



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held on Sunday 23 March 2025 at 7pm

Via Teams

PRESENT: Jim McNally, Tony Hunter, Neeltje Stuurman, Caroline Moore, Paul Rhodes, Jenni Cluskey, Joel Trenchard, Janette Wood, Patrick Phillips, Jo Skinner, Richard Ellender, Barbara McNally, Kevin Davidson, Kay Neale, Lucie Frietag-Fransen

1 WELCOME

Jim Welcomed everyone to the meeting. Jim proposed that Tony Hunter (ex CEO and Events Director) stands in for him and this was seconded and voted upon by the meeting, which gave Tony the chair.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None (although Kevin Davidson advised he had not received meeting invite).

3 MATTERS ARISING

Nothing from the last AGM.

4 DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Chief Executive
Admin Director
Finance Director
Masters Director
Communications Director
Junior Novice Director (none to submit)

All reports taken as read as issued with agenda.

Tony Hunter had questions regarding the charge for solicitor's fees. Asked if this was in connection with moving to CIC (Community Interest Company) status and Caroline confirmed this to be the case. Tony asked if this was a one off fee, Caroline replied there would be an annual fee of around £300 in connection with this.

5 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Tony thanked the existing Board for their services, and in particular those standing down – Neeltje, Caroline and Iain. However, Caroline advised that she would remain on the Board temporarily (till June), to enable a new Finance Director to be found. Tony thanked Caroline for doing this.

All Board members elected as per nominations:

President - Jim McNally

Chief Executive – Patrick Phillips

Administration Director - Janette Wood

Communications Director – Jo Skinner

Divers' Representative – Erin MacInnes (not present)

Finance Director - vacant, with Caroline Moore agreeing to stay in office until June

Junior Novices Director – role not supported at this time

Masters Director - Paul Rhodes

Directors Without Portfolio (3) - Jenni Cluskey, Joel Trenchard, Richard Ellender

Patrick, Jo and Richard, invited to provide a short resume to everyone at the meeting (see attached).

Neeltje thanked them for wanting to be part of GBDF and the Board.

Tony hoped that a Finance Director would be found soon to take on this important position and wondered if one of the Directors without Portfolio might consider the role.

Jo advised that she would like to promote the Finance Director role via social media. Jim advised that the person did not have to be a diver or have high level book-keeping skills, turnover is around £7k per annum. Caroline briefly advised the extent of skills required. Caroline and Jo will discuss this in more detail and promote. **(JS/CM)**

Jim proposed the Board and Jenni seconded the motion.

Everyone agreed to the nominations proposed.

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

7 Tony thanked everyone for attending and the meeting was brought to a closure at 7.18pm

J WOOD

Administrative Director, GBDF

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PATRICK PHILLIPS, new Chief Executive Officer

Based in South Wales.

Began diving around 20 years ago.

Currently difficult to be involved with the club.

Day job – attorney

JO SKINNER, new Communications Director

Diver.

Competing for about 13 years.

Works in the communications Industry as a Graphic Designer for corporate companies.

Used to client management.

Was previously the presidents of a netball club.

Felt time to step up and bring her skills to diving.

Looking forward to building up the diving community/GBDF.

RICHARD ELLENDER, new Director without Portfolio

Diving since 2008.

Became interested in diving as a result of swimming.

Loved diving since taking up the sport.

Work took him away for a while, but now back involved in diving.

Civil Service used to have a diving competition, but this event has been lost.

Looking to be more involved in GBDF.