



***TRUSTEE'S SEEKING RE-ELECTION TO THE GBWR BOARD
PERSONAL STATEMENTS***

KEVIN AITCHISON

I first experienced Wheelchair Rugby at the 2006 World Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand, subsequently joining the Board of Trustees in 2008 and becoming Chair in 2010. Since then I have been responsible for leading the Board and for ensuring that we meet all of our governance and legal requirements as a Limited Company and Charity. I chaired the Recruitment Panel in 2009 which recruited the current Chief Executive and am responsible for ensuring he gets the support and challenge to meet the annual objectives agreed by the Board. I am also a Member of the Governance and Finance Committee and I chair the WWRC15 Board and the GBWR Remuneration Committee. I represent the NGB at meetings of the Chairs of sports convened by Sport England and UK Sport, ensuring our voice is heard by those responsible for funding decisions. The development of the sport over the last few years has been remarkable, not least in the growth in the number of new members and clubs and our ability to offer the game to so many new people. I am keen to continue to play a part in the evolution of the sport and would therefore like to put myself up for re-election to the Board.

SIMON LE FEVRE

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve GBWR Ltd during this time of great growth and successful development for the sport. I believe I have made a contribution to GBWR's progress by:

- assisting with successfully achieving the Foundation Level of the Equality Standard for Sport
- piloting GBWR's application to the Joint Recognition Panel for GBWR to be formally recognised by the five Sports Councils as the National Governing Body for the sport in Great Britain
- working with GBWR staff to put into place suitable affiliation arrangements between GBWR and the growing number of clubs
- chairing the GBWR Governance & Finance Sub Committee, as we seek to maintain and enhance GBWR's reputation for good governance

I look forward to the opportunity, if elected, to continue this work and to give further support for the sport to benefit fully from GBWR's status as a registered charity.

MICHAEL SPENCE

I have been involved in Wheelchair Rugby for nearly 25 years and in that time have played at National, international and Paralympic level. Since joining the Board of GBWR Ltd I supported our CEO in presenting our most recent and successful WCPP submission to UK Sport which helps fund the Elite Squad and its team. I continue to support our links with Roma and the development/construction of wheelchair rugby chairs in the UK. Safeguarding



is another part of my portfolio and I am a member of the Case Management Group which looks at safeguarding issues. Coach Development is also high on the agenda and I currently sit on the Technical Coaching Group which is designing an accredited qualification pathway for our sport. I have been involved with the further development of rugby at grass roots and the Military Rehabilitation Programme culminating with success at the Invictus Games. Rugby continues to expand at a pace and I am keen to continue to challenge and support the Executive and be a 'critical friend' to the sport. In January 2015 the Board elected me as its Vice Chair.

PAUL FIELDHOUSE

My day job as a management consultant is to help businesses grow through strategic marketing. In parallel, my involvement and enthusiasm for wheelchair rugby is to assist our sport expand and develop. I've been associated with the sport since 2008 and attending the Nationals recently I was delighted to see so many new players and supporters.

As a trustee I like to think that I play my part at board meetings, challenging and supporting the chief executive as well as contributing to strategy. Through David Pond's leadership, the marketing and promotion of wheelchair rugby has been very effective, particularly these last twelve months.

I am not an anonymous trustee and I am always championing our sport! There is a huge amount of work to be done to secure our future sustainability and I wish to continue to play my part.