

The Role of RWBSA Chairperson - Can You Help?

Ladies and Gentlemen,

With the RWBSA AGM fast approaching on 18th March 19, I am looking to identify a volunteer who is willing to take on the role of Chairperson of the Association. I took on this role last year, as an interim measure only. We do need now to try and find someone who is willing to take over this role in support of the Association. I have been asked to clarify what is involved in carrying out this role, to assist someone in making a decision as to whether or not to put themselves forward.

Firstly, the role of Chair is not limited to someone who is a current officer of a Member or Affiliated Club of the Association, it can be someone totally independent but have the best interests of the Association at heart. It could be argued that a Chair devoid of any personal club interest could be considered the ideal, bringing a truly independent approach to the role. However, we are looking for anyone who has the capacity and enthusiasm to take on the task.

The Chair's role primarily entails:

Providing leadership and coordinating RWBSA activities to ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are in place for the effective management of the Association.

Providing support to the Association Site Manager, Site Administrator, elected Officers of the Association, volunteers and bar staff as required.

Chairing the RWBSA Executive Committee monthly meetings according to the constitution and ensuring that matters are dealt with in an efficient and effective manner. Chairing the RWBSA Annual General Meeting.

Being a member of the Business Management Team, a group of co-opted members who meet monthly, who are responsible for developing business opportunities, setting budgets and managing site operations.

All the above tasks require only limited effort and will typically be about a couple of hours or so a week, but it is obviously dependent on how involved one wishes to be. In support of the Chair role, we have some excellent supporting volunteers within the Association who undertake various roles from maintenance to cleaning, all giving freely of their time. I personally will continue to carry out the Bar Stock Control, managing Association Membership Cards, assisting with reviewing Fire Safety, Legionella Control measures and other building checks, so these will not be the responsibility of the new Chair as some may have thought.

In conclusion, I can't promise you your own parking space or a 6 figure salary, however like all voluntary run organisations, I can guarantee it will be challenging at times and require you to make difficult decisions. But to counteract that, it will prove most rewarding knowing that you are making a huge contribution to the local sporting community through this Association. I am always ready to chat through any concerns, please do not hesitate to call me for further information.

Yours in sport,

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