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1. Attendance & Introductions

Present: Chris Bamford, Hannah Brooker, Willis Bruckermann, Josh Coxon Kelly, Wayne Davey, Ben Heywood, Simon Hill, Neil Humpage, Liam Kelly, Graham Mynott, Felix Shardlow, Nick Skliar-Davies, Luke Tobiaisiewicz, Cat Tobiaisiewicz-Gale, Chris White

Graham Mynott (GM) welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief outline of the agenda.

2. Review 2014

Simon Hill presented a review of 2014 in financial and more general terms.

Financial Highlights	2014 (£k)	2013 (£k)
Turnover	306	351
UKU business	223	187
GB programme	83	164
Surplus	18	20
Reserves	77	59

- 2014 accounts signed off by board and submitted to Companies House and HMRC during Sept 2015
- Investment plan for 2014 was based on assumption of breaking even – but Events ended up at top end of our expectations for income
- Historically no documented policy on target reserve levels, but approach has been to err on side of building up reserves to provide a secure financial base
- GB programme is run on basis of breaking even

The following points were also discussed briefly

- London Calling biggest regular event in Europe (96 teams)
- EUCF Winners in Women's (Iceni) and Open (Clapham); Clapham's WUCC 5th
- GB U17 retained Euro gold
- Yr 7-8 division (u14) added to Schools Championship Finals
- Hired part-time bookkeeper (end 2013) and event-coordinator (Jan 2014)
- Signed partnership with Sports Structures to market and administer Level 1 Coaching Award for non-players
- Ultimatum 2014 was very delayed due to various issues, but mainly the difficulty of persuading contributors to complete their articles on time.

3. Updates 2015-16

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

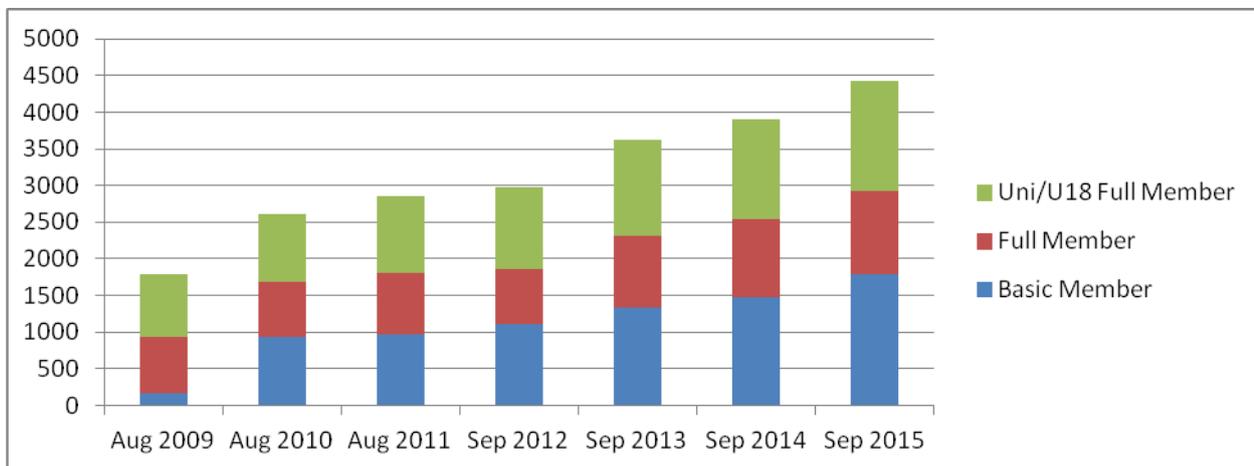
- Operations dominated by WU23s and WUGC – they also create a substantial financial risk
- Events, Coach Education and GB programmes are all running – but very stretched
- Many other activities and initiatives, and certainly our communications, have slowed down significantly
- Events & Competitions:

- New draft leagues started in various locations (e.g. Liverpool, Reading)
- First full year of UKU Event Coordinator role – on some weekends BH is directly coordinating 7 or 8 events in parallel. Introduction of the Event Coordinator role has allowed the University Coordinator, and committee to start discussions beyond just competition management.
- Five sponsored London Calling
- Pressure on tour structure from GB teams
- BUCS: Men's University competition moves to Wednesday afternoons (!), Women's Outdoors sanctioned
- GB Programme
 - 19 GB teams during 2015
 - Senior and U23 squads less integrated than 2011-13, but general admin managed centrally including medical support and anti-doping education
 - Mixed & Open gold @ EUC and Open silver @ WCBU standout results
- Coaching Programme
 - Increasing numbers attending Level 1x (for non-players)
 - Level 2 continues but its slow
 - Planned programme of skills clinics has not happened – in part due to low take-up on first attempt
- Supporting clubs
 - Club Affiliation process now automated on website – will make it easier to push

SH also made provided some information about the World U23 Ultimate Championships, noting in particular that the event had been very well received, that the volunteer-support from our community had been fantastic, but also that we expected to have made a loss of approx £20k: largely driven by a lower than expected attendance.

4. Membership

The following chart showing the ongoing growth in UKU membership was presented, noting that the growth in numbers had provided a growth in the organisation's income without any change the membership fees, which have remained fixed since the creation of the UK Ultimate Association in 2001.



Luke Tobiassiewicz suggested that the membership fees could be increased to provide additional funds to support the organisation's activities. Whilst it was broadly agreed that a small increase could probably be implemented without a major impact to the members, the board members confirmed that this would only be done alongside a very clear requirement for the additional income.

5. Any other business

There was no other business, and so the AGM was closed.