



Great Britain Wheelchair Rugby Members
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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Further to my AGM calling notice and covering letter of 16 June 2015 there have been some developments on the GBWR Board. Both Tony Manos and Paul Fieldhouse have announced that they will stand down from the Board at this year's AGM. Both have given many years' service to the Board and our sport and I know you will wish to join me in thanking them for their contribution in driving the sport forward.

We are incredibly fortunate to have so many talented individuals who are willing to serve on the Board in a voluntary capacity and the Board regularly evaluates its performance and assesses what skills it needs to meet the changing and increasing demands placed on it. With the decision of Paul and Tony to stand down the Board feels it would wish to appoint a new Trustee at the AGM on 15 July. Recently the Board advertised for new Trustees and were seeking individuals with particular skills. We were fortunate to attract a number of very high calibre candidates and following a rigorous selection process chaired by the Chair of Trustees, three candidates were invited to join the Board. Two of these will be co-opted onto the Board in September and it is hoped that they will stand for election at the AGM in 2016. The Board would, however, like to formally put forward Mary Daunt for election at the AGM this year. As such I am forwarding a revised Resolutions summary and Proxy template for those who wish to vote by proxy. In addition Mary has provided the following statement:

I retired from full time work as a lawyer six years ago to spend more time with my disabled daughter who is both visually impaired and has learning and behavioural difficulties. I grew up with a sister with spina bifida and have had a lifelong involvement with disability and, on a personal level, I have raised many tens of thousands for disability charities. As my daughter is now older, I find myself with additional capacity and am very keen to use my specific skills to help further the ambitions of GBWR.

I have significant experience in senior roles in positions as diverse as Birmingham Women's NHS Foundation Trust, a Governor of a Special Needs school and a partner in a private legal practice. I believe that the specific skills that I have developed during my career can help me to be an effective Trustee who will proactively and diligently help the rest of the Board to deliver the aims and aspirations of the sport; these skills include the ability to listen, think clearly, negotiate and problem-solve, as well as strong organisational abilities. In addition, as a successful professional woman I have always worked hard to deal with prejudice and foster equality and diversity in my teams, experience which I believe will be beneficial as a Trustee of Wheelchair Rugby.

The Board hopes that you will feel able to support its nomination.

Yours sincerely,

David Pond

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