UKU Minutes of General Meeting – 9th November 2013

1. Attendance

Present: Simon Hill, Steve Smith, Charlie Galloway, Mark Tobin, Emma Rubach, Steve Kyle, Alex Lawson, David Ford, Kari-Helene Rane, Laurence Daniel Gill, Ben Rich, Kirsty Bunning, Sarah Jean-Baptiste, Hannah Brew, Jamie Weatherby

Apologies: Chris Bamford

The following members voted online prior to the meeting:

Matthew Burton, Benji Heywood, Wayne Davey, Will Cornelius, Jim Hancox, Chris Alderson, Jon Powell, Craig Cameron, Hayley Summers, Nathan Trickey, Ross Mclean, Kirsten Wells, Benedict Poole, David Lang, Fergus Claridge, Chris Judd, Shaun Lim, Kit Youldon, Tom Tongue, Robert Coddington, Amanda Quah, Benjamin Allen, Bernadeta Tobiasiewicz, Roland Tomlinson, Rich Hims, William Caldwell, David Pryce, Tom Howard, Neil Humpage, Sarah Douglas, Shaun Webb, Sam Vile, Rien de Keyser, Darren Edwards, Harry Mason, Barry O'Kane, Sarah McCann, Richard Jones, David Sparks, Harry Glasspool, Jon Brooks

2. Introductions

Simon Hill (SH) welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a brief outline of the agenda, noting in particular that

- Notice of the meeting was provided more than 3 weeks earlier;
- Some members had already voted online prior to the meeting;
- UKU memorandum and articles require that for a special resolution to change the governing documents requires a physical General Meeting in addition to an online vote.

He also noted that given we had to hold a general meeting for the change to the Memorandum, we had decided to include the vote for the appointment of Chris Bamford to the board as University Coordinator, although strictly speaking this did not require a general meeting.

3. Special Resolution to change Memorandum of UK Ultimate

SH explained that further to some advice received from Sport England, the board was seeking to improve the description of the objects of company as described in the "Memorandum of UK Ultimate".

As per the governing documents the notice of this meeting, the Special Resolution to change the Memorandum, and the proposed new Memorandum were all made available to the membership in early October. Members were able to vote on the proposed change online ahead of the meeting.

During the meeting it was asked if there were any reasons why the proposed change might not be a good idea. SH responded that the change was simply to make it clearer that the purpose of UK Ultimate Ltd was to be the National Governing Body for the sport of Ultimate, and that the Board whole-heartedly recommended making the change. SH commented that he could not think of any sensible downside to the proposed change.

Combining the online and in-person votes, there were 55 votes in favour of the Special Resolution, with two members abstaining, and zero votes against.   The Resolution was passed and the proposed new wording was accepted as the Memorandum of UK Ultimate. The Memorandum and Articles of UK Ultimate are available on the website:
http://www.ukultimate.com/about_uku/board_documents

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4. Board Election

SH provided the following background comments:
- In general board members are appointed to the board for a period of three years; standing down in rotation to help maintain continuity.
- Earlier this year, Edd Carmichael decided that he needed to resign his position due to lack of time.
- After seeking candidates amongst the University-ultimate community, Chris Bamford was temporarily appointed by the Board in July 2013.
- As per our usual practice we are now running a vote for the full-membership regarding Chris' appointment.

The elections were done via the combination of online vote prior to the meeting, and a vote from the members present at the meeting with the following results.
In favour of Chris Bamford appointment to UKU Board as University Coordinator = 55
Two people abstained.

5. Any other business

There was no other business, and so the meeting was closed.