

MINUTES



Of the meeting of the **British Water Ski & Wakeboard Board** held on **Wednesday 13th May 2020 via Conference Call**

Present:

Board:

Martin Winter
Steve Sopp
Peter James
Simon Waring
Margaret Curtis
Clare Lobb
Nick Fellows
Patrick Donovan

Advisory Council:

Tony Green

Additional Presence:

Keir Boissevain – Business Development Officer

Apologies:

Peter James
Abbie Lench

Insurance working group:

- Working group for insurance already in place, Patrick Donovan and Kylie Cooper meet with an insurance representative Bluefin Sport or Bishop Skinner. This had been the subject of extensive work in the previous months.
- Tony Green stated that points regarding insurance were principally put forward by members of the AC (insurance involving Ski Racing)

Board Attendance of Advisory Council:

- Members of the Board attending AC meetings as frequently as possible
- Any person(s) on the Advisory Council that are averse to a board member in a certain meeting, are entitled to request the board representative not be present in that meeting or during a discussion where the Board member can be in attendance for the remainder of the meeting. Tony Green stressed; board members were nonetheless welcome.

Communication:

- Tony Green stated that anyone that has important items of business they are included in the minutes.

- Nick Fellows stated that misconception comes from a lot of membership sports that the board are disjoined from the sport. But the board are also members at clubs and should not be seen as distant or disconnected from the sport.
- The Board always welcomes feedback

Sport England statement -

- SE's financial backing and support are integral and currently keep us going as a governing body.
- Tony Green stated that representatives have been around a long time and know that they are needed. It was an individual comment.

Martin Winter said that going forward it would ensure best board focus on AC input if it was clear, in the relevant AC minutes, whether the points had, following discussion, been adopted by the AC as AC consensus points. The board did not want to deter any points from being made to it, but in terms of best keeping the board in touch with the grassroots of the sport, in accordance with the articles, and the board seeking to give proper consideration to points raised, it would be very useful for the AC to submit, so far as possible, an agreed view. Attendance by board members at AC meetings would probably assist in the process. To reiterate, all points the AC members wanted to submit would be given serious consideration by the board but, in so doing, and so as to ensure efficient use of board resource, it would work best if the board was aware if points were majority held views or not. In the unlikely event of an AC member feeling their minority position was not getting through to the board, hopefully they would feel free to contact HQ or a director they knew.

Actions:

If there are personal points that an individual AC member would like to discuss, they should take directly to the Board. Most suitably to the Board member that they know, so that they do not conflict or are inappropriately included in the minutes.

Protocol moving forward that, so far as practical, input is agreed upon and then shared between Board and AC.

Honorary Membership:

- Honorary members should be decided by the Advisory Council

Patrick Donovan stated that the timings (i.e. AC meeting dates) have not given the opportunity to the AC to make the decision in recent times.

Actions:

Advisory Council to be involved through AC Chair.

Regional Committee:

- Tony Green highlighted that the Regions issue as the biggest point from the AC meeting of 26th February.
- In years gone by the regional committee was disjointed which had mixed attendance, sometimes good sometimes empty. Some regions are and have been very active but not others. 2 most active regions SW and Y&H.
- Regional Committee members to have a representative or all attend the Advisory Council meetings. Do the AC want the additional regional representation in the meetings (whether a lead RC representative or the whole group)?

- Regional Committee to be focused in to 4 regions of England and include the representatives from Scotland and Wales (potentially Northern Ireland) - N.B. Martin Winter explained that Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are meant to be represented on the AC (article 34.1) already in existing structure and the Regions are entitled, as a defined discipline, to two separate representatives.
- Representatives:
 - Stephen Bird (Western)
 - Richard Mattos (Southern)
 - David Field (Northern)
 - TBD (Eastern)
 - Alan Murray (Scotland)
 - Rod Beattie (Wales)
- Regional Committee to be free to have meetings outside of the AC meetings and report discussions to the AC or included within AC agenda.
- Each representative to be democratically voted into regional role

Actions:

Tony Green and AC to identify someone in the Eastern region to be part of the Regional Committee group already stated above.

All regions are to be invited to the AC meetings. AC to determine whether, as regards, England that is 2 or 4 representatives.

A list of the clubs that are within the remit of each regional representative could be prepared. Representative would be asked to create an appropriate link to the clubs.

BDWWA:

- Structure for membership has been put in place with Heron Lake and new owners Access Adventures.
- Board have been actively involved with Jane Sowerby and Gordon Bloor and have successfully secured the affiliation of Access Adventures.

Membership benefits:

- Advisory Council to advise what benefits they would suggest or think a majority of members would find useful.

Actions:

Tony Green to discuss with AC for suggestions and put back to the Board.

Safeguarding:

- Board needs to appoint a new representative "Champion" for safeguarding as Justine (previously in position) is no longer a member of the board
- Patrick Donovan is the current backup for Tony Green (etc. when on holiday). Patrick happy to take the role as the representative on the board