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1. Attendance

Present: Simon Hill, Graham Mynott, Wayne Davey, Nathan Fowler, Alizé Clough, Mark Tobin, Barry O’Kane, Ali Smith, Jim Hancox, Liam Kelly, Issy Burke, Nicci Vinson, Edd Carmichael, Tim Lawrence, Luke Tobiasiewicz

Apologies: Tom Howard

2. Introductions

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

3. Elections

In general board members are appointed to the board for a period of three years; standing down in rotation to help maintain continuity. In Feb 2012, Barry O’Kane and Kevin Lowe stood down from their positions.

Barry O’Kane was re-elected to the Board following an online vote done ahead of the AGM and a vote at the AGM as per the UKU articles of association.

Kevin Lowe did not stand for re-election but has agreed to stay in post until a replacement is found and appointed.

4. Review 2011

Simon Hill presented a review of 2011 in financial and more general terms. This review is summarised by the UKU Annual Report 2010 (available from http://www.ukultimate.com/about_uku/board_documents).

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. £120k and that following some significant unexpected costs there would be loss in 2011 of approx £15k.

Wayne Davey provided a brief update on the work of the new Spirit of the Game committee noting that SOTG had been a topic of particular interest at the previous AGM. In particular he highlighted the fact that the group is primarily focused on tools to support the process of collecting SOTG feedback/scores; and looking at the longer term “protection” of SOTG as the sport continues to grow.

5. Planning 2013-16

The board started working on setting out plans for UK Ultimate in the period 2013-16. Some initial ideas were presented to the meeting for feedback and to start the process of engaging interested members in the more ambitious elements of the plan. These ideas will be made available for wider comment over the next few months.

Issy Burke asked if more could be done to have television articles that showed more elite-level ultimate. Jim Hancox asked if we were in a position to set up a dedicated PR team/representative to help guide any media interest in the direction of elite ultimate in addition to the basic story “what is ultimate?” – which continues to be the basis on which most media coverage is obtained.

6. Any other business

There was a brief discussion as to whether we should take additional steps to encourage more people to attend; or if the lack of attendance should be seen as tacit support for the way the sport is run in the UK at the moment.

Luke Tobiasiewicz suggested that members might be more likely to attend if there were additional specific discussions or decisions that required their involvement.

The meeting was closed at approximately 19:00.

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