



## **BASES Annual General Meeting 2022**

Tuesday 15 November 2022, 5:15 pm – 6:15 pm, Rowley Suite, King Power Stadium, Leicester and virtually, via WebinarJam

**Attendees:** I Akubat, M Armstrong, A Bliss, A Borrie, L Bottoms, D Broom, H Collins, L Cooper, V Cox, R Davison, T Desai, A Dobell, A Dube, A Duncan, A Gledhill, C Harwood, Z Knowles, G Koral, A Lane, K Lewis, R Lupulescu, C Mahoney, L McNaughton, R Lupulescu, A Miles, A Mitchell, P Morgan, M Price, A Smith, J Tantaway, I Taylor, S Went

**Apologies:** Dr Sarah Gilchrist FBASES, Prof Costas Karageorghis FBASES, Prof Richard Thelwell FBASES, Dr Keith Tolfrey FBASES

**BASES Staff:** Jane Bairstow, Angus Boyle, Emma Forsyth, Jane Gillott, Lisa Phillips, Ian Wilson

**Minutes:** J Bairstow

**In the Chair:** Prof Zoe Knowles FBASES

Z Knowles welcomed all to the 2022 BASES AGM, saying it was pleasing to see so many members join in person after a great opening day of the 2022 Annual Conference. She explained that the last two AGMs had taken place remotely and that today, there were some members who were unable to physically be at the Annual Conference who had joined the AGM via WebinarJam.

Z Knowles explained that the AGM would not be recorded but that the slide deck would be made available to all members following the meetings. She asked that for those members joining on WebinarJam to please have their microphones muted and if they lost connection during the meeting, to try to re-connect so staff could let them back into meeting.

Z Knowles explained that the meeting would focus on the review of 2021-22 and, as the presentation advanced, if there were any queries or comments, those present in the room could raise their hand and for those joining remotely, they could post any queries in the comments box, and we would try to answer as many as possible.

Z Knowles stated that the minutes from the 2021 AGM had been shared after last year's AGM and that there had been no feedback about any errors or omissions. Members physically present were asked to show hands if they were happy to sign off as a true record and for members joining remotely, they used the Poll to show they were happy to sign off as a true record. **All approved.**

Z Knowles advised the membership of the [Board Members for 2021-22](#): Chair: Prof Zoe Knowles FBASES, Division Chairs: Dr Ibrahim Akubat FBASES, Dr Lindsay Bottoms FBASES, Dr Adam Gledhill FBASES, Dr Kiara Lewis FBASES, Dr Andrew Mitchell, Non-Executive Directors: Greg Koral, Vinny Leach, James Tugwell, Susan Went, Executive Director: Ian Wilson.

Z Knowles advised that this was year two of the 2021 – 2025 Strategy, reminding members that the Strategic Objectives are:

1. To enhance BASES status as *the* professional standards body for sport and exercise sciences in the UK

2. To grow BASES reputation as the leading expert body for sport and exercise sciences through strategic partnerships and advocacy
3. To drive step-change in membership by enhancing our value proposition to sport and exercise science professionals
4. To establish financial sustainability through new and existing secure and long-term income streams
5. To develop our governance model and define our organisational status to support the effective delivery of the BASES mission

Z Knowles stated that the [2021 - 2022 Annual Report](#) informs how we have continued to address these five strategic objectives, for which many of the updates will be included within this year's achievements within the presentation.

Z Knowles explained the overview would look at some achievements and performances over the 2021-22 period, including the financial statements to end March 2022. Regarding the Impact of COVID-19, the last 12 months had continued to be challenging as everyone adjusted to the impact of the pandemic, including the 'Plan B' measures put in place by the Government in England in December 2021 following the spread of the Omicron variant. Whilst there was no face-to-face (in person) delivery within the typical annual portfolio of BASES activity, a significant number of meetings had taken place and CPD was delivered, all virtually.

Z Knowles noted that despite the pandemic and the current cost of living crisis, the Association had marginally increased its membership over the last year, with the average total membership for the period September 2021 to August 2022 being 2,731 compared to 2,725 in the previous year (September 2020 - August 2021), This represented a year-over-year growth of 0.2%. Membership growth has been driven by an increase in both the number of professional members and the number of graduate members, the latter of which was the highest total in over a decade. Z Knowles noted that following discussions within the BASES Stakeholder Committee and the Student Advisory Group, the Board had considered extending the graduate membership qualifying period to offer an improved student / graduate offering and to assist our members. At its meeting on 15 November 2021, the [Board agreed](#) to extend the qualifying period for graduate membership from one year to three years.

