



BTTAD Ltd TRADING AS BRITISH PARA TABLE TENNIS
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General

Once again British Para Table Tennis (BPTT) had another year of achievement and change.

The Annual General Meeting was held on March 4 2017 at Nottingham with 12 members present. The Annual Report for 2017 was accepted and the 2017 Financial Statement of Accounts approved. One change to the Articles was approved. 4 Board members attended the AGM.

A General Meeting was called by the Board and was held on September 19th at Sheffield; it was to consider changes to the Articles as a result of the Code for Sports Governance; these changes were approved. 15 members attended including 4 Board members.

As regards Board membership, Jackie Sheldon resignation's due to work commitments was received with regret and she was thanked for her contribution. Becky Bisland, and Mel Cheung – Turner were appointed after publicly advertised process.

Board met 3 times - Karen Tonge MBE (Chairman) - 3, Becky Bisland – 1, Mel Cheung-Turner - 1, Charlie Childs - 2, Olivia Coady - 2, Robert Geary - 3. Mike Smith (Company Secretary) attended all 3, as did Laura Hayward (WCP Performance Operations Manager) whose administrative support was much appreciated.

Each of the 5 sub-committees – Finance (Chairman - Robert Geary, Secretary - Laura Hayward), Governance (Chairman - Charlie Childs, Secretary - Laura Hayward), Membership Services (Chairman - Shaun Newcomb, Secretary – Mike Smith, and then Helen Dennett), Performance Monitoring (Chairman - Roger Hales, Secretary Laura Hayward), Selection (Chairman - Shaun Newcomb, Secretary - Laura Hayward) met regularly and reported to Board. During the year, the Secretariat was enhanced through the appointment of 2 additional Assistant Secretaries - Helen Dennett (Membership Services) and Neil Marples (general Board support). Judy Rogers remained an Assistant Secretary with specific responsibility for Child Protection.

We were saddened by the deaths of two Paralympians - Jim Munkley MBE (Honorary Life Member), and Claire Robertson.

Finance

Robert Geary (Treasurer/ Financial Director) has completed the Statement of Accounts for the membership side of the organisation for the 2017 Financial Year and these have been circulated.

The overall position for the BPTT Non- Restricted and Restricted Accounts is shown with the result not as good as the previous year but still an overall surplus even though the Michael Hawkesworth National Championships lost money as usual and there was a significant payment in connection with rebranding. The deficit on the Championships was marginally higher but there was increased surplus on Grand Prix events. Generous donations were received through the considerable efforts of Olivia Coady.

The UK Sport funding for the World Class Programme is not shown in these accounts as they held in a Table Tennis England account under a Service Level Agreement; they are recorded in that account for the Financial Year ending March 31 2017 within the audited accounts of English Table Tennis Association Ltd trading as Table Tennis England which were accepted by its AGM in July 2017. Thanks are due to Sam Garey - Finance Officer TTE- for her work on behalf of BPTT, to our sponsors Butterfly for clothing and equipment for the Performance Programme and to other sponsors. The significant increase of £110k in the UK Sport grant for the Tokyo cycle for 2017-21 is noted with great pleasure; thanks go to UK Sport for their continuing support.

Governance

Governance Committee has been extremely active this year due to the requirements of the Code for Sports Governance adopted by the Board, as all funded sports have to adhere to it to be eligible to receive government funding. While BPTT was generally compliant, proposals to change the Articles to ensure they were in complete compliance with the Code were prepared and brought to the General Meeting in September 2018 where they were passed. The main aspects related to Board matters including the requirement for the Chairman to be appointed by the Board rather than elected by the membership.

Much other work was undertaken to ensure all appropriate policies and procedures were in place -including Risk Register, Stakeholder engagement strategy and action plan, Director Induction, Diversity action plan- and they were

recorded as corporate documents stored centrally.

With all these in place by the required date of October 31 2017, BPTT were declared as compliant by UK Sport thus continuing to be eligible to receive public funding.

Governance Committee then turned to reviewing policies to ensure continuing compliance.

Membership Services

This year a new role engaging members was taken on by Margaret Allen and as a result new quarterly electronic newsletters have been launched successfully and following a membership survey which will be done annually, the outcomes and actions have been communicated to our members.

Four competitions were held- 3 were Grand Prix events at clubs across the country; a new format with a training camp run by Shaun Marples -Pathway Manager-on the Saturday followed by a competition on the Sunday -run by Dave Cochrane was introduced successfully with entrants increasing and new members starting. The Nationals held at Grantham attracted slightly fewer numbers overall but with strong junior and standing numbers. Regulations have been clarified for effect from 2018. The ranking list is now being published quarterly

Work towards a new website has progressed and clarification on social media was undertaken. The Performance Programme is covered by Fran Bullock's contracted activity while volunteers deal with the rest on website and social media. The new logo was created and introduced to acclaim.

At the end of the year membership stood at 119-up by 6 on the previous year.

Performance

The major event was the European Championships in Slovenia in September where 16 players qualified to play. 10 medals were won- 1 Gold, 2 Silvers and 4 Bronze in the Singles events and 1 Gold, 1 Silver, and 1 Bronze in the Team events. The Gold medals were won by Rob Davies in Class 1, and by the Class 6 Team - Paul Karabardak, Martin Perry, and David Wetherill. Remarkably all 3 medallists in Class 1 singles were British. Kim Daybell, Ashley Facey-Thompson, Martin Perry, and David Wetherill won their first major medals. This placed us in 7th position by country. The Inaugural World Team Championships were held in Slovakia in May. 4 Teams including 9 players won 3 bronze medals.

WCP players competed in 4 Factor 40 events internationally and Pathway and Development players competed in Factor 20 normally.

The 4 strands for our squads are Performance, Pathway, Development, and Futures with the progress of players in them all being monitored continuously.

7 of the WCP's 15 players are ranked in the top 6 in the world up from 3 players a year ago -this shows the path of progress is upwards.

UK Sport Chair and Olympic rowing legend Dame Katherine Grainger paid her first visit to the British Para Table Tennis training base at the EIS in Sheffield and showed that the competitive flame still burns within her as she enjoyed a hit with double Paralympic medallist Ross Wilson and even took part in a training exercise with head coach Greg Baker.

Congratulations to Performance Director - Gorazd Vecko – and his team for all achieved.

Selection

Selection met as needed.

Representation

Karen Tonge MBE continues to serve on the National Paralympic Committee, and has represented BPTT at meetings and events at UK Sport, Sport and Recreation Alliance, British Paralympic Association, and Table Tennis England.

Thanks

Thanks go to all who have served in support of BPTT.