



GBDF AGM
Agenda
12th November 2025

Location: Online via Google Meet
Time: 7:45pm-8pm

1	Welcome	Action
	MW welcomed all	
2	Roll call/Apologies	
	Attendees: Martin Willis (MW), Sharon Hirshman (SH), Roanna Simmons (RS), Michael Boyne (MB), Nick Gregory (NG) & Susan McKeown (SM)	
3	New constitution and structure of GBDF – Home countries membership	
	<p>MW explained that there were no Home Countries representation in this meeting as they had not yet met the criteria for membership as outlined in the constitution.</p> <p>At the last meeting of GBDF and Home Countries representatives, they were going to get back to us by 31st July 2025, regarding the next steps they were going to take to meet these criteria. We have not heard from them, and we have been busy with the Deaflympics. However, this is something we need to address in the New Year</p>	
4	Approval of Annual Report and Accounts	
	All were happy with this, and this will enable us to apply for charitable status. MW and NG will this sign off	
5	Election of Officials	
	<p>MW explained that the agreement for him to take on the Chair role that this would be until the 31 December 2025, and at that date he would be stepping down. SH offered to take on the Chair role from then onwards. All were in agreement.</p> <p>RS proposed that SM be appointed as a committee member. MB seconded and all were in agreement with this. SM was duly elected.</p> <p>MW mentioned that Neil Wilkins (NW) was interested in taking on the treasurer’s role. NW now looks after the U23 accounts and would be happy to take over the full responsibility for maintaining all accounts after the Deaflympics if all are happy.</p> <p>NG stated that he was happy to stay on as treasurer for the time being. However, due to pressing demands on his time, he cannot commit the needed time to GBDF as treasurer. He wanted to “fade” away once things are under control, so he is happy to stay on until NW had fully come on board and was au fait with everything</p> <p>SH mentioned that Paul Young was interested in joining the committee. It was agreed to invite him to join as a n observer for our next committee meeting and SH would follow the due process if it was agreed for him to join the committee.</p>	
6	AOB	
	None	
7	Thanks, and closure of meeting	
	MW thanked all and closed the meeting at 8:08pm	

