



**Blended Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on
Wednesday 30 June 2021 at 10:00
held by Video Conference (StarLeaf) from the Lecture Theatre at HQ**

1. 2021 Trustee Election Results

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Kerryn Haynes and Karen Silcock who had been elected unopposed in the 2021 Trustee Election to the following vacancies:

- Generalist Trustee – Kerryn Haynes
- Generalist Trustee with Financial Knowledge – Karen Silcock

2. 2021 Trustee Co-options

The Chairman advised that Professor Tim Morris and The Rt. Hon. Dame Caroline Spelman DBE had agreed to be co-opted for a further year to the following positions:

- Specialist Trustee for Welfare – Professor Tim Morris
- Specialist Trustee for Policy, Campaigns and Government Relations – The Rt. Hon. Dame Caroline Spelman DBE

The co-options were ratified by the Board of Trustees unanimously.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28 April 2021

- The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 28 April 2021 were proposed by the Chairman and agreed to be a true reflection of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

- It was agreed that it would be pertinent to continue the lobbying effort with DCMS, Defra and the Cabinet Office on the matter of indoor arenas being classified as outdoor facilities during the summer months, ahead of the Autumn and Winter, in case of a further lockdown and to protect BHS stakeholders.

5. Abridged Minutes of the December 2020 Board Meeting for publication

- The abridged minutes of the meeting that took place on Wednesday, 28 April 2021 were approved for publication on the BHS website.

6. Conflicts of Interest

- There were not any conflicts of interest declared.

7. Statutory Accounts & Annual Report

- The Chairman thanked the Executive for their work on the Statutory Accounts and Annual Report and proposed that the Board of Trustees sign off the accounts as recommended by the Audit Committee. This was agreed unanimously.
- It was agreed that the newly elected Trustees would be invited to join the Finance Committee, in view of their financial backgrounds, and to enable appropriate succession planning.

8. Any Other Business

• **Hardship Fund Balance**

Approved Centres had been surveyed to see what support they require as they emerge from the lockdown. This provided very good insight and it was proposed that a designated fund be used to deliver a segmented and focused bounce-back grant scheme. The scheme will be open to all to Approved Centres and be used to increase participation and engage new groups of participants that they wouldn't have been able to engage with before to boost equality, diversity, and inclusion. A panel will be responsible for reviewing applications and awards will be made up to the value of £3,000 per centre. The Board of Trustees endorsed the bounce back grant initiative.