

World Deaf Rugby 2023 General Meeting

10am – 4pm, Saturday, 8 April 2023 at Stadium “Mario Alberto Kempes” Cordoba, Argentina

MEETING REPORT

During the *WDR 7s Championship* held in Corboba, Argentina 5 – 9 April 2023, a *World Deaf Rugby General Meeting* was scheduled for the rest day between the *Group/Ranking* matches and the *Finals*. This took place on Saturday, 8 April 2023, commencing at 10.30am and finishing at around 4.00pm.

Meeting Attendees in Person: Argentina, Australia, England, Fiji, Hong Kong, Japan, South Africa, New Zealand, Michael Oosthuyzen (*WDR Chair*)

Meeting Attendees by Zoom: Ghana, Tim Stones (*WDR Deputy Chair*), Johanna Plante (*WDR Secretary*), Gwynne Griffiths (*WDR Marketing & Sponsorship Project Officer*)

Apologies: Wales

A comprehensive *Agenda* had been planned for the meeting, including discussions on WDR incorporation as a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)*, future international and regional tournaments/events, bid processes for selecting future host countries, WDR logos, WDR audiometry records, WDR inclusion in the Deaflympics and, of course, the election of the *WDR Executive Committee* and *WDR CIO Trustees*.

For a variety of reasons including that the incorporation of *WDR* as a *CIO* had not yet been approved by the *UK Charities Commission*, pre-meeting communication breakdowns and some requisite meeting documentation not being available in hard-copy form, all *Agenda* Items other than the *Executive Committee* elections were put on hold pending *WDR* receiving formal approval as a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation*.

It was generally agreed at the Meeting that:

- **The only *Agenda* Item that would be considered at the Meeting was the election of the *Executive Committee***
- **A further full AGM would be held shortly after *WDR* was approved as a CIO;**
- **The postponed *Agenda* Items would be fully discussed at the future AGM; and**
- ***WDR Trustees* would be elected at the future AGM.**

Elections for the new *WDR Executive Committee* were held. There were four (4) nominations for the *Chair* position, three (3) nominations for the *Deputy Chair* position, one (1) nomination for the *Secretary* position and one (1) nomination for the *Treasurer* position.

The following individuals were elected to the *WDR Executive Committee*:

Chair: *Gloria Mills (England)*

Deputy Chair: *Johanna Plante (Australia)*

Secretary: *Gwynne Griffiths (Wales)*

Treasurer: *Anthony Crook (UK)*