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1. Attendance & Introductions

Present: Chris Bamford, Mark Bignal, Matt Burton, Miranda Cole, Wayne Davey, Jassy Drakulic, Dan Godbold, Sam Gunbie, Brigid Harty, Ben Heywood, Simon Hill, Neil Humpage, Megan Hurst, Liam Kelly, Graham Mynott, Felix Shardlow, Alison Smith, Amberish Taipuria, Luke Tobiaisiewicz, Cat Tobiaisiewicz-Gale, Chris White, Georgie Winborn, Joe Wyatt

Graham Mynott (GM) welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief outline of the agenda. He explained that it has always been difficult to find a good date/time for the AGM and that putting a meeting alongside a broader “development conference” was a new idea that the board had decided to try. He thanked everyone for their support of the initiative.

2. Elections

In general board members are appointed for a period of three years; standing down in rotation to help maintain continuity.

Wayne Davey (Treasurer) and Georgie Winborn (without-portfolio) stood down as part of the normal rotation. Earlier in the year Chris "Aussie" White had been temporarily appointed as Director of Competitions following Benji Heywood's resignation. Our normal approach to these situations is that the appointed candidate stand for election at the next appropriate general meeting.

Chris, Wayne and Georgie were all standing for election to continue in their roles, and there were no other nominations. Elections are done via the combination of online vote prior to the meeting, and a vote from the members present at the meeting. Each candidate received the following total numbers of votes:

- Treasurer – Wayne Davey (57)
- Director of Competitions – Chris White (55)
- Board member – Georgie Winborn (58)

All three were congratulated on being re-elected, and thanked for their ongoing support of UK Ultimate.

SH reported that in early Sept 2014, Barry O'Kane had decided to resign from his board position, and that the organisation would now be looking for nominations to fill a further board position. Barry O'Kane has done an enormous amount of voluntary work to support and develop ultimate in the UK over a period of 20 years. Barry will continue in his role as a member of the GB Oversight Committee.

3. Review 2013

Simon Hill presented a review of 2013 in financial and more general terms. This review is summarised by the UKU Annual Report 2013 (available from http://www.ukultimate.com/about_uku/board_documents).

A summary of the information provided at the meeting is shown below:

- Turnover £351k
 - of which £164k related to GB
- Surplus £19.8k
- Reserves £59k
- Income breakdown (excl GB)
 - Membership £59k
 - Events £91k

- Coaching £14k
- Other £23k
- Largest costs areas (excl GB)
 - Events (£67k) although this doesn't include indirect costs e.g. salaries
 - Salaries (£48.5k)
 - Insurance (£13k)

Highlights 2013

- Internationally our teams continue to do well. Highlights for the year included a clean-sweep of gold medals at XEUCF 2013, notable results across most divisions at both EYUC (gold in U17 Open) and ECBU (gold in Masters-Open), and of course participation in the World Games (Cali, Colombia) for the second time.
- The UKU University Women's Indoors became a sanctioned BUCS event.
- We had another positive year financially and were able to further strengthen the organisation's stability by hiring a part-time bookkeeper (1 day/week) and a part-time Events Coordinator (2 days/week).
- WFDF received provisional recognition from the International Olympic Committee in May 2013.

4. Updates 2014-15

Given the meeting was taking place in September 2014, SH also noted some key events from the year to date:

- GB U17 retained Euro gold
- Clapham's WUCC performance also deserves mention
- London Calling biggest regular event in Europe (96 teams)
- Yr 7-8 division (u14) added to Schools Championship Finals
- Hired part-time bookkeeper (end 2013) and event-coordinator (Jan 2014)
 - Seeing some of expected benefits already
- Signed partnership with Sports Structures to market and administer Level 1 Coaching Award for non-players
- Membership 3900 (up from 3600 previous year)
- Finances to year-end look positive despite additional costs

With regards to 2015, SH reported that UKU was expecting to be awarded the WFDF 2015 World Under-23 Ultimate Championships, and that furthermore there was a strong bid in place for WFDF 2016 World Ultimate & Guts Championships.

5. Any other business

There was no other business, and so the AGM was closed, allowing the less formal "Development Day" activities and discussions to get started.