

UKU AGM Minutes – 13th May 2011

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1. Attendance

Present: Jim Hancox, Joseph Wyatt, L Tobiasiewicz, Wayne Davey, Nathan Fowler, Tom Howard, Cat Tobiasiewicz, Rob Littler, Emauela Palombi, Caroline Roele, Manny Bennett, Roland Piper, James Threadgill, Si Hill, Phil Johnson, Willis Bruckerman, Graham Mynott

Apologies: Barry O’Kane, Benji Heywood, Georgie Winborn, Kevin Lowe, Edd Carmichael

2. Introductions

Graham Mynott (GM) welcomed everyone to the meeting and since the number of people in attendance was small enough, everyone briefly introduced themselves.

Simon Hill (SH) explained that this was the first formal Annual General Meeting of *UK Ultimate Ltd*, and that it related primarily to a review of 2010. It was also explained that whilst the governing documents for *UK Ultimate Ltd* do not require an AGM (hence it is possible that this could be the first) the Board had decided the introduction of an AGM was an important step in improving both communication with members and overall governance of the organisation.

3. Review 2010

SH presented a review of 2010 in financial and more general terms. This review is summarised by the UKU Annual Report 2010 (available from www.ukultimate.com).

At the time of writing the report, and of the AGM, the final annual accounts were not finalised. SH reported that subject to finalising the accounts, the turnover was approx. £97k and there would be a surplus of <£1k for the year.

4. Elections

Following the resignations of Jaimie Cross and Dom Hall from the positions of Chairman and Treasurer respectively the Board had temporarily appointed Graham Mynott (Chairman) and Wayne Davey (WD) (Treasurer) as replacements. These appointments were formally confirmed by election at the meeting.

5. Personal Accident Claim

GM informed the meeting that *UK Ultimate Ltd* is currently involved in a personal injury claim relating to a serious incident that occurred at the European Junior Ultimate Championships 2007, in Latvia. Sadly, the individual involved is seriously injured.

UK Ultimate does have liability insurance which includes the legal costs of defending the claim, but the process is complicated and at times very intensive.

Members were made aware that the case is proceeding and that the Board will issue further information when it becomes appropriate to do so.

6. Goals 2011

SH provided a summary and review of the *UKU* Priorities – highlighting the areas that are likely to have most attention during the remainder of 2011. Further information on these priorities and the progress being made against them is detailed in the Annual Report 2010.

In particular there were discussions regarding:

- Player Growth: SH highlighted the need to introduce a formal club affiliation process to ensure
 - A clear relationship between *UK Ultimate* and Ultimate clubs
 - Clearer points of contact for clubs
 - To support the introduction of better safeguarding practices in clubs
 - To enable members of the public “outside the Ultimate community” to find clubs where they can try the sport in their area
- The need for close attention and planning around the Great Britain Junior squads, and the very positive decision to employ Ruth Flight part-time in the role of GB Junior Programme Manager.
- Spirit of the Game: the question of consistency in the WFDF SOTG scoring system was raised and it was decided that more public debate on the topic would help move it forwards. The broader point of how *UKU* helps the community to protect and support SOTG as the number of players increases was also discussed briefly and it was emphasised that whilst players might from time to time find problems in this area, the real question is how to handle this if the number of players quickly doubles, or increases by a factor of ten.

7. Future AGMs

There was a brief discussion regarding the practicalities of holding an AGM at a time and place where members could realistically attend. There was a general consensus amongst those at the meeting that the Saturday of one of the major outdoor *UKU* Tour events would allow more people the opportunity to attend.

GM also noted that in future the Board intended that the AGM would take place 1-2 months earlier in the year; and so it was noted that the Saturday of Mixed Tour 1, 2012, would be a likely date for the next AGM (to be confirmed).

The meeting was closed at approximately 22:00.