicholson

Date of minutes23rd October 2010**Participants**

Mansoor Eslami; Roy Wood; Ellen Morris; Gerry Malone; Gregor McNeil; Trevor Hoskins; Bill Cooper; Tony Melling; Eddy Kavanagh; Ian Parker; Dave Grundy; Sue Jones
Barry Pollin (via Skype)

Secretary

Colin Nicholson

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Meeting date22nd October 2010**Location**

The Bolton Arena

Subject

2010 Annual General Meeting

Reference

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE BRITISH WRESTLING ASSOCIATION LTD
THE BOLTON ARENA
ON FRIDAY 22nd October at 9:00p.m.

1. Apologies:
Shaun Morley; Michael Eslami; [Bal Matharu, not mentioned at meeting but had given his apologies]
2. Minutes of Previous A.G.M. (30th October 2009)
Agreed to be a correct record of events
3. Matters Arising
Anatolii Kharytoniuk and Volodymyr Gladkov now joint coaches of the National Talent Squad and thus Shaun Morley's action no longer appropriate
4. Chair's Report – Malcolm Morley
 - The Chair's report is within the 2009-2010 Annual Report and was taken as read
 - Malcolm Morley suggested that reports to the AGM be incorporated into the Annual Report to avoid duplication. There was general agreement.
5. Treasurer's Report – Gregor McNeil
The treasurer's report is available
 - The BWA had a recorded loss for year to 31 Dec 2009. This was due to changes in accounting policy, stock valuation, a change in depreciation policy and a loss on fixed assets disposal
 - Income from funding bodies that has not been spent by year-end now treated as deferred income and it is a priority to diversify the association's income as it remains largely dependent on National Lottery and Exchequer
 - Cash position remains extremely tight and expenditure needs to be managed very carefully
 - During 2009 the Academy incurred significant expenditure on electrical work. DG asked whether grants had been sought? They had, but it was not possible. Overall the Academy is not a drain on funds as it is supported via World Class funding

- EK made the suggestion that the BWA recruit a Funding Manager, e.g. pay £30k to receive £250k. CN said he would investigate
 - The British Wrestling website was discussed as a revenue generator and a clarification on costs
 - Network Rail sponsorship was discussed. At the NGB level there is no further funding due to a change in management at Network Rail but some clubs have direct beneficial relationships.
6. Performance Director's Report – Shaun Morley
Performance Director's Report available – read out by CN
- British Wrestling says it achieved its milestone target to UK Sport, with 1xGold (Myroslav Dykun) and 2xBronze (Leon Rattigan & Sasha Madyarchyk) by WCPP athletes
 - Yana Stadnik finished 7th in World Championships (Sept) and Silver in World Combat Games
 - Performance Plan through to 2013 and WCPP and major events selection policies approved. Olympic Selection policy to be finalised.
 - Systems & processes for National Talent Squad to be reviewed
 - Successful GB Cup held in July, providing competitive experience prior to Delhi
 - Working accord struck between GB Programme and Scottish Commonwealth games Programme and similar discussions to take place with Wales and Northern Ireland. SM thanked John Keogh for his work in developing a good working relationship
 - Anti-Doping processes are being reviewed
 - Web-based athlete management system introduced
 - Olympic qualification begins with Sept 2011 World Championships in Turkey with a test event in the form of the British Championships in December 2011
 - GM raised concerns from The Times about continued funding of nine sports by UK Sport
7. Report from Nations & Regions Committee – Gerry Malone
- GM said the N&R Committee had not done a great deal of work in 2010 and it was not worthwhile focussing on the previous.
 - Now was the time for all the Nations re-commit to getting cracking and put the work in to support the development of wrestling. GM was prepared to take the responsibility as Chair. BP agreed the Committee could have done better but were now poised to deliver.
8. Ratification of Appointment of Officers
The following officers were ratified
1. Michael Eslami Non-Exec Director (Commercial)
 2. Roy Wood Additional Director, Grassroots
9. Re-Appointment of Auditors
The Finance Director said that the auditors were fine and provided value for money and the meeting voted to re-appoint them.
10. Notification of intention to form English Committee
- CN notified the AGM that it was the intention to form an England Committee and constitute the sub-regions
 - RW wished for parity with Scotland, Wales and NI. GM felt that it needed to be done properly so that the other Nations were clear when they were dealing with British Wrestling and when dealing with English Wrestling
 - BC suggested that wrestling look to the experience of other sports
 - TH made the point that we are all one community

- SJ said that Nations' sports councils fund athletes until handed over to GB
- GM informed the meeting that the FILA president intended to allow the Home Nations to participate in Europeans and World Championships outside Olympic years
- BP said that Northern Ireland was not yet ready, may be 5 years, but that there should be an overall strategy

9. AoB (for Comments, concerns, issues, & etc. but nothing requiring a vote)

- DG asked about **Coaching Courses**: CN said that the first UKCC coaching courses should be available in early 2011. CN said there would be an update on the website.
- **The White Award** was discussed, viewed by some as long-winded. TH said that the award was being revised. Meanwhile it was not necessary to teach all the moves to pass the certificate. ME said it was possible to cover the award with 1hr slots over a 9week period
- EM asked about **attendance of Directors**: CN read out the attendance record and said that two directors had received written warnings for lack of attendance. ME said that being a Director was about more than simply attending meetings. RW felt that Directors could be questioned about their activities if they attended the meetings. BP wished to hear from Michael E, in order to learn best practice for adoption in Northern Ireland
- EM said that there was a **lack of communication about the activities of the Board**. CN said it was up to the N&R Representative to feed back. GM said that CN's blog was useful. MM said that from now on, Board Minutes would be made available directly to Regional Committees
- EM suggested that **timing of AGM** should be moved to June/July as financials are too old in October. CN agreed to consider it as the timetable for 2011 was put together

The Meeting Closed at 10:17