

Tunbridge Wells Rugby Football Club Limited

(RFU, KCRFU, KSRFUR, MCRFU)



TWRFC Ltd AGM
Monday 26th June 2017
8.15pm

Minutes

Present:

Roger Clarke (Chair)
Michelle Greenall (Secretary)
Don Bailey (Treasurer)
John Crees

**A full list of those present and
apologies are attached**

	Action
1 Welcome and Apologies	
The Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.	
2 Minutes of the Last Meeting	
The minutes of the last meeting held on 27 th June 2017 were agreed and signed.	
3 Chairman's Report	
JC reported on the season in his capacity as Chairman of the Executive Committee. A copy of his report is attached.	
4 Treasurer's Report	
DB presented 2 sets of accounts. The Statutory Accounts (which are filed at Companies House, Kent RFU and with HMRC for Corporation tax) which do not need to be audited. The Members' Accounts which had been verified by Glen Douglas, Chartered Accountant. DB thanked Mr Douglas for checking the accounts. Income was down overall, bar sales and kit shop sales were down because the last year's accounts showed takings from the Intermediate cup run so sales from the semi final and final and from the pop up merchandise shops were included. There had been an increase in the spend on hiring pitches due to the adverse weather.	



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<p>Playing activities were the biggest overall cost and these included purchases of kit and equipment and also the rent on the Goods Station Road property. The lease on the property will not be renewed. Ashley Dexter asked for the accounts to be further broken down for next year and DB requested help with his role in order to produce more detailed accounts. Ashley Dexter then volunteered and his offer of help was gratefully accepted.</p> <p>The accounts were duly adopted by the meeting.</p> <p>A copy of the Accounts are attached.</p>	
5 Election of Directors	
<p>The Directors of the TWRFC Ltd Board that had been nominated within the statutory period were elected en bloc, unanimously and unopposed.</p>	
6 AoB (on which the AGM was being invited to vote)	
<p>RC asked for any conflict of interest to be declared to the meeting before the Motions submitted could be proposed. No conflict was declared.</p> <p>Motion 1 was proposed by Laurence Taylor and seconded by Mike Rigby. LT read out the motion.</p> <p>Chris Metherall asked if all sections of the club were represented on the Executive Committee and LT confirmed that seniors, youth, facilities and development were all represented.</p> <p>The motion was carried.</p> <p>Motion 2 was proposed by Laurence Taylor and seconded by Mike Rigby. LT read out the motion and it was carried by the meeting.</p> <p>Motions 3-7 were not put as no proposer or seconder to the motions could be found amongst those attending and able to do so.</p>	
7 Any other relevant matters for consideration by the Board	
<p>Steve Anderson asked if the toilet on the first floor of the clubhouse could be designated ladies and disabled. He also asked for disabled parking. Andy Child said he would look into both requests.</p> <p>Steve then offered a field on his property for overflow parking. AC to follow up on this.</p>	AC
<p>Jim Scully asked whether the club had a clear vision for the future and plans for funding? RC responded that the Board had a 5 year plan and this would be updated and circulated.</p> <p>The plan for the 1st XV was to finish in the top 5 of the L&SE Premiership this year and then push for promotion within 3 years.</p> <p>JS thought there had been a lack of investment and RC said that we had spent £750,000 on extending downstairs, improving upstairs, drainage and 3 phase electricity.</p> <p>JS then asked what the future development plans were. RC said</p>	

that we will work with the possible developers and when we have complete proposals we will ask the developers to present them to the whole club for consideration.

JS asked where the funding came from to pay the players. JC had raised all the sponsorship last season to pay players and 95% of the sponsors had committed to continue this year.

There are also fundraising events planned. Membership subscriptions are not used to pay players.

JS asked again about the 5 year plan. LT explained that the Board's main aim is to ensure that any plans are sustainable.

Tim McCabe asked for more communication with the membership. RC responded that we have recently been released from the Non Disclosure Agreement with the possible land swap developers and had briefed the members. When we have more to say we will communicate further.

Rob Harrison asked for a financial forecast for the following season to be presented at the AGM. DB said this would be possible if he had a volunteer assistant accountant. Ash Dexter had volunteered to help.

Fran Colangelo asked how the Board would decide on the development options. RC explained again that we will ask the potential developers to present to the membership at the right time. Membership will be able to voice their views but ultimately the Board is elected to make the right decision for the club as a whole. Jim Scully asked if Paul Wheeler had been told that his option was still under consideration and RC stated that he had been told.

Ros Tucker was keen for the options to be ultimately voted on.

Richard Bains pointed out that the Board might not have the relevant skills to make the decision. Having 4 different developers presenting might not be sensible as the decision shouldn't be made on the strength of someone's presentation skills. Martin Croker did not want the Board hamstrung. He thought the Board should consider all the options and then recommend one to the membership.

Mike Hathaway asked if the Board were genuinely considering doing nothing as an option. RC responded that we have a considerable asset in the land we own and therefore have a responsibility to consider all options but the Board hoped that the club could eventually adopt one of the key options for change.

Paul Robbins raised the broken glass in Martin Corry's framed Lion's shirt and JC assured him it would be fixed.

Graham Mackay asked what the Board's development ideals would be in the short term. RC said that our wish list would be the spectators area, car park, to extend upstairs and improve the drainage on pitches 2, 3 and 4. However, sand slitting cost

around £30k per pitch and upstairs would cost somewhere in the region of £350-400k so therefore until our long term development strategy was finalised it would not be worth such a large investment in any area in the short term.

Phil Sprackling asked the Board to ensure that progress is made in the next 12 months and not to be having the same conversations at next year's AGM.

Mike Whatman asked about plans to increase commercial revenue. Steve Webb responded with his plans to retain current sponsors and increase it to around the £100k mark.

Taz Ahmed asked if we considered ourselves at capacity for youth membership with the ground available to us. LT responded that we are seriously pushed for space at the moment but we will not be turning away members.

Maverick Anderson questioned whether the youth subscriptions fund the payment of senior players. JC reiterated again that all players payments were paid for by ring fenced sponsorship.

Mav was very keen that we develop players who want to play for the club and don't end up spending all our cash on players who don't have the right attitude.

Kyle McGarvie asked if we could host a national 2 game without a stand? RC replied that we could.

Cymon Allen commented that senior players coach his age group on a Sunday and were very inspirational.

The meeting closed at 21.35

Directors for the 2018/19 Season

Director (Treasurer)	Don Bailey
Director (President)	Roger Clarke
Director (Chairman)	John Crees
Director (Secretary)	Michelle Greenall
Director	Andy Child
Director	Mike Rigby
Director	Laurence Taylor