

# **WORLD DEAF RUGBY CONFERENCE/GENERAL MEETING**

*Cordoba, Argentina 8 April 2023*

During the *WDR 7s Championship* held in Corboba, Argentina 5 – 9 April 2023, a *World Deaf Rugby Conference/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.

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, much of the proposed *Agenda* was put on hold pending *WDR* receiving formal approval as a *Charitable Incorporated Organisation*. A further *General Meeting* will be held shortly thereafter at which *WDR CIO Trustees* will be elected and the postponed *Agenda* Items further discussed.

However, elections for the new *WDR Executive Committee* were held. The *Chair* and *Deputy Chair* positions were hotly contested, with four nominations for the *Chair* and three for the *Deputy Chair*. 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)*