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Dear Member

GREAT BRITAIN WHEELCHAIR RUGBY LIMITED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013 - ADJOURNED

As notified, the AGM was scheduled to be held on Friday 21st June 2013. Regrettably, whilst Trustees, staff and 9 members attended at Brunel University, there were insufficient members for the meeting to be quorate. Under the terms of the GBWR Articles of Association, there is a requirement for a minimum of 10% of the voting membership to be present for a general meeting to be quorate and thus to enable business to be transacted. As our membership has now grown to over 200, we required at least 20 voting members to be present so we were 11 short of being quorate as neither the Trustees nor the management team have a vote. In accordance with our Articles, the Chairman of GBWR therefore adjourned the AGM to a date to be determined as indicated below.

As a great deal of work had been put in to preparing for the meeting and as the majority of clubs were represented, those present agreed to ask the Executive to present their Annual Reports. These were delivered and the Chairman also gave the opportunity for questions from the floor. What the Chairman was unable to do was to seek agreement for the Minutes of the AGM dated 29 June 2012 or to consider the formal 2013 AGM Resolutions.

The AGM will now be reconvened at some point during the weekend of the first Super Series in October and the DMG will be invited to consider the best time for this in the weekend programme. This will be a short AGM which will focus on the necessary critical governance actions of considering and voting on the 2012 AGM Minutes and the 2013 Resolutions. The formal notification of this meeting will be sent out a month before the agreed date.

Clearly some operational business cannot wait and so until the Resolutions are formally considered in October the following practice will be followed:

1. The GBWR Annual Report & Financial Statements for the financial year to 31 March 2013 will remain open on the GBWR website and be tabled at the reconvened AGM in October.
2. Mazars' reappointment as the Company's auditors will be considered at the reconvened AGM in October.



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3. The Resolutions that Mr Andrew Flatt, Mr James Madden and Mr Richard Allcroft be re-appointed as Trustees for a period of up to 3 years will be considered at the reconvened AGM in October but in the interim all three will continue to attend meetings of the Board of Trustees.
4. The review of the Membership Structure, by a working group to be formed, will proceed with further preparations now, but this will be reviewed and formally considered at the reconvened AGM in October.
5. The proposed new Membership Fees for 2013-14 will be put into effect but they will be reviewed and formally considered at the reconvened AGM in October.

Copies of the summarised GBWR 2012/13 Annual Report were available at the meeting and the RDOs will be distributing them to the clubs.

As previously advised the AGM gives you, the Membership, the opportunity to influence the way your sport is managed and developed as well as the chance to hold those to account who manage the sport on your behalf. As together we start the process of reviewing the governance of the sport, through the review of the Membership Structure and the associated updating of the GBWR Memorandum and Articles, it will be important for you to think about how best we can ensure that we maximise the engagement of members.

Finally a big thank you to the 9 members who did turn up and to Archie Palmer stuck on the M25 for over an hour and then told not to worry about trying to get to the meeting and to Alan Ash who survived his car being written off in a crash whilst making his way to the AGM – thankfully he was unhurt!

David Pond

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Chief Executive



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