

# MINUTES

Of the meeting of the **British Water Ski & Wakeboard Board**  
held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August** at the **BWSW HQ, Chertsey.**

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## 1. To record attendance and apologies for absence.

### Present:

Patrick Prior  
Steve Sopp  
Nicky Caine  
Patrick Donovan  
Stuart Scot-Ely  
Penny Clifton  
Justine Naylor  
Alex Dobson

### Apologies:

Sue Mundy  
Rose Tranah

## 2. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 30th May 2014.

The minutes were reviewed unanimously approved.

## 3. Chairman's Comments.

Patrick P outlined the purpose of the day's meeting which was to decide a way ahead on the sole issue of governance, voting structure and recruitment to the Board.

## 4. Declarations of Interest.

No changes to the register of interests were notified.

## 5. BWSF Ltd Governance Issues.

a) The Advisory Council – it was agreed that the Advisory Council in terms of acting as a “recruitment tool” and mechanism for appointing the Board had not worked. This was highlighted by the fact that in the recent recruitment drive none of the members had applied for the Board vacancies available at the time.

b) Nominations Committee – it was agreed by majority that the current system needed change and that it should be proposed for any new articles of association for a nominations committee to be formed to openly recruit and assess all candidates for Board vacancies. In addition duties could include recruitment across the organisation e.g. to the Development Directorate. Make up and terms of reference to be agreed. The nominations committee would include members of the Board and would include an independent director and one or more external persons for the sake of transparency. The AGM election process would continue to vote for those standing for the Board with “recommended candidates” being labelled as such as is the norm with many other voluntary associations.

c) Full Member voting (the clubs) versus individual associate member voting – it was agreed unanimously to not make any recommendations for change on this point at this stage. More research and data would be required to understand further if this change would be beneficial.

d) Extension of the AGM Full member vote (currently limited to clubs with a membership structure) to commercial cable sites and ski schools – agreed unanimously not to make any recommendation for change on this point due to further research on point c).

## **6. Confirmation of future Meeting Dates.**

### **Board**

Thurs 4 September  
Thurs 4 December

### **Advisory Council**

Thursday 2 October  
Sunday 18 January (post AGM)

The meeting closed at 16:50

### **Minuted by:**

Patrick Donovan  
**CEO**