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## 1. Attendance

Present: Simon Hill, Wayne Davey, Pete Gore, Josh Kyme, Tom Cartwright, Alex Brooks, Mark Penny, James Mead, Liam Kelly, Katie Hall

Apologies: Graham Mynott, Georgie Winborn, Barry O’Kane, Benji Heywood, Kevin Lowe, Edd Carmichael, Tom Howard

The following members voted online prior to the meeting:

David Pryce, Kyle Engineer, Alex Walsh, Ken Koyanagi, James Mead, James Burbidge, Nick Brownbill, Steven Bryant, Sam Vile, Amy Burton, Jaimie Cross, Jack O’Mahony, Jon Pugh, Alan Harding, Ben Smith-Richards, Tom Howard, Steve Smith, Matthew Burton, Jim Hancox, Ian Baxter

## 2. Introductions

Simon Hill (SH) welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief outline of the agenda. He noted the relatively low attendance, but re-affirmed the Board’s view that the AGM is best held on the Saturday evening of a major event so as to make it as easy as possible for as many members as possible to attend. The board is confident that members will attend the AGM on that basis if they have significant concerns.

## 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 2013, Benji Heywood and Tom Howard stood down from their positions. Kevin Lowe had remained in position after standing-down the previous year pending a new volunteer coming forwards.

The elections were done via the combination of online vote prior to the meeting, and a vote from the members present at the meeting.

Benji Heywood was re-elected to the position of Director of Competitions (30 votes)

Tom Howard was re-elected to the board “without portfolio” (26 votes, 4 abstain)

Joe Wyatt was elected to the position of Director for Junior Ultimate (30 votes), enabling Kevin Lowe to finally stand down.

SH formally thanked Kev Lowe for his tireless work to promote and support junior ultimate in the UK over many years.

## 4. Review 2012

Simon Hill presented a review of 2012 in financial and more general terms. This review is summarised by the UKU Annual Report 2012 (available from [http://www.ukultimate.com/about\\_uku/board\\_documents](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 (excluding GB Ultimate teams) was approx. £190k and that reserves had risen to £39k at the end of 2012.

SH noted that the Matalan Sporting Promise project to help introduce ultimate into more secondary schools continued to make good progress. Liam Kelly was available to answer any questions after the meeting.

The other stand-out achievement of the year was of course the World Championships silver medal won by the Open team at WUGC 2012 in Sakai, Japan (round of applause).

## **5. Strategic Plans 2013-16**

SH talked briefly through the goals that the UKU board agreed for the period 2013-16, and noted that a simple “summary slide” of this plan is available on the UKU website:

[http://www.ukultimate.com/about\\_uku/board\\_documents](http://www.ukultimate.com/about_uku/board_documents)

In particular SH explained that the board hoped that the simple “strap-line”: “Ultimate in every school, a club in every town, a coach in every club” would encourage more members of the community to think about they could support schools-ultimate directly or how their club could be developed to provide improved exit-routes for young people that try the sport in school and are interested in playing more often.

## **6. Any other business**

There was no other business, and so the meeting was closed at approximately 19:00.