

PENTATHLON GB⁺

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 20TH GENERAL MEETING OF MODERN PENTATHLON ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN LIMITED

Wednesday 13 December 2023
1715 - 1830
University of Bath / Microsoft Teams

Registered Attendees

PGB Board

Diana Hunter, Emma Dowden, James Burton, Andrew Price, Joe Bruce, and Trafford Wilson.
(6)

Vice Presidents

Anthony Temple, and Martin Dawe (2)

Members

Charlotte Whittaker, Scott Childs, Sheila Haswell, Neil Park, Stephanie Parsons, Di Murray, Maria Parkes, James Greenwell, Mick Flaherty, Tom Toolis, Gareth Lay, Russell North, Emma Huepfl, Bill Bland, Rosie Collins, Myles Pillage, Anna Basford, Jo Spolton, James Hulme, Matthew Hullie, Rhys Edwards, Martin Rush, Kate Allenby, and Charlie Brown. (24)

By Proxy

Bryan Faulkner, Clare Wardle, Claire Maclellan, Nicola Robinson, David Langridge, Connor Wicheard, Clare Lobb, Katie MacIntosh, and Michal Janca. (9).

The Chair, Diana Hunter (DH), opened the meeting at 17:15 hrs and welcomed all members. She thanked the PGB team of staff and volunteers for their hard work and dedication over the past year and outlined some of the key successes of the year.



1. The Chair then introduced Myles Pillage, Pentathlon GB Athlete Representative, to provide a verbal update with a review of the updates and successes from the year.
2. The Chair then introduced Trafford Wilson, Pentathlon GB Athlete Chief Executive, to provide a verbal update with a review of the updates and successes from the year and plans for the upcoming 2024-25 season.
3. The Chair referred to the Minutes of the 2022 AGM. With no suggestion of inaccuracy having been received, the meeting approved them as a true record of proceedings.
4. The Finance Director, Andrew Price then presented a verbal update of the Company's Financial Report on behalf of the Finance Committee. No further comments were received on this. The meeting received from the Board the Company's Annual Accounts, in accordance with Article 75 of the Articles of Association. The meeting noted and approved the accounts for the accounting periods as presented:
 - a. 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022;
 - b. 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023;
5. The Chair proposed the re-appointment of Richardson Swift as the Association's auditors for the following year. The motion was passed to re-appoint Richardson Swift as the Association's auditors for 2023-24.
6. The Chair acknowledged the significant contribution made by the following Directors who have stepped down from the Board:
 - Clare Wardle, Senior Non-Executive Director
 - Gareth Evans, Non-Executive Director
 - Joe Bruce, Non-Executive Director
7. The meeting was then asked to consider the appointment of the following Pentathlon GB Directors.
 - Appointment (first term): Andrew Price (Deputy Chair and Non-Executive Director)
 - Appointment (first term): Bryan Faulkner (Non-Executive Director)
 - Appointment (first term): David Langridge (Non-Executive Director)
 - Appointment (first term): Emma Dowden (Senior Non-Executive Director)
 - Appointment (first term): James Burton (Non-Executive Director)
8. Anthony Temple shared his concerns about the introduction of OCR and the UIPM's governance of the sport and its implications on the future of Pentathlon. DH thanked Anthony Temple for sharing his concern and acknowledged his points, however, reiterated the need to focus on what was in the current Board's direct influence and

control which was ensuring that the organisation remained sustainable, attractive to members and participants, and supporting the future for staff and athletes by delivering our commitments at the Olympics.

9. The Chair introduced Emma Dowden who provided an overview of the proposed revisions to the Association’s Memorandum and Articles of Association which were set out in the Notice of the General Meeting that was issued on the 29th November 2023.

The motions as set out in the Notice of the General Meeting were proposed by the Chair and passed.

For	35
Against	2
Abstention	2

10. The Chairman asked if there was any other business.

Kate Allenby queried how British Obstacle Sports membership would be represented at Congress in the future, following UIPMs announcement in November 2023 that it would only recognise one National Federation at future meetings. James Burton, Chair of British Obstacle Sports, confirmed that British Obstacle Sports would collaborate with Pentathlon GB to ensure its members views were considered at Congress and acknowledged the close working relationship now established.

Kate Allenby also queried how Pentathlon GB were looking to integrate obstacles within its family of sports. DH explained that this was a long process to work through and mentioned that having James Burton, the current Chair of British Obstacle Sports becoming a PGB Board Director, would significantly help identify and advance opportunities to integrate obstacles within our family of sports.

Emma Huepfl raised concern about a lack of responses from the Pentathlon GB Office. Stephanie Parsons acknowledged that the Office had been impacted by the World Championships and staff changes, however assured the membership that these issues have now been resolved and apologised for delayed response times referenced.

Kate Allenby queried Pentathlon GB’s position on attending Congress next year in Saudi Arabi. Diana Hunter replied by stating that the Board had not yet formed a decision on this matter, however, did acknowledge that there was a successful precedent set for virtual meetings and that this will be a consideration.



The Chair thanked everyone for their support and attendance and there being no other business raised then closed the meeting at 18:30 hrs.

