

## Annual Conference 2022



**LOCATION:** Cranfield University, Mitchell Hall, Cranfield, Bedfordshire MK43 0AL, and Zoom

**DATE AND TIME:** Saturday 16 July 2022, 10.30 am

### **Meeting Commenced at 10.30 am**

Mrs Sandra Deaton (Chair) welcomed all present and opened the Annual Conference 2022.

#### **1. Annual Review**

The annual review video was shown at the start of the AGM, that took place later in the afternoon due to some technical issues with sound for those who were online. This can be viewed on our website or via the link below:

[Annual Review video](#)

The Chair thanked the staff for both the Annual Review which had been published digitally and the members for sending in their written questions.

The written Q&A document has been circulated to company members. Any further questions can be posted on the chat function or sent in by email and a further set of written answers will be published. Mrs Sandra Deaton (Chair) asked for any points of accuracy to be sent directly to the office.

The Chair took the meeting through the different sections of the Annual Review for comments and questions and the following main points were noted:

- A comment in the Chief Executive's Report about the importance of joining the knowledge of the volunteers together with the professional staff was welcomed.
- Succession planning was noted as an important area to get more younger people involved in administration of the sport.
- Data insight and capturing information better would be crucial to enable expansion of the game, in particular Ping.
- An update on the partnerships that were running TTKidz was given.
- The Talent and Performance Committee was working very well as a combined group of volunteers and staff. A group has also been set up for athletes to have a voice.
- It was confirmed that GBTT investment was UK Sport Progression funding, specifically to develop our performance system. It was not about Olympic medals at this stage.
- It was noted that there was no report of the Senior British League within the Review and this would be included for next year.



- Women only sessions had been taking place with very high attendance numbers and a section on this should be added to the Review also.
- A set of stamps would be released for Birmingham 2022 and Table Tennis will be featured which would help to raise awareness of the sport.
- An underspend of finances this year was put towards supporting players to reach tournaments.
- It was noted that the International Report would include the Commonwealth Games in next year's Review.
- Sean Bibby would be added to the Memorium section.

## **2. Strategy Review**

A Christy (Chief Executive) took the meeting through the latest draft of the Strategy, Financial and Structural Reset. An earlier draft had been received at the recent National Conference and had been welcomed.

Mr Christy explained that the Review was looking at the three main areas of Strategy, Finance and Structure at the same time as each was intertwined with the others. He took the meeting through the Principles, Pledges and the Financial and Structural resets.

Our future financial model would allow for the Board to make decisions on where it wanted to spend money.

It was essential that the structural review enabled feedback up to the Board as well as from Board to Committees. The governance structure of the organisation is currently too heavy and needs to be reset to also ensure it aligns with the new strategy.

Many of the members were impressed with the presentation and were pleased to see the intention of bringing together the knowledge and experience of the volunteers with those of the staff within a revised Committee structure.

The Annual Conference was closed at 1 pm