

Outgoing acting Secretaries Report

I took over from Rob Jones shortly after July when it was clear he had major health problems with the aim of making sure the Sport Wales (SW) application was completed in time. The submission deadline was extended by Sport Wales, which was fortunate as they failed to respond in a timely manner to problems with the online submission. The paperwork was duly submitted a couple of days before the deadline having been signed off by myself and Mat. The statistics for club membership were provided by Wendy, the new BCA membership secretary, who, like her predecessor, provided exactly what was needed. We won't know until April whether the application will be successful, but we have had no problems in the previous 3 years and the amount of money we are claiming, £500, is small compared to most Sport Wales organisations.

There are a couple of issues which will need addressing in the coming year: Governance and Child Protection.

The Governance paperwork was passed to Rob and should have been discussed by the committee. It is really just a declaration signed by committee members and deals with conflict of interest and behaviour.

Child protection is a more thorny issue and CCC has avoided it in the past as most clubs have a policy of not allowing under 18's to join or insisting on direct parental supervision. The real problem is with club huts where children might be exposed to unruly behaviour, alcohol and high jinks. Some huts like SWCC do have family friendly areas and a child protection officer. Sport Wales are looking for CCC to issue suitable guidelines for child protection and there seems to be an interest by some clubs to increase participation in the sport by younger people. I think this needs to be encouraged and the SW child protection advisor would be prepared to help draft guidelines – it would then be up to clubs to follow these.

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