Z Knowles noted that there had been reductions in other membership categories over the year, including Student members, for which the Board and the Standing Committees are looking into ways to attract and retain student members during tough financial circumstances.

Z Knowles was pleased to note that our social medial following has continued to grow; as of August 2021, the biggest increase was in both Instagram followers and LinkedIn members, with Twitter followers remaining high at over 32,600.

Z Knowles cited a number of partnerships and relationships, both domestically and internationally, that had developed and flourished this year. She noted a couple:

- The new partnership agreement with [BASIS](#), the Association for Sustainable Sport, which will promote co-operation in implementing sustainable development principles and environmental management practices in the sport, exercise, recreation, physical activity and science sectors.
- The new Memorandum of Collaboration with Clinical Exercise Physiology Association ([CEPA](#)) will see members of both Associations access the other's CPD learning at the same member rate.

Following a review of the existing agreement, in June 2022, Z Knowles noted that BASES and UK Anti-Doping ([UKAD](#)) had announced a new Memorandum of Understanding to support our members in helping to keep sport clean.

Z Knowles noted that due to COVID-19, the BASES 2021 Conference took place virtually on 16-18 November 2021, with 244 delegates registered for the conference. Prof Shona Halson (Australian Catholic University) had opened the conference with a keynote on *Sleep and the elite athlete*. Prof

Wendy Hardeman (University of East Anglia) then closed the conference with a keynote on *Understanding and changing physical activity behaviour: Insights from behavioural science*. Z Knowles noted that several parallel invited symposia had taken place alongside poster viewing (for which 102 abstracts were submitted this year), and networking via the hub. Recordings of all sessions were made available to delegates for a couple of months after the event. The 2021 conference had concluded with the recognition of those members winning awards. Z Knowles stated that 85% of attendees rated the conference programme content as 'Excellent' or 'Very Good'. 92% of attendees rated the event as 'Excellent' or 'Very Good'.

Z Knowles reminded members that we are partway through a great 2022 Annual Conference at the King Power Stadium, and all were looking forward to an engaging and informative closing day tomorrow. She stated that the venue for the 2023 Annual Conference would be the Coventry Building Society Arena in Coventry (Thursday 16 to Friday 17 November 2023) and that she would look forward to seeing members there.

Z Knowles explained that the Local Organising Committee had made the tough decision to cancel the 2022 Student Conference due to an insufficient number of delegates who had registered by the event deadline. The event was to have taken place at the University of Huddersfield over 26 to 27 April 2022, however it was decided that it would not be possible to deliver a conference to the high standards that the Organising Committee would expect and that to go ahead with low numbers would be unfair to the delegates attending. Z Knowles reaffirmed that the Organising Committee had worked incredibly hard over the preceding 12+ months and had established an excellent line up of speakers. She stated that the BASES Student Conference 2023 will be hosted by Anglia Ruskin University, on their Cambridge campus, on 24-25 April 2023, noting that 2023 marks the centenary of the publication of A.V. Hill's seminal work on  $VO_{2max}$ , which was undertaken in the city of Cambridge. She stated that the conference will be themed around this and other historical perspectives informing contemporary Sport & Exercise Sciences, whilst also celebrating the innovative research and applied practices students are engaged with and are shaping the future of our discipline.

Z Knowles explained that we have recently [opened bids to apply to host the 2024 Student Conference](#), for which the submission deadline will be 27 January 2023.

Z Knowles confirmed that eight BASES Fellowships were recently approved and those attending this evening's Gala Dinner would formally receive their Fellows' pin. She formally acknowledged the recent Fellows within the AGM: Dr Stephen Atkins FBASES, Dr Helen Collins FBASES, Dr Jo Corbett FBASES, Dr Audrey Duncan FBASES, Prof Stuart Fairclough FBASES, Dr Matthew Green FBASES, Prof Florentina Hettinga FBASES, and Dr Emma Kavanagh FBASES.

Z Knowles then explained that a number of Grants and Awards had been made this year, and that four Expert Statements were published. She confirmed that the Annual Report includes details of all the recipients, and she extended her congratulations to all.

