



BTTAD Ltd

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ANNUAL REVIEW 2019

General

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

The Annual General Meeting was held on April 6 2019 at Grantham with 11 members including 5 Board Directors present. The Annual Review for 2018 was accepted and the 2018 Financial Statement of Accounts approved.

Karen Tonge MBE was re-appointed as Chair for a second 4-year term from March 2019.

Charlie Childs who was re-appointed as Senior Independent Director for a second 4-year term starting on January 1 2019 resigned in July 2019 following his election as an Elected Deputy Chairman of Table Tennis England. His contribution in governance and to the website has been very much appreciated and BPTT sends him best wishes in his new role. Kim Laws was appointed to succeed him both as Senior Independent Director and Chairman of Governance Committee.

Board met 3 times- Karen Tonge MBE (Chairman) -3, Mel Cheung- Turner -3, Charlie Childs -2, Robert Geary- 3, Jaime Morgan Hitchcock -3, Kim Laws -3, Phil McCallum -3, Mike Smith (Company Secretary) attended 3 with Neil Marples (Assistant Secretary) -3, and Louise Larcombe (Minutes Secretary) -3.

Each of the 5 sub-committees – Finance (Chairman Robert Geary, Secretary Louise Larcombe), Governance (Chairman Charlie Childs/Kim Laws, Secretary Neil Marples), Communications (Chairman Mel Cheung -Turner, Secretary Louise Larcombe), Competitions (Chairman Dave Cochrane, Secretary Howard Brialey), Performance Monitoring (Chairman Mike Smith, Secretary Louise Larcombe), Selection (Chairman Shaun Newcomb, Secretary Louise Larcombe) met regularly and reported to Board.

Finance

Robert Geary (Treasurer/ Financial Director) has completed the Statement of Accounts for the membership side of the organisation for the 2019 Financial Year and these have been circulated

The overall position for the BPTT Non- Restricted and Restricted Accounts is shown with the result better than the previous year mainly due to the Gift Aid claim made at the end of the financial year and the requirement not to make further payments for the website. The Michael Hawkesworth National Championships lost money as usual, almost doubling the loss from £981 in 2018 to £1965 in 2019. However, the Grand Prix events continue to make money: up from £714 in 2018 to £1157 in 2019. Generous donations continued to be received through the considerable efforts of Olivia Coady-former Director.

The UK Sport funding for the World Class Programme is not shown in these accounts as they are held in a Table Tennis England account under a Service Level Agreement. They are recorded for the Financial Year ending March 31 2019 within the audited accounts of English Table Tennis Association Ltd trading as Table Tennis England, which were accepted by its AGM in July 2019. For the period April 1 2019 – March 31 2020, they will be recorded in the above accounts to be presented at the above AGM in June 2020.

Thanks are due to Sam Garey - Finance and IT Manager Table Tennis England- for her work on behalf of BPTT, to our sponsors Butterfly for clothing and equipment for the Performance Programme and to other sponsors. Further allocations to the UK Sport grant for the Tokyo cycle for 2017-21 are noted with great pleasure; thanks go to UK Sport for their continuing support.

At the end of the year, membership stood at 124.

Governance

Governance Committee had another busy year. Its major activities were:

- Ensuring continued compliance with the Code for Sports Governance, mandatory for continued funding from UK Sport;
- Ensuring all appropriate policies and procedure documents are in place and reviewed at appropriate intervals, updating as needed to make them fit for purpose for the future
- Carrying out UK Sport funded customised Director's training day for our 4 most recently recruited Directors and securing funding for another day in 2020
- Undertaking a group exercise at Board which allowed all Board members to gain a better understanding of governance and its importance
- Completing an audit by UK Sport's consultants BDO which resulted in a positive outcome
- Addressed successfully aspects of concern identified in UK Sport's Thematic Review
- Maintaining and developing the Risk Register in co-operation with the committees which identify and monitor their risks regularly prior to overview by Governance Committee
- Remaining updated on national issues in order to develop appropriate new and revised policies and processes

The resignation in July 2019 of Charlie Childs who had contributed so much to the organisation and development of governance within BPTT left a gap, which is yet to be filled. Recruitment of new Board members in 2020 is intended to address this shortfall.

Communications

The social media activity has developed considerably. BPTT's Facebook page has amassed 1,204 fans making it the most followed National Governing Body Para Table Tennis Facebook page in the world. Our Twitter has 1,102 followers and our Instagram 533. Overall, BPTT has reached an audience of 237,200 and engaged with 75,350 people, with posts generating huge engagement. There was particular interest around Will Bayley's participation in Strictly Come Dancing which has helped to raise awareness of the sport and inspire the nation.

Margaret Allen continued to support with sourcing content and producing e-newsletters and events communications for members. The Performance Programme's communications are covered by Fran Bullock's contracted activity, with regular news updates to the website and Twitter activity.

A professional 20-page magazine was produced for the National Championships by Jaime Morgan Hitchcock. He also developed a new facility to sign up to become a 'Friend of BPTT' for free on the website for people who wanted to support and help promote BPTT and also to receive e-newsletters.

Competitions

Five competitions were held- 4 were Grand Prix events at Nottingham, Sheffield, St Neots and for the first time in Wales at Cardiff. Participation was 35-40 players at each with new members at each event. The successful format of a training camp-usually run by Shaun Marples (Pathway Manager) on the Saturday followed by a competition on the Sunday run by Dave Cochrane. However at Sheffield a team event was trialled and deemed to be a success with players of different experience mixing well. The support at each locality was much appreciated. The Michael Hawkesworth National Championships were held at Grantham with 66 entries spread well across the classes. A new organisational structure was in place with clearer roles and responsibilities making the whole operation more professional presentations were also much improved. Overall an excellent event.

Performance

The major event was the European Para Championships in Sweden in September where 18 players participated. 6 medals were won- Gold by Rob Davies in the Class 1 Men's Singles and by Paul Karabardak, Martin Perry and David Wetherill in the Class 6 Men's Team, Silver by Aaron McKibbin, Billy Shilton and Ross Wilson in the Class 8 Men's Team and Bronze by David Wetherill in the Class 6 Men's Singles, Sue Gilroy and Megan Shackleton in the Class 4-5 Women's Team and Kim Daybell, Aaron McKibbin and Josh Stacey in the Class 10 Men's Team. 14 players out of 17 won through from the groups and 12 reached the quarter finals.

The World Class Programme squad with 16 players played mainly in Factor 40 competitions while Pathway and Development players normally competed in Factor 20 events.

The 4 strands for our squads are Performance, Pathway, Development and Futures with the progress of players in them all being monitored continuously. 13 of the WCP's 16 players are ranked in the top 12 in the world as well as 1 from Pathway.

The major highlight of the year was the opening of the newly rebranded Hall at Sheffield which had been masterminded by Jaime Morgan Hitchcock. Other significant developments were: the development of stronger relations with the

Home Nations through the Pathway programme, increased classifier resource due to UK Sport funding with the qualification of 4 classifiers and enhanced sports science support. There were significant planning and logistic challenges arising from international limits on player numbers at major competitions. In the autumn, planning the bid for the Paris cycle occupied much time for Gorazd Vecko and his senior colleagues.

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. Kim Laws and Mike Smith have also attended meetings on behalf of BPTT with Mike Smith also representing England on the European Paralympic Table Tennis Committee.

Thanks

Grateful thanks go to all who have served in support of BPTT.