

Chair's Report

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2021 Priorities & Achievements (1)

- Accurate, timely guidance on return to fencing as COVID alert levels changed
- Supporting clubs get back to fencing
- Attract new fencers to the sport
 - Partnership with the Urdd
 - Coach education
 - Plastic sword provision
 - TLC Marketing
 - Vouchers for free taster sessions at fencing clubs

2021 Priorities & Achievements (2)

- Commonwealth Tournament Planning
 - Ensuring our fencers can train and compete
 - Volunteers (coaches, team managers)
 - Selection policies
 - Accommodation / logistics
- Develop our fencers
 - Establishment of ADPC (Athlete Development Programme Cymru)
 - All age groups
 - Leading up to 2022 Commonwealths initially....then beyond
 - Aligns with GB ADP (seamless transition of core principles) but uniquely Welsh
 - August & October '21, Feb '22

2021 Priorities & Achievements (3)

- Restart of Events
 - Welsh Veterans Championships (Sept'21)
 - Welsh Open (Nov'21)
 - Cadet Winton (Dec'21)

 - Welsh Cadet Championships (Feb'22)
 - Welsh Senior Championships (Feb'22)
 - Welsh Teams Championships (Feb'22)

- BYC Qualifiers

2021 Priorities & Achievements (4)

- UKAD – New Framework
 - British Fencing coordinating for all home nations
 - Lead board members identified to be key point of contact
 - Close contact between WF and BF to ensure we comply with all requirements
- Incorporating Welsh Veterans into WF
 - Initial discussions held
 - Improved financial sustainability
 - Improved governance
 - More support available from WF

Governance

- In-depth review of governance completed Q1'21 as part of Sport Wales funding requirements
 - Structure / Board / Risk management / People / Wellbeing
 - Financial control & governance
- No red flags
- Areas for development
 - Review Articles of Association – in progress
 - Director Training – Plan being developed for new directors November'21 with WSA
 - Policy Review Calendar – in progress
 - GLFW (Governance And Leadership Framework For Wales) Review – in progress

Finances

- Maintained financial support from Sport Wales throughout Covid period
- Recognised for 5 year planning process and surplus/deficit cycle
- Key Points
 - Recovery Fund – not required
 - Covid related underspend for 2020-2021
 - Surplus will be neutralised by 2022 (4 x Commonwealth Events to support)
 - Investment in modernising and replacing equipment
 - Increasing expenditure for investment in attracting new members to the sport
 - Increasing expenditure for investment in developing new coaches
 - Increasing expenditure for investment in developing athletes for Commonwealths and beyond
- 2022/23 – Applying for increased funding to achieve our ambitions

Summary & Focus for 2022

- A challenging year!
- Important achievements
 - Return to fencing
 - Funding maintained
 - ADP Cymru
- 2022's a big year!
 - Commonwealths
 - Expanding the sport