Regarding Events and Activities, Z Knowles advised that the [18th Heads of Department \(HoD\) Forum](#), had taken place, virtually, on Tuesday 15 March 2022. She stated that the event had provided an excellent day of information and insights for those with leadership roles within sport and exercise sciences academia, looking at teaching and learning strategies post the pandemic. There were several presentations and discussions throughout the event. 68 delegates registered for the event, representing 35 UK institutions. Z Knowles stated that the next Heads of Department 2022 virtual event will be taking place over Zoom on 24 November 2022, with sessions covering Student recruitment and retention, B3 Regulations, the Teaching Excellence Framework and Employability. The 19th Heads of Department Forum will then take place on 15 March 2023 at Coventry University.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, Z Knowles was proud that five Division Days were delivered virtually with 581 delegates registered and 394 live attendees: She explained that the theme for the [Sport and Performance Day](#), on 15 February 2022, was '*Tokyo 2020: Delivering high performance in the middle of a world pandemic*'; that the [Psychology Day](#) took place 18 May 2022; that the theme for the [Biomechanics and Motor Behaviour Day](#), on 25 May 2022, was '*BIG steps forward*', that the [Physical Activity for Health Day](#) took place 21 June 2022 and that the theme for the [Physiology and Nutrition](#)

[Day](#), on 6 July 2022 was 'Current Practice and Future Direction.' She stated that feedback from all Division Days was positive and satisfaction rates across all five events had ranged from 4.1 to 4.3 out of five.

Z Knowles stated that BASES had ran 15 workshops online, all linked with the [Supervised Experience](#) and [SEPAR](#) programmes, attended by a total of 215 delegates, and nine webinars, with a combined 500 delegates registering and a total of 282 attending, were delivered, adding that those webinars that took place this year then had a total of 179 hits on the website.

Z Knowles stated that the [BASES CPD Endorsement Scheme](#), which was introduced in 2017, had continued to gain momentum, enabling BASES to offer a wider range of CPD opportunities to members. A total of 24 courses and workshops had been endorsed since the inception of the scheme, including eight endorsements this year.

Z Knowles explained that the work of [BASES professional standards](#) had continued, despite COVID-19, stating that 401 members now hold [BASES Sport & Exercise Scientist Accreditation](#); 208 are [Chartered Scientists](#); 55 hold [Certified Exercise Practitioners](#); and 25 are [High Performance Sport Accredited](#). Z Knowles reminded the members that SEPAR, the [Sport and Exercise Psychology Accreditation Route](#), was launched in January 2020, and a further 66 candidates had enrolled this year, taking the total since January 2020 to 131. She added that this year, nine candidates were confirmed by the SEPAR Advisory Group (SEPAR AG) as being SEPAR complete and eligible to apply to the [Health and Care Professions Council](#) (HCPC) register, noting that this brings to 18 the number of candidates who have 'graduated' through SEPAR since its launch in January 2020.

She stated that we currently have 174 members undertaking [Supervised Experience](#), that 15 [physiology labs](#) were accredited or re-accredited last year and that 75 university [undergraduate courses](#) were endorsed, spanning 48 institutions.

Z Knowles stated that in January 2022, BASES had launched a new BASES [Postgraduate SEPAR Endorsement Scheme](#) (PSES), which was designed to allow registrants to evidence, expediently, the completion of an appropriate M-level qualification for entry onto the SEPAR, which covers the relevant knowledge-based HCPC Standards of Proficiencies. She explained that this Endorsement Scheme will support future Sport and Exercise Psychologists choose an MSc. programme that is BASES endorsed, and which will appropriately position them for application to SEPAR upon completion. She stated that following universities all have M-level Psychology courses that are endorsed by BASES: University of Bolton, University of Derby, University of East London, Liverpool John Moores University, University of Portsmouth, St Mary's University, Twickenham, Setanta College, and Sheffield Hallam University.

Z Knowles stated that in May 2022, BASES undertook our Chartered Scientist license review with the [Science Council](#), and that the Science Council's Registration Authority board had approved the Review Panel's recommendation of the continuation of our CSci licence until the next full licence review, which is due in December 2024, subject to the completion of a few actions and submission of the Annual Report. She explained that significant work had been undertaken this year as part of the HCPC performance review process, whereby SEPAR was reviewed as part of the [new Education quality assurance model](#). She explained that the purpose of this review is for the HCPC to understand our performance as a provider and to consider continued alignment to the HCPC standards, for which a significant and comprehensive portfolio was submitted. She stated that we expect to hear feedback from the HCPC Education and Training Panel over the coming weeks.

