

**Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2017
Held at 1900hrs on Friday 24 November at
Stirling Court Hotel, University of Stirling,
Stirling FK9 4AE**

Present:

Ms Adrienne Purdie	Grampian
Ms Andrea Manson	Dumfries & Galloway
Mr Andy Heffer	Staff/NAC
Ms Ann Finlayson	Forth Valley
Mr Bob Cassidy	Tayside
Mr Brian Byland	Fit 5
Miss Cara Pears	Staff
Ms Catrin Williams	Athlete Leadership
Ms Claire Carter	NAC/Southern region
Ms Claire Fitzpatrick	Scotland West
Mr Duncan Reid	Tayside
Mr Elliot Forward	Staff
Miss Emily Onley	Staff
Ms Evelyn Smith	Tayside
Mr Ewan Barr	Lothian
Mr Gearoid Mitchell	Staff
Mr George Morrison	Dumfries & Galloway
Mr George Stewart	Tayside
Ms Gillian Ogilvie	Lothian
Mr Graham Harvey	Forth Valley
Ms Helen Derby	Staff
Mr Ian Harper	Athlete Leadership
Ms Jacqui Byland	Fit 5
Mr James Cole	West Yorkshire Network
Mr Jason Cornwell	Staff
Ms Jayne Thompson	Sheffield
Mr Jeff Savory	NAC/Cardiff & Vale
Miss Joanne Meecham	Staff
Mr John Wardell	Skelton & Cleveland
Ms Judy Carruthers	Lothian
Mrs Karen Wallin	Staff
Ms Kay Gauld	Tayside
Mr Keith Wilcox	Skelton & Cleveland
Ms Kerri Mackenzie	Lothian
Ms Kiera Byland	Fit 5
Ms Kim Dalgarno	Tayside
Ms Laura Davies	Staff
Ms Laura Smith	Board/NAC/Tayside
Ms Laura Vickers	Dumfries & Galloway
Ms Leanne Peters	Scotland West
Ms Leanne Woolfe	Scotland West
Mr Len Dunne	Board
Ms Ling Mann	Dumfries & Galloway
Ms Lyn Dumbleton	Forth Valley
Ms Lynne Sturgeon	Lothian
Mr Mark Lumsden	Forth Valley
Mr Martin Cassidy	Tayside
Mr Matt Dodds	Eastern Region
Ms Maureen Evans	Tayside
Mr Max Bradbury-Knight	Solent

Ms Michelle Guite	Sheffield
Mr Murton Mann	Board
Ms Nancy Peters	Scotland West
Ms Natalie Anderson	Tayside
Mrs Peju Oriunuta	Staff
Mr Pierre Pernard	Tayside
Ms Sandra Proudfoot	Dumfries & Galloway
Mr Steven McFadyen	Greater London Region
Ms Susan Dumbleton	Forth Valley
Mr Tom A'Hara	Scotland West
Ms Wendy Lumsden	Forth Valley
Mrs Yvonne Hay	NAC/Lothian

OPENING REMARKS

1. Chair's welcome and opening remarks

The Chair, Mr Murton Mann welcomed all present; thanked them for their time and commitment to Special Olympics GB, and travelling to Stirling for the AGM. He expressed the hope that the AGM and good discussions that will be had throughout the leadership conference would provide many ways to improve the organisation.

He pointed out that 2017 had been an active year so far, with activities and events including the World Winter Games, Youth Sport Trust partnership, the upwardly mobile athlete leadership program, and of course the National Summer Games in Sheffield. He therefore thanked everyone who had been involved.

He added that there were many other smaller (but significant) activities throughout the year but that these were the larger more public face of SOGB that give opportunities to individuals and the organisation and helped the SOGB strategic aims of:

- raising awareness for Special Olympics GB (saying there had certainly been an increase in TV, Radio and all media coverage and that it is awareness that helps to open doors and change attitude)
- changing attitudes and breaking barriers to grow the organisation.

Murton went on to talk about our partnership with YST that has been successful and taken Play Unified to hundreds of school reaching thousands of young people with and without a ID (again helping to change attitudes).

He explained that the launched this year of the Athlete Leadership Programme partnership with Bank of America Merrill Lynch had been a great success and provided an incredible foundation for SOGB to grow the programme and partnership to offer wider opportunities for Athletes. It is sad that Diane Whilding who led the programme has just left us but, along with Beth and the rest of her team she has created a great (some of the Athletes will be presenting tomorrow).

Murton continued by emphasising that these are just the more public face and talking about them does not give due credit to the powerhouse of SOGB that the Volunteers and Families! Having a strategy, a Board and a Head Office is but a tiny part, the Volunteers and Families are the people out there day in day out supporting our Athletes.

The Volunteers and the Families – and the Athletes – are also the mouthpiece that we all need to tap into it, support it and grow it.... Volunteers, Families and especially Athletes can reach more hearts in a couple of sentences that people like me can in an hour.

Murton said he was looking forward to the year ahead as we continue to evolve strengthen and grow. He is also looking forward to providing more opportunity for Athletes, Families and Volunteers, and to building greater equality.

He announced the Special Olympics GB Anniversary Games to be hosted by Special Olympics Scotland here in Stirling to mark our 40th anniversary in 2018, adding that more details would be made available later during the conference.

2. Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

There were no comments or amendments received to the minutes of last year's AGM, so they were approved.

3. Receive/Adopt Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2016 with Reports of the Directors and Auditors

The CEO, Mrs Karen Wallin presented a note from the auditors, who could not send a representative. No comments or questions were received from the floor. Karen invited that any questions be emailed across to her for onward transmission to Simpson Wreford & Partners.

The adoption of the financial report was proposed by the Chair and 20 votes were counted in favour, none against, and no abstentions.

4. Re-election of Directors and in accordance with the Constitution of Special Olympics GB by rotation one third of the Board resign and offer themselves for re-election:

The Chair announced the resignation from the Board of Mr Tom Gorman (a Family member), and took this opportunity to record thanks from the Board and membership of Special Olympics GB for his service and commitment to SOGB.

- 19 votes were counted for the re-election of Mr Murton Mann, none against, no abstentions – Murton Mann was duly re-elected.
- 20 votes were counted for the re-election of Mr Phil Nathan, none against, no abstentions.- Phil Nathan was duly re-elected
- 20 votes were counted for the re-election of Mrs Kathryn McColl, none against, no abstentions – Kathryn McColl was duly re-elected.

5. To propose the re-appointment of the Auditors

The Chair proposed the re-appointment of Simpson Wreford as Special Olympics GB auditors. 20 votes were counted for the re-appointment, none against, and no abstentions. Simpson Wreford was duly re-appointed.

6. Any other ordinary business of the Company.

There was no other business to transact.

The Chair thanked all attendees again for their input and for travelling, and formally declared the meeting closed.