



Boris Johnson launches WWRC15



David vs Charlotte



Sharks and Pirates at SS2



Harlequins partner with GBWR



Chris and Bulbul at City Hall



Kylie's piano practice



Dragons and Crushers at SS3



Big hits at the Super Series



Jamie takes on Sweden



Beddis vs Walker



Prince Harry prepares for Invictus



Mike Brown joins as our first Ambassador



Table Officials oversee the league



Nationals 2014 Shield winners Storm



Jo carries the ball for Crushers

From the Chair

The momentum generated by the Paralympics together with the increase in funding provided by UK Sport and Sport England meant that 2012-13 was a landmark year for our sport. The challenge going into 2013-14 was therefore to somehow find ways to maintain and build upon this by increasing the focus on our grassroots structure; more clubs, more players and the building blocks necessary to ensure a long term sustainable future for our sport.

I am delighted to report that, through the hard work and leadership of our senior management team - David, Kirsty and Lorraine, supported by Amanda, Paul and Jo in the regions and most importantly, the many volunteers, families and friends, we continue to make huge strides in achieving our goals. Membership and Clubs continue to grow, our leagues continue to develop and we now have a number of significant and exciting new initiatives which are enabling many other disability groups to enjoy our game - all of which bodes well for the future.

Our public profile remains high and we now have our first Ambassador in Mike Brown, the England and Harlequins full back who has already given up a large amount of time to support our work. It is also encouraging to see links with rugby clubs continue to evolve and partnerships established with Gloucester, Saracens, Leicester, Harlequins, Canterbury and Woodbridge. We are also playing a full part in the international development of the game which is immensely important if we are to have a voice in the future direction of the sport; only a few weeks ago I spent some time with John Bishop, the President of IWRP and he was extremely complimentary about everything that the sport is achieving here in the UK.

That just leaves me to thank you all for your continuing support, be it as a player, a volunteer, family member, a member of the management team or simply a supporter. I would also like to thank my fellow Trustees for the considerable amount of time that they freely give to help ensure that the sport's governance is strong and meets the many legal and regulatory requirements which come with being a charity, a company and an organisation which is fortunate enough to receive both public and lottery monies.

Kevin Aitchison
Chair

Chief Executive's Review

By any organisations's standards this has been a successful year where we have delivered more wheelchair rugby, in more forms to more people than ever before. We are living up to the challenge of offering our sport as a viable lifestyle choice for more disabled people and we can be proud of that. This creates its own challenges; we need to provide more versions of the game that suit the differing groups we work with whilst maintaining the quality of our brand and protecting the domestic league and the classifiable version of the game. We also must accelerate our coach development programme. More people playing means we will have to again review our current competition structures and look at how we might provide different competition for non-classifiable disability groups. Growth also creates a real resource challenge for us. This year we have more than doubled our Development expenditure – up from £134k to £273k. In addition we have found new funding partners in the Peter Harrison Foundation, the Middlesex Sports Foundation, Welsh Rugby Charitable Trust and Help for Heroes, but at the same time our programme with BOOST ended and our donation income reduced from £27k to £4k and we already know that Coloplast will not sponsor the 14/15 Super Series. The net result for the year was a small deficit of £10k, which is an acceptable outcome for year 1 of the current 4 year funding cycle. Despite this our ambition is undiminished as we look to continually raise the sport's profile and seek new ways to fund and deliver rugby to all who want to play. The year ahead promises to be another exciting one as we look to continue providing rugby to a wide range of disability groups in different settings. Our partnership with the Harlequins Foundation will get under way and we will build our youth programme with Saracens. We will also further our programme with the military recovery centres and support Prince Harry's Invictus Games for wounded service personnel. The year is also a big one for the GB squad with the World Championships in Odense to look forward to in August.

Underpinning our success this year are our partners, and I should like to thank all of them but especially the RFU for the services it so generously provides us. Finally to the many individuals who work tirelessly for the sport be they volunteers, staff or our Board of Trustees – I thank them all.

David Pond
Chief Executive

June 2014

In 2013 we delivered more wheelchair rugby, in more forms to more people than ever before...

- **Growth.** The year saw an unprecedented level of growth across the sport. We met and in some cases exceeded our Sport England targets. Membership increased by an incredible 40% and we established 3 new clubs, Woodbridge, Canterbury and Gloucester. Many clubs also increased their numbers with Solent Sharks and Marauders now able to run 2 teams. Growth can be attributed to the success of our regional structure and the work of the RDOs, our varied development programmes which have reached out to new disability groups, new partnerships, especially higher education, other charities and rugby union clubs and our communication strategy which has exploited new platforms particularly social media.