Z Knowles stated that [CEP-UK](#) was established in September 2021 and is the group setting the standards for UK Clinical Exercise Physiologists, noting they have learnt from international models and collaborations to shape UK exercise healthcare and workforce provision. She stated that an [agreement was signed in October 2021](#) whereby BASES would house CEP-UK within our organisational structure, and that the CEP-UK Advisory Group is now part of BASES Governance Structure, with mutually agreed terms of reference, reporting directly to the BASES' Board. She said that CEP-UK has enabled registration and accreditation of a new health professional in the UK,

Clinical Exercise Physiologists (CEP), which is regulated by [Registration Council Clinical Physiologists](#) (RCCP)

Regarding Publications, Z Knowles advised that four new [Expert Statements](#) had been published, with details of all the authors listed in the Annual Report. She stated that four editions of [The Sport and Exercise Scientist](#) had been produced, with a good mixture of articles covering all the disciplines from a variety of authors. She stated that the [BASES Career Guide: A Guide to Careers in Sport and Exercise Science](#) had been updated and launched in August 2022, noting that the 58-page Guide included a wealth of guidance and information about choosing courses at school and college, choosing undergraduate and postgraduate courses, career opportunities and how to get ahead, and how to pursue popular career paths and occupations. For the 2020 version, she said that the hits and downloads of the full guide in the member-only website was 761, and hits and downloads of the non-member version was 9,889.

Z Knowles explained that the Taylor & Francis Group publishes the [Journal of Sports Sciences](#) (JSS) in affiliation with BASES, and that the JSS published 260 articles and received almost 1.2 million downloads in 2021. She stated that the Journal's Impact Factor had risen to 3.943, placing it 27 out of 87 journals in the Sport Sciences JCR category. She also confirmed that BASES had endorsed a number of texts including:

- Clinical Exercise Physiology, Fifth Edition
- American College of Sports Medicine textbook ACSM's Clinical Exercise Physiology
- Reflective Practice: Critical Perspectives, Pedagogy, and Applied Case Studies in the Sport & Exercise Sciences

Z Knowles stated that the year had seen significant work and technical developments progressed by the [five Divisions](#) and the eight [Special Interest Groups](#). She reminded members that the Annual Report includes a summary of all of the details and achievements, for which thanks and gratitude were extended for the hard work of the Division Committees and SIG Steering Groups. She explained that two new SIGs were approved by the Board this year: Occupational Performance (Nicky Armstrong, Convenor) and Performance Analysis (Donald Barron, Convenor).

There was then a brief pause in the presentation for members to pose any questions.

R Davison noted that in addition to the resources highlighted earlier, the [Sport and Exercise Physiology Testing Guidelines: Volume II - Exercise and Clinical Testing](#) had also recently been published.

C Mahoney stated more could be done to engage the younger members and Fellows, and that we needed to increase membership. Ideas were needed to actively involve the Fellows and older members. Z Knowles said she and L Bottoms were looking to get Fellows more involved and would be writing to all in January 2023 to arrange a virtual meeting. She stated that BASES is aware of the trend of membership. Z Knowles has liaised with the 2022 Fellows, and they are wanting to get more involved.

A question was raised as to how we better involve international members/students. Z Knowles mentioned that SEPAR is promoted internationally, and we also have a number of international MoUs. She also said that a number of roles filled on Committees and Advisory Groups were by members overseas.

P Morgan posed as to how we increase the value of BASES and its perceived value, and how could we work in a complimentary way. They noted how disappointing it was that the student conference was cancelled. The observation was that numbers at this Conference seemed low. Z Knowles said this was our first face-to-face event since November 2019, and that hopefully members would leave after the Conference telling others what a great event it was. She explained that we are looking to work collaboratively with external Associations and that significant work with HEI's was taking place.



C Harwood noted the Unit REF statement C24, the importance of Sport and Exercise Sciences, how we can continue to champion the discipline and the prominence of the discipline into the next REF. Z Knowles noted the Public and External Affairs Advisory Panel was working hard to influence policy.

