



**UK Obstacle Sports Federation Ltd t/a British Obstacle Sports**

**2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** November 1st, 2021

**Location:** Zoom

**In Attendance:**

**Voting Members:**

James Burton, Alan Manson, Joenard Saldua, Alex Young, Robert Ede, Dan Rose, Wendy Brothers, Rachael Fisher, Justin Jones, Michael Nolan, Harsha Burton, Louise Ferriman Linsey Young, Becky Neal, Mike Mussard, Shelley Tomkins, Shaun Wilde, Bethany Lodge Ali Hay, Encarnacion Cascales Aranda, Tom Wilson, Kevin Calder, Chris Brown Emily Young, Oner Avara, Lynsay McEwen, Dave Peters, Jason Mawlam, Brendan Riley Emma Waring, Naomii Mitchell, James Allen, Rhys Jeremiah, Jo Dulson-Cox, Ryan Ibbotson, Mhairi Sellar, Darren Martin, Jon Poole, Christian Lovelock, Shahedur Rohman, Fergal Keaney, Federica De Caria, Natasha Chung, Paul Brenton, Alan Moore, Finley Greenleaf, Mark Greenleaf, Dean Cheetham, Wil Chung, Andrew Ballantyne, Nick Sullivan, Phillip Pearson, Malcolm Dunne, Sandie Pow, Daniel Lister, Wanda McMillan, Jez Davey

**Non-Voting Members:**

Russ Blatt

**Guests:**

Michael Loosemore, James Parrish

**Apologies:**

Mark Huggan

**1. Welcome & Introduction**

- 1.1. The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all individuals in attendance.
- 1.2. The Chair outlined 'house-keeping' for the meeting
- 1.3. Quorum
  - 1.3.1. The Chair reported that the meeting was quorate and ready to begin.

**2. Opening Statement**

2.1. Oner Avara, President, gave a short statement on the work that has been done in 2021 at a world and national level including that:

2.1.1. World Obstacle has been granted observer status by the Global Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF).

### **3. Federation Structure**

3.1. James Burton, Interim CEO, provided an overview of the federation structure that the existing Executive Committee would be disbanded and this executive function would exist within the Board.

### **4. Resolutions**

4.1. Voting procedures were outlined and it was confirmed that:

4.1.1. All eligible members were sent ballot details to their registered email addresses in order to vote.

4.1.2. This was the only way to vote, and once a ballot was cast it could not be changed.

4.1.3. Associated details for each resolution were sent in advance of the meeting to eligible members registered email addresses.

4.1.4. Voting members had until 8:15pm on November 1st, 2021 to cast their ballot.

4.1.5. A process for voting if there were any technical difficulties was outlined.

4.2. Turnout

4.2.1. Information was compiled after the closing of the ballot, but included here for ease of review.

4.2.2. 205 votes (35% of eligible members)

4.3. Resolution 1 - Approval of the minutes of the last AGM held on Wednesday, September 16th 2020.

4.3.1. No questions, comments or corrections were raised.

4.3.2. Results:

4.3.2.1. Yes: 100%

4.3.2.2. Abstentions: 20

4.4. Resolution 2 - Approval of the financial accounts for the financial year 2019/20.

4.4.1. No questions, comments or corrections were raised.

4.4.2. Results:

4.4.2.1. Yes: 100%

4.4.2.2. Abstentions: 14

- 4.5. Resolution 3 - Approval of the financial accounts for the financial year 2020/21.
  - 4.5.1. No questions, comments or corrections were raised.
  - 4.5.2. Results:
    - 4.5.2.1. Yes: 100%
    - 4.5.2.2. Abstentions: 14
  
- 4.6. Resolution 4 - Adopt and approve the new Articles of Association
  - 4.6.1. It was outlined how important this document is for codifying the federation, ensuring good governance, and how members can actively engage in its development.
  - 4.6.2. No questions or comments were raised.
  - 4.6.3. Results:
    - 4.6.3.1. Yes: 100%
    - 4.6.3.2. Abstentions: 7
  
- 4.7. Resolution 5 - Election of Oner Avara as Chair of the Board for a two-year term.
  - 4.7.1. It was outlined how the federation was transitioning to having elected board members.
  - 4.7.2. No questions or comments were raised to those standing for election.
  - 4.7.3. Results:
    - 4.7.3.1. Yes: 97.91%
    - 4.7.3.2. Abstentions: 14
  
