



**MINUTES OF A CRICKET WALES EGM HELD AT 7-00pm ON THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2021**

**BY TELECONFERENCE**

**Present: Rod Jones (RJ) (Chair); Tony Moss (TM); Leshia Hawkins (CEO); Colin John (CJ); Hugh Morris (HM); Richard Penney (RP); Sian Webber (SW); Gareth Lanagan (GL); Richard Penney (RP); Kerry Lloyd (KL); Mark Frost (MF); Matt Thompson (MT); Ieuan Watkins (IW); Rebecca Rothwell (RR); Paul Morgan; Richard Merriman; Iwan Richards;**

1. **Welcome from Chair:** RJ welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were received from Jennifer Owen Adams, Sue Phelps, Meilyr Harris, Bob Elsen and Rob Wilkins.
3. **Voting on Proposed Article Amendments:** Prior to the meeting, LH had distributed a list of eight proposed amendments to the existing Articles.
  - 3.1. RJ explained that the reason this EGM had called is because Governance issues are of increasingly significant importance to our funding partners when deciding on our levels of funding and Cricket Wales' desire to employ best practice in governance. Therefore, our Governance Group had considered the existing requirements of both Sport Wales and ECB in arriving at these proposed amendments. RJ said that, if the proposals are accepted, implementation will commence immediately.
  - 3.2. As part of the voting process, Rebecca Rothwell (RR) of Sport Wales had been requested to verify the counting of votes received and to communicate those results to this meeting. RR addressed the meeting and reported that all eight proposed amendments had been accepted. RJ thanked RR for her contribution to the voting process and asked if there were any comments or questions.
  - 3.3. Paul Morgan (PM) of the South Wales Premier League (SWPL) said that with regards to Proposal A2, the SWPL was concerned it faced being penalised for something it was unable to achieve, if it failed to attain diversity targets due to difficulties in attracting suitable candidates. Both LH and RJ said that it was not the intention of Cricket Wales to punish organisations who have shown that it has taken all reasonable steps to achieve requisite standards of governance or adoption of codes as imposed by ECB
  - 3.4. PM also commented on proposal B2(a) which required the Chair of Cricket Wales to be completely independent and so relinquish any existing official office held within cricket in Wales. PM said that this made it virtually impossible for a representative from the recreational game in Wales to become Chair of Cricket Wales. RJ acknowledged this as a fair point and that the potential loss of connectivity with the game was a concern but that overall, the Board had felt that the independence of the Chair outweighed this consideration. LH said that Independent Chairs are now accepted as relatively basic governance standards and, while this was a challenge for sport, perhaps more than many other industries, those with other positions of power would only be asked to relinquish their other recreational committee roles for the duration of any term as Chair, if they wished to put themselves forward for consideration.

4. AOB: None

The meeting closed at 7-20pm

SIGNED:



Date:

17/5/2021

Chair Cricket Wales