

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Cymru-Wales Region of the B.P.A.
held at Rumney Conservative Club on the 31st January 2002**

PRESENT: - 26 WPA members attended, the full list of names is retained by the Secretary.

APOLOGIES:- P.Bond,P.Bradshaw,A. Jones,S .Lord, J Clifford

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: -

Regional membership is now over 80 adults and 9 juniors, a slightly lower figure than the previous years.

Whilst our numbers remain reasonably constant, our playing standards show continuing improvement

There have been some difficulties with team availability and selection impacting on our results this year but standards are high and our competition prospects are increasing.

With the appointment of a new executive I see their priorities as being to further improve our organisation and communications, particularly with regard to the Regional and Home Nations Championships. It seems likely that we will be asked to host the 2003 Home Nations instead of Ireland, and our own 2004 Home Nations Championship.

It appears that the reorganisation of the BPA into its component parts **i.e.** EPA, SPA and WPA is meeting some resistance, particularly **from** the EPA, from a funding point of view it is of benefit to our region if this change did occur.

Of more immediate concern, will be for the new exec. To prepare this years Annual Events Calendar.

All club secretaries should note that from this year the BPA has centralised its system of membership renewal. Full details of these changes are contained in the latest issue of the BPA Newsletter and in a package being distributed from the headquarters.

Finally, the development of an International Sports Village near Penarth could well provide opportunities for our sport in Wales.

The president then thanked the outgoing executives, and all those who had helped in the regions affairs over the past year.

TREASURERS REPORT: -

The audited statement of Accounts covering income, expenditure and current assets was submitted by the treasurer and accepted.

REGISTRATION FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS: -

It was agreed that the registration fee should remain at its current levels **i.e.** £20 per club; BPA membership is now £18 per adult and £2 for juniors.

REGIONAL CONSTITUTION: -

The formalisation of our constitution remains a priority for the incoming executive. However, in the interim those sections of the BPA constitution that are relevant can be referred to for the resolution of constitutional issues.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: -

The following members were elected/re-elected; -

A)	Regional President	Mr D Murphy
B)	Regional V/President	Mr D Jenkins
C)	Regional V/President Playing	Mr K Lord
D)	Treasurer	Mrs G Hennessey
E)	Secretary	Mr J Morgan
F)	Regional Umpire	Mr C Trego
G)	Regional Coach	Position remains vacant

A.O.B.: -

The following items were debated but not voted on: -

1. Juniors their training and supervision.
2. Presentation of Awards A matter of urgency for the new executive
3. 2002 Events Calendar Closing date for bids 21st Feb 2002 at the regional Meeting.
4. Problems associated with teams **not turning up**
5. Teams for the Celtic Challenge 2002 were confirmed as being available to play. SPA to be sent details of teams.
6. Regional Playing Attire this was confirmed as red shirts and black trousers.

The next regional meeting is arranged for the 21st Feb. 2002 at Panteg House at 8.00pm. (Exec. members at 7.15pm)

The main item on the agenda will be the resolution of this years playing calendar. A club representative must be present in order to secure an event.