- 4.8. Resolution 6 - Election of Shahedur Rohman to the Board for a two-year term.
  - 4.8.1. It was outlined how the federation was transitioning to having elected board members.
  - 4.8.2. No questions or comments were raised to those standing for election.
  - 4.8.3. Results:
    - 4.8.3.1. Yes: 97.92%
    - 4.8.3.2. Abstentions: 13
  
- 4.9. Resolution 7 - Election of James Burton to the Board for a two-year term.
  - 4.9.1. It was outlined how the federation was transitioning to having elected board members.
  - 4.9.2. No questions or comments were raised to those standing for election.
  - 4.9.3. Results:
    - 4.9.3.1. Yes: 99.01%
    - 4.9.3.2. Abstentions: 3

- 4.10. Resolution 8 - Election of Ali Hay to the Ninja Sport Technical Committee as Chair for a two-year term.
  - 4.10.1. It was outlined how the federation was transitioning to having elected board members.
  - 4.10.2. No questions or comments were raised to those standing for election.
  - 4.10.3. Results:
    - 4.10.3.1. Yes: 99.50%
    - 4.10.3.2. Abstentions: 4
  
- 4.11. Resolution 9 - Election of Beth Lodge to the Ninja Sport Technical Committee as Vice-Chair for a two-year term.
  - 4.11.1. It was outlined how the federation was transitioning to having elected board members.
  - 4.11.2. No questions or comments were raised to those standing for election.
  - 4.11.3. Results:
    - 4.11.3.1. Yes: 100%
    - 4.11.3.2. Abstentions: 6
  
- 4.12. Resolution 10 - Election of Henry Cookey to the Ninja Sport Technical Committee for a two-year term.
  - 4.12.1. It was outlined how the federation was transitioning to having elected board members.
  - 4.12.2. No questions or comments were raised to those standing for election.
  - 4.12.3. Results:
    - 4.12.3.1. Yes: 100%
    - 4.12.3.2. Abstentions: 9
  
- 4.13. Resolution 11 - Election of Becky Neal to the OCR Technical Committee as Chair for a two-year term.
  - 4.13.1. It was outlined how the federation was transitioning to having elected board members.
  - 4.13.2. No questions or comments were raised to those standing for election.
  - 4.13.3. Results:
    - 4.13.3.1. Yes: 100%
    - 4.13.3.2. Abstentions: 1
  
- 4.14. Resolution 12 - Election of Dave Peters to the OCR Technical Committee as Vice-Chair for a two-year term.
  - 4.14.1. It was outlined how the federation was transitioning to having elected board members.
  - 4.14.2. No questions or comments were raised to those standing for election.
  - 4.14.3. Results:
    - 4.14.3.1. Yes: 99.50%

4.14.3.2. Abstentions: 5

**5. Appointments**

5.1. The Board formally confirmed the appointment of Prof. Mike Loosemore, MBE to our Board for a two-year term as Independent Non-Executive Director.

**6. Retiring Directors**

6.1. The Board formally confirmed the retirement of Andrew Moshanov as Vice-President of the Board.

**7. Outgoing Committee Chair**

7.1. The Board formally confirmed the retirement of Shaun Wilde as Head of Development and as Chair of the Coach and Technical Officials Development Committees.

**8. Adjournment**

8.1. The official business of the AGM was brought to a close by the chair.

**9. Additional Business\***

9.1. The following additional business was discussed:

9.1.1. Rules of the Sport (Beth Lodge & Becky Neal)

9.1.2. Recognition Update (James Burton)

**10. Committee Updates\***

10.1. The following committees provided updates:

10.1.1. OCR Technical Committee (Becky Neal)

10.1.2. Ninja Sport Technical Committee (Ali Hay)

10.1.3. Coach Development Committee (Shaun Wilde)

10.1.4. Officials Development Committee (Shaun Wilde)

10.1.5. Youth Engagement Committee (Emma Waring)

10.1.6. Training Centres Committee (Rhys Jeremiah)

10.1.7. Club Development Committee (Jo Dulson-Cox)

10.1.8. Diversity & Inclusion Committee (Natasha Chung)

10.1.9. Community Committee (Lynsay McEwen)

10.1.10. Event Support & Licensing Committee (James Burton)

10.1.11. Sustainability Committee (James Burton)

**11. Q&A\***

11.1. The AGM concluded with a Q&A.

**12. 2022 and meeting close**

12.1. The meeting was closed with a look ahead to 2022.

\* Details available via YouTube recording (<https://youtu.be/7nEbo9FhCl8>)