



**SPORTS DISPUTE RESOLUTION PANEL LIMITED (trading as Sport Resolutions)**

**Company number: 03351039**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Sports Dispute Resolution Panel Limited held by way of a "hybrid" meeting on Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 13:00.**

**Present:**

In-person

Audley Sheppard KC (AS)  
Martin Gibbs (MG)  
Richard Harry (RH)  
Jacqui Traynor (JT)  
Nick Hayes  
Alison Mitchell  
Richard Parks  
Simon Taylor (ST)

Independent Non-Executive Director / Chair  
Senior Independent Non-Executive Director  
Chief Executive  
Independent Non-Executive Director  
Independent Non-Executive Director  
Independent Non-Executive Director  
Representative Director – Welsh Sports Association  
Member Representative – Professional Players Federation

Online

Ronnie Denholm (RD)  
Jack Anderson  
Adrian Stockman  
Sarah Newton  
Keith McGarry  
Mark Gannon  
Leigh Thompson  
Emma Cowley  
Nigel Geach

Independent Non-Executive Director  
Independent Non-Executive Director  
Representative Director – British Paralympic Association  
Representative Director – British Elite Athletes Association  
Member Representative – Northern Ireland Sports Forum  
Member Representative – UK Coaching  
Member Representative – Sport and Recreation Alliance  
Member Representative – British Olympic Association  
Member Representative – European Sponsorship Association

**In attendance:**

Ross Macdonald (RM)  
Duygu Yetkincan  
Kylie Brackenridge

Head of Business Operations / Company Secretary  
Marketing and Communications Manager  
Head of Case Management

The Chair welcomed the Member Representatives and Directors to the 2025 Annual General Meeting. The meeting was quorate, with nine of the ten member organisations represented.

## **1. 2024 AGM Minutes**

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 25 September 2024 were signed as a true record of the meeting. The minutes will be published on the Sport Resolutions (SR) website.

## **2. Report and Financial Statement**

The Financial Statement and Directors' Report of the Company (Full Accounts) for the year ended 31 March 2025 were considered. The accounts were audited by Barnes Roffe LLP. The Members were advised that the accounts had been recommended for approval by the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC), and subsequently approved by the directors. The accounts will be submitted to Companies House and published on the company website.

## **3. Directors Report of Activities**

The Members were referred to the 2024/2025 Annual Report, which had been approved by the directors of the company in June 2025 and subsequently published online.

AS advised that SR had published its updated strategy in April 2025. The updated strategy and values reflect developments and growth both at the organisation and in the sports sector.

RH advised the Members that it had been another busy year for the organisation, with 400 requests for guidance and assistance resulting in almost 300 referrals. High-profile cases included WPBSA v Mark King, ITIA v Jannik Sinner, UKAD v Conor Benn, and The FA v Lucas Paqueta. SR is also providing services to an increasing number of international federations.

The Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC), RD, reminded the Members that the ARC is responsible for oversight of finance, risk, operations, and human resources at SR. RD advised that SR was in a strong financial position, with a healthy level of reserves. Barnes Roffe LLP had undertaken the 2025 audit and reported no material concerns. The committee is content that all required policies and procedures are in place.

The Chair of the Marketing and Service Development Committee (MSDC), MG, advised that the 2025 Conference, which was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event, was the most successful to date, with more than 300 attendees. The event received excellent feedback and pleasingly, the 2025 event reported a 41% female audience and an increased number of NGBs in attendance.

The Chair of the Panel Appointments and Review Committee (PARC), JT, advised the Members that there are currently 339 individuals on SRs Panel speaking 32 languages. The diversity of the SR Panel remains high on the agenda, with 32% of the Panel currently female and with ambitious plans to improve this further. Panel recruitment for the 2027-2030 term will open in the autumn of 2026.

AS informed the Members that we had sadly lost SR director Nigel Smith in the autumn of 2024 and reminded all of Nigel's professional expertise, infectious personality, and contribution to SR.

AS confirmed that SR was performing well and meeting the expectations of the Members.

#### **4. Strategic development**

RH provided the Members with an oral update on strategic development and plans for the company.

The directors and executive are working to achieve the aims of the updated strategy.

#### **5. Representative Non-Executive Directors**

The Members were reminded that they may appoint up to four individuals as Representative Non-Executive Directors to sit on the Sport Resolutions Board.

The Members approved the re-appointment of Sarah Newton, Adrian Stockman and Richard Parks as Representative Non-Executive Directors for the period to the 2026 AGM.

Mark Gannon was thanked for the contributions he has made as an invited guest at Board meetings.

#### **6. Independent Non-Executive Directors**

AS confirmed Sport Resolutions' Independent Non-Executive Directors for 2025/2026:

Audley Sheppard KC (Chair)  
Martin Gibbs (Senior INED)  
Jacqui Traynor  
Ronnie Denholm  
Alison Mitchell  
Nick Hayes  
Jack Anderson

#### **7. Auditors**

It was agreed that the appointment of the auditors for 2026 would be delegated to the Audit and Risk Committee, which will assess the proposed fee and service provided.

**8. AOB**

The Members congratulated the Board and Executive for another successful year.

The meeting closed at 13:45.

**Approval**

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Chair

Date: 16 September 2026

**Sarah Newton**

Sarah Newton (Sep 24, 2026 12:40:16 GMT+1)  
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Representative Director

24/09/2026  
Date: .....

Print Name: Sarah Newton, BEAA