



Patron—Mr John Percy

President—Mr M Richardson

Chairman—Mr D T Evans

Minutes of the 91st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
2 pm at NOVA CENTRE, PRESTATYN Saturday 18th February 2017

Chairman – Mr Martin Richardson – WCGBA President

In Attendance – approximately 150.

- 1. OPENING REMARKS** – The President Martin Richardson welcomed everyone to the new venue. He said he had thoroughly enjoyed his year as President and thanked his wife, family and friends for their support. He had attended many events and congratulated all county teams, ‘they came close’! He noted that the juniors did very well and as the future of the game they must be encouraged.
- 2. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES – the following trophies were presented by the President Martin Richardson and the BCGBA President Peter Higham , to those in attendance.**
 - Ray Springfield** – Senior team aggregate – **Lewis Scott**
 - Trevor Ashenden** – Ladies team aggregate – **Abigail Wynne-Jones**
 - Huw Owen** – Highest placed in BCGBA Senior Merit – **Graham Bennett** (beaten 21-15 in the third round by Matt Gilmore the eventual winner).
 - Stan Higham** – Junior aggregate Flintshire & Wrexham – **Ryan Bond**
 - Llew Roberts** - Junior aggregate Glyndwr & Gwynedd – **Callum Sorfleet**

WCGBA HALL OF FAME – the following were inducted into the WCGBA Hall of Fame for their achievements

Peter Higham – BCGBA President 2016

David T Evans – in recognition of his refereeing in 2016:-

 - 101st ‘Flowfit’ BCGBA Senior Merit Final
 - BCGBA ‘Flowfit’ Champion of Champions
 - Endsleigh County Championship Final

David gave some sage advice to any ‘would be’ referee, thanking the late Don James for his encouragement and advice when he first took up refereeing.

Andrew Armstrong – BCGBA Junior Merit winner 2016. The trophy had been loaned for the day by the BCGBA and Andrew was photographed with the magnificent trophy and WCGBA officials.
- 3. APOLOGIES were received from :-** Pat & John Crowther, George Walleth, Ryan Bond, Ray Barnes, Carl Curzon, Margaret Heard, Bangor-on-Dee BC, Parciau BC, Benllech BC, Olwen Edwards, Roger Guest, Graham Bennett, Alan Green & Teg Langford.
- 4. OBITUARIES** – members stood for a minutes silence in remembrance of those who had passed away during the past year.
- 5. MINUTES** of the 2016 AGM had been circulated, they were proposed as a correct record by Mr peter Hayes, seconded by Ashley Zepeda, agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 6. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**, Matt Foster’s report had been previously circulated. He congratulated Peter Higham on his successful year as BCGBA President and the very successful BCGBA Senior Merit hosted by Llay Welfare club.

He also congratulated Andrew Armstrong on winning the BCGBA Junior Merit, Linda Williams on winning the Ladies Waterloo, Nicola Boulton on winning the BCGBA Ladies Champion of Champions, Lewis Scott on winning the WCGBA Champion of Champions and all Merit winners. He reminded clubs that they needed up-to-date insurance, the details of which needed to be sent to him. Also the club Welfare officers must have an up-to-date DBS certificate.

He finally encouraged clubs to ask for help if they had a problem. He then thanked the secretary, Pauline Lindley and presented her with flowers.

7. THE FINANCIAL REPORT – this had been previously circulated and the Financial Officer Peter Scott explained some of the entries. No questions had been submitted.

Affiliation Fees for 2017 – recommended no change

Appointment of Independent Examiners for 2017 Accounts – ‘Sage & Co’ proposed by the Financial Officer and agreed unanimously.

7.1. The following proposed Honoraria were approved

- Chief Executive - £1200
- Financial Officer - £850
- Secretary - £850
- Registrar - £750
- Tournament Officer & BCGBA Rep - £300
- Team Co-ordinators - £200
- Ladies Secretary - £50
- Website Manager - £200
- Area Development Officers (to be appraised) - £100
- Open Competition Secretary - £50

Acceptance of the financial report was proposed by David Walker, seconded by Trevor Ashenden and agreed unanimously.

8. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS – see WCGBA website

9. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR FORTHCOMING YEAR – 2017

9.1. President –Danuta (Dusia)Price,

Proposed by Peter Kershaw on behalf of Glyndwr – who explained how much Dusia has been involved with Abergele Bowling Club, Glyndwr Area Association, Several leagues and the WCGBA. Dusia also trained as a referee and is very well known in Glyndwr and the WCGBA as a whole through her loyal s

Seconded by David T Evans on behalf of Gwynedd – David added that Dusia can be seen at many matches and competitions selling raffle tickets or programmes, whatever the weather. Dusia had not been well during 2016 but was now better and determined to ‘give her all’ during 2017. As a fellow Manchester United fan David was delighted to second her appointment!

The appointment was approved by all and Dusia thanked Glyndwr for the nomination

9.2. Deputy President –Brenda Jones,

Proposed by John Percy on behalf of Wrexham who noted that for the very first time both the WCGBA President and Deputy President were both ladies. Brenda has been involved with bowls from club level, league, area, WCGBA and in 2008 was President of the BCGLBA. She has supported the WCGBA for many years and is well known throughout the WCGBA.

Seconded by Peter Higham on behalf of Flintshire, Peter added that Brenda was still working when she was WCGBA President in 2010.

Both John and Peter added congratulations to Dusia and Brenda and wished them both a successful year in office.

Brenda thanked the Wrexham and Flintshire area for their support and that she will do her best to support Dusia. She thanked her family and friends for their encouragement and support.

CONFIRMATION OF OFFICERS for 2017

The following had been appointed by the EGB, and were approved by all.

Chief Executive –Matt Foster

Financial Officer –Peter Scott
Registrar - George Wallett
Secretary – Pauline Lindley
Tournament Officer – David Walker
Senior Team Manager – Vacancy
Ladies Team Coordinator – Catherine Rogers
Junior Team Coordinator – Vacancy
Men’s Veterans Manager – Mike Barrodale
Ladies Veterans Manager – Carl Curzon
Sponsorship Officer – Vacancy
Press Officer – Vacancy
Welsh Liaison Officer – David T Evans
Welfare Officer – Vacancy
Website manager –David Philip
BCGBA Representative – David Walker
Open Competition Secretary – David Philip
Disability Liaison Officer – Ray Barnes

All vacant posts to be discussed at the next EGB meeting and suitable applicants appointed in due course.

10. CONFIRMATION OF EGB MEMBERS FOR 2017

Flintshire – Peter Higham, David Walker, Ashley Zepeda
Glyndwr – Danuta Price, Abigail Wynne-Jones, Mark Whiteley
Gwynedd – David T Evans, Delwyn Lewis, Roger Morgan
Wrexham – Brenda Jones, Sandra West, Vacancy

11. RULE CHANGES AND NOTICE OF MOTIONS - None had been received.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and wished them a successful 2017 season.

The meeting closed at 3pm.

Club representatives collected their ‘March Mailings’ envelopes and several other documents and posters were available for promotion purposes.