Z Knowles then continued her presentation, highlighting a number of key developments that had taken place this year:

- The structure, roles and responsibilities of the standing committees and advisory groups were continually reviewed. The new [Outreach Project Team](#) and [CEP-UK Advisory Group](#) had been established this year. Members are now supporting 11 Standing Committees and 19 Advisory Groups.
- This year, the Board agreed to publish updates of the Board Meetings within the [Governance section of the website](#), which is open to anyone to view.
- In August, we submitted our letter of intent to the Privy Council Office to seek to petition for a Royal Charter of incorporation for the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences, for which we are awaiting feedback. Despite any specific feedback, the next stage will include the drafting of the Articles and Memorandum, which will be shared, reviewed and commented on by the Membership so that over the next 12 months, an Extraordinary General Meeting may be called with a Resolution to formally submit our petition.
- The [Climate Change Action Team](#) (CCAT) has worked together to promote sustainable and responsible practices in the Sport and Exercise Sciences, to reduce the Association's carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions and to disseminate evidence-based education and provide guiding principles to help address climate change. Over the last year the CCAT has worked on i) designing and implementing a climate change action plan, ii) enabling the Association to meet its [Pledge to Net Zero](#), iii) learning from the BASES membership and external experts on how best to make a difference, iv) developing resources, including a [webinar](#) ('Race to reduce our carbon footprint: the role of the Sport and Exercise Scientist') and [webpage](#) and v) exploring ways the BASES' conferences and The Sport and Exercise Scientist can advocate for climate change.
- The inaugural [BASES Outreach Project Team](#) was formed last summer. Despite the early stages, the Project Team had already hosted a [public webinar](#) on 'sleep health' alongside the 2021 BASES Annual conference programme. The webinar was well received by those in attendance and is still available to watch for free on the [BASES website](#). Next year, the Team is hoping to launch an outreach project specifically focused on engaging school students who are studying Sport and PE at GCSE, A-Level and BTEC level.
- The [Public and External Affairs Advisory Panel](#) had worked together to further the interests of Sport and Exercise Science by, when possible, influencing policy makers and responding to government consultations. To that end, they had worked on i) developing a strategy for the Panel to prioritise its work, ii) responding to consultations issued by the Office for Students, iii) submitting evidence to relevant Parliamentary select committees, iv) identifying opportunities around major sporting events and v) [developing a webpage](#).
- The [EDI Advisory Group's](#) efforts to showcase the diverse range of BASES members came live as the [Role Models](#)' initiative was launched in December 2021. This work seeks to increase the visibility of members from underrepresented groups within the organisation. Z Knowles asked that if a BASES' member had inspired you at this year's conference, to [please nominate them](#) via the form on the [Role Model page](#) of the website.
- BASES continued to celebrate our members as part of the [Diversity Calendar](#), including [national inclusion week](#) in November, [international women's day](#) in March, [deaf awareness week](#) in May and [Pride month](#) in June). The EDI Advisory Group continued to work on creating more equitable opportunities for the underserved and a new *Mentoring Scheme* is being finalised before its launch in 2023.
- BASES [successfully applied to the HMRC](#) to join the list of professional organisations and learned societies so eligible members can claim tax relief on their fees or subscriptions.

As a deliverable within the new strategy, an open invitation was issued to members to work with BASES and Dr Kate Russell worked with Ian Wilson to review the current values and develop a new

set of values and behaviours, that members fed back on over the summer. Feedback was then incorporated into a new set of Values, Commitments and Behaviours that the Board reviewed in September.

From the Special Resolution paper within the AGM pack, members were asked to adopt the new set of values, commitments and behaviours so that we can look to acknowledge members who show they are living the values.

For those attending in person, there was a show of hands for those in favour, and for those attending remotely, they voted using the Poll. **The Special Resolution to adopt the new set of values, commitments and behaviours was passed.**

Z Knowles then introduced the small, but hard-working Operations Team: Ian Wilson, Executive Director; Emma Forsyth, MarComms Manager, Sue Watson, Partnerships Manager, Lisa Phillips, Professional Development Manager (also providing some maternity cover for the Partnerships Manager role), Jane Gillott, Professional Standards Administrator; Jane Bairstow, Senior Admin Officer, and Angus Boyle, Administrative Officer and MarComms Assistant. She stated that the Board acknowledges the hard work and the achievements of the Operations Team, thanking them all for running the Association under Ian's strong leadership and direction.

