



Minutes of British Showjumping Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 20 June 2016 at The Best Western Windmill Village Hotel (Windmill Suite), Birmingham Road, Coventry, CV5 9AL

Present: **Les Harris** (Chairman) – Non Executive Board Director
Iain Graham (Chief Executive) - Executive Board Director
Julia Biddle – Showjumping Specific - Non Executive Board Director
Rod Kohler – Sponsorship and Marketing - Non Executive Board Director
Stuart McInnes, MBE – Legal and Governance - Non Executive Board Director
Kirsty Pearce – Showjumping Specific - Non Executive Board Director & Company Secretary
Jenny Quirke – Finance - Non Executive Board Director
Alison Rankin Frost – Communications and PR - Non Executive Board Director

In Attendance: David Broome, CBE - President
Steve Halkett – Wright Hassall Solicitors
Richard Lane – Wright Hassall Solicitors
Mark Bullock – Murphy Salisbury (Auditors)
Nicky McMurdo, Executive Assistant to CEO
Anna Garside – Sport Team, British Showjumping

Apologies: *Anne Fearnall*
Alan Golledge
John Jacks
Beccy Worrall

27 members including Board members and staff were in attendance at the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

As a quorum was present the Chairman declared the meeting open and started formal proceedings.

The notice of the meeting, together with explanatory notes, was mailed to members on 25 May 2016 and the requisite notice of the meeting had been given. The Chairman asked for the consent of those present that the notice of the meeting should be taken as read. This was agreed.

1) To receive the Chairman's statement and Report of the Board and the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2015.

The Chairman's statement and Report of the Board and the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 had been available on the Association's website since 25 May 2016 and were formally tabled.

2) To Reappoint the Auditors

The Board recommended that Murphy Salisbury be re-appointed as Auditors. All Members in favour of re-appointing Murphy Salisbury as Auditors were asked to raise their hand. With a majority vote to reappoint Murphy Salisbury as Auditors for British Showjumping the motion was carried.

3) To Authorise the Directors to agree the remuneration of the Auditors

Members present were asked to raise their hands if they were in favour for the Directors to agree the remuneration of the Auditors. With a majority vote, the motion to authorise the Directors to agree the remuneration of the Auditors was carried.

The Chairman reported the conclusion of the formal business of the meeting.

4) Sport Update

The Chief Executive gave an update on British Showjumping including information on the forthcoming Olympic Games in Rio, the partnership work BS is doing with other equestrian organisations, National Championships, scheduling online and online registrations, livestreaming coverage and structure of the Board, Committees and working parties.

5) To receive questions from members submitted to the Company Secretary 14 days prior to the meeting.

Questions received from members submitted to the Company Secretary 14 days prior to the meeting were circulated with the relevant answers. The Chairman advised these would be published on the British Showjumping website for 14 days following the AGM.

Following the conclusion of the business of the meeting, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

On conclusion of the formal business of the meeting Stuart McInnes invited members to ask questions reminding those present that any questions that were unable to be answered at the meeting would be replied to within 14 days of the day of the meeting.

Mr Graham Hudson – Shropshire

Having been involved with British Showjumping for a number of years and serving on previous Management and Executive Boards, can the Showjumping specific members confirm the new constitution is working satisfactory?

It was reported that the current Constitution was drafted in 2012 and has been reviewed constantly since that time not only by the Board of Directors but also by independents. A considerable amount of money has been spent looking at the constitution following challenges by a group of members. The two showjumping specific Board members now attend various meetings and working parties and spend considerable time attending shows and liaising with the membership. The general feedback given is that the sport has progressed, there are now more transparent processes in place for the well-being of show organisers, members and officials. There are a wide variety of people on Committees and working parties and thereby any decisions made are never down to one person. Members have the ability to get involved on the Members Council and it was reported the next elections will take place in 2017 whereby vacancies will be advertised on the website and via National and Regional Newsletters.

Mrs Judy Ross – Buckinghamshire

Judy felt clashing of show dates/venues needed consideration as there were still dates with several shows taking place at the same time.

It was advised that Development Officers host Regional Dates meetings which show organisers attend and agree dates for the forthcoming season. Once the Regional meetings have taken place, dates are incorporated into a national calendar at which point the venues have the choice to continue to run, amend their category, change date or cancel if they feel another venue may impact on their entries. With regard to new venues being accepted for British Showjumping events there is a process whereby standards have to be approved by a BS representative.

Mr John Payne – Warwickshire

Mr Payne was unsure what level of insurance British Showjumping adopted for Officials and asked for the opportunity to speak to the Chief Executive after the meeting, which was agreed. The Chief Executive reminded all members present that the British Showjumping insurance policy was incorporated in the Members Handbook.

With no further questions from the floor the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting concluded at 11.45pm.