- **GB Squad.** The foundations of a new and effective performance system and staff have been put in place under the direction of Lorraine Brown our Performance Director. A GB squad of 15 athletes and a Talent squad of 12 athletes have been selected. A new partnership with the Peter Harrison Foundation has been forged where we are collaborating on a number of performance related research initiatives. Likewise we are working with UK Sport, the English Institute of Sport and Roma Sports.

- **Fun for All.** This year we have reached out to more disability groups. Our Rugby Wheels programme is offering a form of rugby to some of the most disabled groups including those who use motorised chairs. We have extended our military programme from Headley Court to include all 4 Personnel Recovery Centres. We have delivered more sessions than ever before in the Spinal Injury Units and where practical have linked clubs to units. The Coloplast Super Series has grown to provide for 2 Divisions with Crusaders winning Division 1 and Bulls Division 2. At the Dome in Doncaster Storm won the Nationals.

- **Funding.** Post London 2012 all sports have found it more difficult to attract sponsors. Against this background we have done pretty well. Coloplast again sponsored the Super Series but due to a company efficiency programme will not do so in 2014/15.

Roma Sports will sponsor the 2014 National Championships. The Middlesex Sports Foundation has signed a 4 year sponsorship deal worth £50k. and 'Get Kids Going' purchased 3 wheelchairs for elite athletes. We were successful with our application for £10k from the Sport England Equipment Fund to purchase chairs and we supported 4 clubs who also got funding for chairs. 'Help For Heroes' is funding our military programme by £48k and we received £20k from the Peter Harrison Foundation to fund our research work. Finally, the RFU continue to generously provide office, financial, IT, payroll and other support services.

- **Governance.** After 4 years of hard work we at last achieved a Green rating from Sport England and Moore Stephens for our Governance. We have made good progress with establishing a strong Safeguarding system and we welcomed Jennie Price, Sport England's CEO to our annual Board Development day.

- **Media.** We launched a new website in January and started a proactive social media campaign. We welcomed Harlequins and England rugby union star Mike Brown as our first Ambassador. Already he has created increased media interest in our sport and he generously donated his prize money for being named player of the QBE Autumn series and also Six Nations player of the year. We have maintained a very high level of local and national media interest including major items in the national press and local and national TV and radio coverage.

- **International.** John Timms was selected as Technical Delegate for the 2014 World Championships and European Competitions Commissioner, Richard Allcroft was selected as Technical Delegate for Rio 2016 and as a student on the UK Sport International Leadership Course, Sarah Leighton was selected as European Head of Classification and Ross Morrison as IWRF Athlete Representative. UK sport committed funding of £20.5k in support of GBWR's international influence strategy.

What's next in 2014?

- **Keep Growing the Sport.** This continues to be a top priority in 2014. We will continue with our development programmes with the aim of increasing the number of active participants in the sport and meeting our Sport England participation targets. We will also increase our number of clubs by a further 3 over the year taking us to a total of 16 by March 2015.
- **Finalise our Coaching Strategy and Begin Implementation.** If we are to continue to grow the sport and if our national team is to break into the top three in the world then we must accelerate our work to create skilled coaches who are able to support athletes at all stages of their development. The recruitment, education and ongoing development of coaches will be the highest priority in 2014.
- **Talent Identification & Development.** We will build on the progress made in 2013 to ensure we have a systematic approach to talent identification and the development of athletes with the potential to represent GB. There will be an increased focus this year on the Talent squad with more training and competition opportunities.
- **Promote Equality.** We want to be more proactive in reaching out to women, black, Asian and minority ethnic communities (BME). We already have a diverse Membership but we want to do more to encourage individuals, whatever their background or sexuality to feel that wheelchair rugby is a sport where they will find a welcome. This year we will deliver at least 3 programmes in support of women and BME and we will also look to recruit a female member to the Board of Trustees.
- **Review and Action Changes to our Governing Documents.** Our Memorandum and Articles which form the governing documents of GBWR will be reviewed and revised by the end of 2014 to reflect changes to our organisation.
- **Safeguarding.** We will implement the Intermediate Standards Safeguarding Action Plan by the end of 2014.
- **IWRF 2014 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships.** We will achieve a top 5 position in the 2014 World Championships.
- **Invictus Games.** This international event for wounded, injured and sick servicemen and women from 14 nations will take place in September. We will provide tournament support to the wheelchair rugby element and Mike Spence and Paul Jenkins will coach the GB squad.
- **World Wheelchair Rugby Challenge 2015.** WWRC15 will be an invitational tournament involving the top wheelchair playing nations in the world. This GBWR initiative is sanctioned by the IWRF, supported by the IRB and will take place in October 2015. Organising the event will be a top priority in 2014.
- **New Partners.** We will build on the success of 2013 to secure new partners. In particular we will look for a headline partner for the Super Series and the National Championships.



