

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
BRITISH WATER SKI FEDERATION LIMITED HELD ON SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015  
AT TAYLOR WESSING, LONDON.**

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**PRESENT**

Messrs. Patric Foley-Brickley (BWSW Chairman), Mr Aubrey Sheena (Honorary Vice President).

**BWSW Board Members**

Messrs. Patrick Donovan (CEO & Company Secretary), Steve Sopp, Peter James, Rose Tranah, Justine Naylor, Alex Dobson, Martin Winter, Nick McGarry and Penny Clifton.

**Members**

Messrs. James Timothy (Rickmansworth), Tony Green, Robin Nichols, Colin Slater and Andy Harris (Advisory Council Member).

**Voting Clubs Represented by Proxy**

Aune Valley	Derek Blackmore
Bluebird Deaf Water Ski Club	Chair of Meeting
British Disabled Water Ski Association	Robin Nichols
Calmwater Bay Water Ski Club	Tony Green
Charnwood Water Ski Club	Michael Lock
Chichester Water Ski Club	Chair of Meeting
Cirencester Water Ski Club	Colin Slater
Dudley Water Ski Club	Chair of Meeting
Ellingham Water Ski & Wakeboard Club	Chair of Meeting
Gosfield Lake Water Ski Club	Chair of Meeting
Green Diamond Water Ski Club	Chair of Meeting
Hazelwood Ski World	Chair of Meeting
Humber Bridge Water Ski Club	Tony Green
Just Wake	Suzi Nightingale
Loch Lomond Water Ski Club	Chair of Meeting
Merlin Brae Water Ski Club	Chair of Meeting
Rock Sailing and Water Ski Club	Martin Winter
South Yorkshire Boat and Ski Club	Tony Green
Stewartby Watersports Club	Chair of Meeting
Stone Water Ski Club	Chair of Meeting
Telford Water Ski Club	Chair of Meeting
Water Ski & Boarding Academy	Chair of Meeting
Water Ski Scotland	Chair of Meeting
Welton Water Ski Club	Chair of Meeting
White Cross Ski Club	Tony Green
White Rose Ski Club	Tony Green
Wiremill Water Ski Club	Steve Sopp

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from:

Derek Blackmore, Michael Lock, George Hazelwood and Suzi Nightingale.

## **MEETING OPENED**

The Chairman, Patric Foley-Brickley commenced the proceedings by welcoming everyone to the General Meeting and thanked them for attending to deal with an important governance issue. For background he outlined the rationale for a vote on today's Special Resolution which was ultimately aimed at re-invigorating the organisation's structure and ensuring it was representative and meaningful to our members and participants. The sport was suffering a global downturn in terms of membership and participation (the USA Federation had lost 30% of its members over 3 years) and it was noted that other traditional sports had faced large falls in participation also. At Board level the intention was to address the downturn starting with retaining our existing customer base and restructure the organisation accordingly together with bringing into line the BWSF Ltd articles with more standardised corporate governance.

## **PROPOSAL TO DELETE THE CURRENT ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION & ADOPT NEW ARTICLES WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT**

The rationale behind this proposal and newly proposed articles had been widely circulated to all present prior to the meeting as part of a consultation exercise. A principal aim was to reform the mechanism by which Board members were appointed as Directors of the Company; there would be direct elections via the AGM to include the appointment of Independent Directors. Furthermore the role of the Advisory Council would change though it would remain a constitutional body referenced in the Articles. A comprehensive summary document had been provided detailing numerous proposed governance improvements. There were some questions and clarifications of various points.

A vote was called with a total number of 66 available votes (one registered proxy had failed to attend). The result of the vote was as follows:

For the proposal	66 (this represented a number greater than the 75% of votes cast required for a Special Resolution to pass.)
Against	0

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No AOB items had been tabled prior to or during the meeting.

There being no further business Patric Foley-Brickley thanked the delegates for attending and thanked Taylor Wessing for their assistance with hosting today's event together with all the staff members who had helped with the organisation of the General Meeting. He wished all present a safe journey home and a very enjoyable and successful season 2016.

As a final note Colin Slater thanked both Patric and Martin for their input and detailed work on the development of the articles and revamp of structure leading to today's General Meeting.

**END**

The meeting closed at 13:00 pm

Minuted by:  
Patrick Donovan  
**Chief Executive Officer & Company Secretary**