

# ENGLAND BOXING LIMITED AGM

## Minutes

Date & Time: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 6pm

Venue: Virtual (Zoom)

### Chairman:

Richard Brooke

### CEO – Jerome Pels

In attendance: Avoen Perryman; Richard Brooke; Lawrence Selby; Anna Cain; Doniert Macfarlane; Lynette Mayo; Eric Lee; Chris Smith; Ashley Cooke; Sophie Marshall; Gil White; Paul Smith; Jessica Holton (Abingdon); Sam Foster; Terri Kelly; Kyle Rayner; Chris Connelly; Martin Webb; Sarah Collings-Hands; Michael Norford; Helen Tate (Winchester ABC); Ben Harmsworth (Guildford City ABC); Denise Coe (Hoddesdon ABC); Tracy Davies; Eddy Lawther (Woking ABC); Shaun Akehurst (Tenterden ABC); Gary Beckley; John Farnery; Peter Hopcraft; Graham Blick; Kyle Rayner (Apex).

Apologies: None

As the AGM was not quorate at the start time of 18:00, the following presentations were given by EB staff to help inform members of recent developments in the sport, whilst waiting the allotted 1-hour timeframe required before commencing the formal AGM:

- Workforce Development Manager – Sarah Collings - Hands – Workforce Department
- Compliance Manager – Paul Smith – Compliance Department
- Competition & Events Manager - Ashley Cooke – 2023/24 Rule Book
- Chairman of the Board – Richard Brooke

Two questions were asked in relation to the new rule book by members, specifically regarding boxer's attire for weigh ins.

There was a discussion around the need for over 18s to also wear a vest at the weigh in when facing an opponent that is aged u-18 (17 year old vs. 18 year old) and that this was not yet clarified or clear within the rule book.

MN stated that this could be clarified at a later date and updated in the rule book as needed.

The second question was regarding the sharing of lighter vests at weigh ins – which some members reported had been happening at club shows recently – which was defeating the object of vests being worn for safeguarding reasons, as participants were undressing in the weigh in room to weigh in lighter for their bouts.

Again, MN responded that a process to clarify and reduce the occurrence of this needs to be discussed and updated in the rule book as part of the Technical Rules Referees & Officials sub-committee.

The meeting was called to order after the allotted waiting time of 1 hour.

Time AGM started at 19:00pm

Item 1	Minutes
	<p>All in attendance had a copy of the 2022 AGM minutes, the Chairman asked those in attendance if the minutes were approved.</p> <p>All in attendance approved the minutes as a true record and there were no matters arising.</p>

<b>Item 2</b>	<p><b>Chairman's Report</b></p> <p>The Chairman thanked everyone present for taking the time to attend the meeting.</p> <p>The Chairman provided an overview of his report from the AGM annual report to those present, starting by saying that the sport of amateur boxing is doing well due to the excellent dedication of the Board, staff and volunteers throughout the organisation.</p> <p>EB now has over 1,000 member clubs as well as 27,000 members, both of which are records and milestones for the sport.</p> <p>For the first time, we held our annual awards ceremony in 2023 which was a wonderful celebration of the hard work given by all our volunteers. We have launched and enhanced our apprenticeship scheme which continues now into its second year, and we congratulate those young people who have recently joined us on the programme.</p> <p>The IBA has lost its recognition from the IOC which is a serious threat to boxing as an Olympic sport – it is very much the aim of EB and like-minded nations to do something to counter this in the form of the new organisation 'World Boxing'.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Clubs, Regions, Coaches, Officials, Staff and the Board for the continued support to Boxing that they provide.</p>
<b>Item 3</b>	<p><b>CEO Report</b></p> <p>The CEO overviewed his report from the AGM annual report, particularly outlining the current strategy and the work that had been done on moving the sport forward in the last 12 months.</p> <p>In terms of the strategy, EB is running to schedule and on budget which is great news.</p> <p>Financial support has been afforded to clubs this year through the Together Fund and Club in Crisis Fund to help during these difficult times, and we hope that has been of assistance to those in need.</p> <p>The Performance department has now launched the Senior programme for adult athletes for the first time ever, though it must be mentioned that unfortunately we have been to fewer international events this year due to the issues with the IBA and developments since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022.</p> <p>On a more positive note, our capacity to deliver Level 1, 2 &amp; 3 courses has improved greatly this year, and we will recruit more course tutors to ensure this trend continues.</p> <p>EB has also gone from having just three IBA 1* qualified coaches to 27 this year.</p> <p>We are pleased to report that EB has had no adverse findings from the UKAD assessment made of the sport earlier this year, and Sport England have conducted a governance audit on EB and identified several areas where we can make improvements as a governing body</p>

	<p>– we are confident that we will be compliant by the end of the year as we continue to update and develop the organisation.</p>
<b>Item 4</b>	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <p>Eric Lee the Head of Finance outlined the company accounts, as detailed in the annual report.</p> <p>There has been an increase of income since the covid-19 pandemic which is welcome news, and similarly, there was an increase of expenditure during the same time period due an increase in boxing-related activities.</p> <p>EB has made a significant increase of investment this year to Community projects and club support grants which are reflected by the increased expenditure mentioned above.</p> <p>Similarly, there has been a significant increase of spending on Talent / Performance this year by comparison to previous years.</p> <p>Eric Lee explained that as a not-for-profit company, the aim of EB is to break even each year and not to generate a profit or loss.</p> <p>Due to the increased investments EB made this year, we have made a £32,000 loss during the 2022/23 financial year.</p> <p>All present were asked to approve the accounts, and all in attendance approved.</p>
<b>Item 5</b>	<p><b>Change of Articles of Association</b></p> <p>EB had not received any resolutions or proposals for resolutions, and so therefore there was no need for a vote on this particular agenda item</p>
<b>Item 5</b>	<p><b>Questions / AOB</b></p> <p>The Chairman opened the floor to comments and questions.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting was then closed by the Chairman at 19:18pm.</p>