Roy Humphreys with North Wales Dragons

Independent Auditor's Statement to the Trustees of Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby Limited

We have examined the summary financial statement for the year ending 31 March 2014 which comprises the Summarised Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the summary financial statement in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law. Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the summary financial statement within this GBWR Annual Report with the full GBWR Annual Report and the Trustees' Report, and its compliance with the relevant requirements of Section 427 of the Companies Act 2006 and the regulations made thereunder. The report is made to the charity's trustees as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters that we have agreed to state in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees, as a body, for our work or for this report.

We also read the other information contained in the GBWR Annual Report and consider the implications for our report if we became aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the summary financial statement.

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/3 issued by the Auditing Practices Board. Our report on the charity's full annual financial statements describes the basis of our opinion on those financial statements and on the Trustees' Report.

Opinion

In our opinion the summary financial statement is consistent with the GBWR Annual Report and the Trustees' Report for the year ending 31 March 2014 and complies with the applicable requirements of Section 427 of the Companies Act 2006, and the regulations made thereunder.

Alistair Fraser (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Mazars LLP

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| Summarised Statement of Financial Activities | | | Balance Sheet | | |
|---|------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| For the year ended 31 March 2014 | | | At 31 March 2014 | | |
| | 2014 | 2013 | | 2014 | 2013 |
| | £ | £ | | £ | £ |
| Incoming Resources | | | Fixed assets | 70,347 | 73,938 |
| Donations and subscriptions | 152,154 | 175,085 | Current assets | | |
| Funding | | | Cash at bank | 149,530 | 153,619 |
| UK Sport | 569,593 | 504,007 | Debtors | 20,756 | 2,048 |
| Sport England | 357,806 | 150,000 | | 170,286 | 155,667 |
| | 1,079,553 | 829,092 | | | |
| Resources Expended | | | Current liabilities | | |
| Costs of generating funds | 389 | 7,039 | Creditors | 170,473 | 149,213 |
| World Class Programme and Whole Sport Plan | 848,599 | 569,229 | | | |
| Management and administration | 240,797 | 198,916 | Net current (liabilities) / assets | (187) | 6,454 |
| | 1,089,785 | 775,184 | | | |
| Net (outgoing) / incoming resources | (10,232) | 53,908 | Net assets | 70,160 | 80,392 |
| | | | Restricted funds | 8,585 | 35,763 |
| | | | Unrestricted funds | 61,575 | 44,629 |
| | | | | 70,160 | 80,392 |

Luke's Story

In 2013, with the help of Sport England funding, GBWR started a partnership with the University of Gloucester which began with a series of rugby taster sessions. Within just a few weeks eight new players were regularly participating. One of these players was Luke, a 26 year old man with a high level spinal injury which he incurred in an accident in 2009. This is what he had to say about the opportunity to play:

'Because I played sport before my accident people have always tried to nudge me towards rugby but it never really interested me. I played sport at semi-pro level before my injury and I had the impression that I wouldn't enjoy it because I wouldn't be able to be competitive or play the sport to my full ability. I think being in a chair can make you isolate yourself slightly and you lose motivation to do a lot of things not just sport. As soon as I got in the chair at the first session, I loved it! It actually feels like I can play a sport and be competitive again. You feel comfortable being around a group and people you haven't met before because you're all in the same boat. It's nice to feel part of a team again'. I really enjoyed the taster sessions, it was exciting and I came away feeling very positive and motivated. I also think rugby can help people on a personal/psychological level rather than just physical. I know I myself get nervous about meeting new people and being in a new environment. I think rugby will help things like this a lot.'



Taking on David Anthony



CEO Sport England with Trustees



Wheelchair rugby takes off in Gloucester



Thank you Middlesex Sports Foundation

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