Z Knowles stated that BASES is a not-for-profit organisation; as such, it operates on the basis that it is not seeking to make a profit over the long-term and reserves should be re-invested to support the activities of the Association. She stated that BASES had reported a surplus of £33,337 for the year ended 31 March 2022, which was driven by an increase in general income and a reduction in general expenditure over the previous year. She explained that the Board regularly monitors its Risk Register and continues to consider contingencies and mitigating action if income streams are impacted. She stated that the total reserves on 31 March 2022 were £385,896

Z Knowles then asked the membership to approve the Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021-2022. Those members attending in person raised a hand if they were happy to sign off the Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021-2022. Those members who were attending remotely used the Poll to show they were happy to sign off the Annual Report and Financial Statements 2021-2022. **All agreed.**

Z Knowles then open up for further questions. A Smith noted the engagement of members and the need to have more present at the AGM and influencing the esteem of the discipline through REF, the Office for Students and the Science Council. He extended thanks to the Executive for all the work behind the scenes and to the Operations Team, noting it would take all of us to solve the many challenges and asking how we can all make a contribution and act on ideas,

P Morgan posed whether we can increase the number of awards and grants for members. Z Knowles noted the Board had recently approved two new grants – *BASES Early-to mid-Career Researcher Project Grant* and *BASES and Clinical Exercise Physiology UK Continuing Professional Development Grants*. She also stated the Board was considering other special projects, including one on work placements.

A Bliss said BASES should be commended on the healthy reserves.

L Bottoms said members should look to be part of research focus groups. She stated that QR codes were set up around the Conference, seeking delegate feedback on future CPD options and how to make events more inclusive.

Z Knowles then confirmed that there had been no items raised by members in advance of the AGM. She stated that the next BASES membership satisfaction survey, seeking views from members on the products and services that are offered as part of our membership packages, will be issued next month. She said that BASES is keen to better understand its members and to hear what is important to them, and as such, when the survey is issued, please would members complete it, as responses to this survey will provide a chance to address issues and to highlight what is important to members.

Z Knowles stated that BASES is keen to establish and maintain a register of BASES' members being recognised as experts through invitations to key / major events, panels, presentations, expert groups, etc, asking members to email any details to [enquiries@bases.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bases.org.uk)

Z Knowles stated that given the expertise and knowledge of the Fellows, BASES would very much welcome their input and assistance in delivering the Operational Plan. She asked that any Fellow who is interested in contributing to the deliverables within the Operational Plan, to please contact [enquiries@bases.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bases.org.uk).

Z Knowles stated that BASES is keen to enhance the promotion of the Association through obtaining corporate sponsorships and commercial opportunities, noting we are keen to attract new commercial opportunities and to sustain the support from existing commercial opportunities, which would ultimately benefit the membership. She asked if members have any contacts that could help in this area, please email [enquiries@bases.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@bases.org.uk).

Z Knowles advised the membership of the following role vacancies that are available:

- Division Committee - Physical Activity for Health (x1): CPD Rep (to cover maternity leave until October 2023)
- Division Committee – Psychology (x2): CPD Rep; Undergraduate Student Rep
- Division Committee - Sport and Performance (x1): Undergraduate Student Rep
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Group (x2): Member (BASES Professional member); Undergraduate Student Rep
- The Sport and Exercise Scientist Editorial Group (x4): Physiology & Nutrition Rep; Biomechanics Rep, Social Media Rep; Learning & Teaching Rep

She asked that anyone wishing to express an interest in these roles please contact Ian Wilson directly. Z Knowles personally thanked all of the volunteers who give up their time on BASES' Standing Committees, Advisory Groups and Special Interest Groups.

Z Knowles explained that BASES was extremely sad to learn of the recent passing of Prof Louis Passfield FBASES, noting that colleagues would remember Louis as a lovely individual who made a significant contribution to sport and exercise sciences, not only in research, but as an applied scientist, mentor and all-round font of knowledge. Louis was made a Fellow of BASES in 2016 and recently served on the Appointments and Remuneration Committee and the Journal of Sports Sciences Editorial Board. Z Knowles noted that he will be greatly missed by the sport and exercise sciences community, for which BASES extends its condolences to his friends and family.

Z Knowles concluded the meeting by thanking all for attending the 2022 AGM and for members' wider continued support of BASES. She said she was looking forward to seeing those attending the drinks and Gala Dinner this evening, and to others, to keep safe and stay well.

Prof Zoe Knowles

Chair

18 November 2022