

MINUTES OF THE 2020 AGM HELD ON 6th December 2020 @ 11am via Zoom

PRESENT

Darren Owen (Chair); Heulwen Bulman (Secretary); Anthony Fettah; Jason Podmore; Cathy Shields; Jody Foody; Ian dawson; Carol Jenkins; Eric Witherspoon; Will Evans; Robert Millichap; Julie Park; Trudy Launchbury; Bret Strickland; Claire Slack; Colin Bevan; Andrea Barker; Kayleigh Evans; Michael O'Mahony; Dai John Edwards; Jim McNally; Michael Bevan; Mike Evans; Ryan O'Neil; Dave Walsh; John Smart; Craig Stephenson; John Towe; Bill Green; George Button; Huw Evans; Gwenan Thomas; Richard Haythornthwaite; Hayley Cassells; Joseph Ripley & Barry Delaney.

APOLOGIES

Fred Hay

Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and announced there would be a short break between the AGM and the Committee meeting to follow.

1. Consideration of the object from MFDA (special resolution 75% required to uphold it)

An e-mail had been received from Anthony Fettah

'As it is now past the closing date for nominations to this year's AGM and I have no reply to my questions I am formally objecting to the changes suggested for the voting at the 2020 AGM. The changes voted on in September as a special resolution do not seem to have been followed, the constitution so cannot be put in place. Unless there is evidence to show it was. No motion has been shown, discussed or voted on for the other suggestions to change the way votes for positions are dealt with. No information has been given on how a vote can be done by ballot over a zoom type meeting. I respectfully suggest the BHRC consider applying for the extension to filing deadline and hold the AGM in 2021 when lockdowns may be eased and the BHRC can advertise and hold an AGM as per the constitution.'

This e-mail was read to the members who were in attendance and an unanimous decision was taken to continue with the meeting.

2. Consideration of the voting rights at the meeting in the light of various representations from members

A lengthy discussion took place regarding the voting rights printed in the constitution and a vote was taken, 13 members agreed to no change; 4 members against and the remainder abstained. It was agreed to remain with the existing voting rights and implement no change.

3. Approval of the minutes from the previous AGM

Due to no minutes having been prepared from the 2019 AGM, the new current secretary did compile brief notes from the recording from the AGM and Craig Stevenson proposed them to being a true record and Anthony Fettah seconded them even though they were not a complete full set of minutes.

4. Chairman's Report

The chairman gave a brief report of the season and congratulated the four hard tracks on supplying good racing for the licence holders, they were commended for their efforts and perseverance. A vote of thanks was given to the licence holders who supplied the country with racing as best they could under the difficult Covid-19 restrictions. A lot of work had been done on the Covid-19 protocol to allow racing to proceed. York sale did go ahead and a vote of thanks was given to all who participated. The new Secretary, Mrs Heulwen Bulman was recruited to the office in 2020 and her dedication and personal services were commended as it had also been a difficult year to step into a role which was new to her, having no training or guidance to follow. Mrs Hollie Sutcliffe was also thanked for her tireless work of keeping the office afloat during the difficult times when there was no Company Secretary in place. It was announced that Mrs Hollie Sutcliffe would be leaving the role of Office Assistance at the end of the year. The hard working team behind the newly transformed Calendar were also thanked for their hard work. The difficulty in obtaining insurance for the Company would be looked at in depth and hopefully resolved in the new year. Chairman announced that he was looking forward to seeing the Board of Directors strengthen with new ideas and new directors on board.

5. Appointment of Chairman

No other candidates had applied for the post of Chairman, Mr Darren Owen was re-elected.

6. Retirement of the Vice-Chairman and appointment of a new Vice Chairman

Two candidates had applied for the post of Vice-Chairman

Craig Stevenson - 11 Yes; 6 No;

Huw Evans - 13 Yes; 2 No

Huw Evans was elected Vice-Chairman, all in favour.

7. Retirement of Directors

The following directors were thanked for their services, commitment and efforts to the BHRC over the years and retired from their posts, - Bob Lee; Roy Sheedy; Jackie Maguire & Fred Hay

Anthony Fettah commented that there were not enough directors present to carry on with the AGM but due to the Chairman & Vice-Chairman being directors, there were enough directors to allow the meeting to continue.

8. Presentation of the accounts & consideration of adjourning their approval due to the delay in circulating to members

Due to the departing of the previous secretary, preparation of the annual accounts had been difficult to prepare by the deadlines to distribute to licence holders. The members were asked whether they would like to take the decision to adjourn the acceptance of

the financial accounts due to this reason, but the Vice-Chairman commented that the actual accounts wouldn't differ if approval was adjourned. It was agreed to carry on with discussing the accounts. Mr Dave Walsh was introduced to the members and was available to answer all questions that were raised. A vote of thanks was given to the Secretary who assisted Mr Walsh in completing the accounts for the AGM. A general discussion took place where the general consensus was that the licence fees would need to be assessed by the Directors in the coming year. The accounts were proposed to be approved by Huw Evans and seconded by Craig Stevenson, members also in favour to approve the accounts.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 PRAKAS Fund (Bill Green)

This item was placed on the agenda for discussion by Mr Bill Green who had since left the meeting, but was represented by Mr Joseph Ripley.

Mr Joseph Ripley outlined the background to the PRAKAS fund and referred back to the original letter received from Dr McKenzie and stressed that the PRAKAS fund should be invested for furtherance of the sport.

It was agreed to place this item on the agenda of the next Director's meeting which was scheduled for the coming week.

As there were not other matters to be discussed it was agreed to close the meeting at 13:50pm and discuss all other issues at the Committee meeting which would reconvene at 14:10pm