



Cambridgeshire Rugby Football Union

Annual General Meeting – 6th October 2021

The Annual General Meeting of Cambridgeshire Rugby Football Union held at Cantabs

Attendees: Nigel Faben (Immediate Past President), Jason Jeffrey (Cambridge), Ian Whitby (Cambridge), Barry Feetham (March), Alec Motts (Life Vice President), Paul Martin (Haverhill), Steve Drawbridge (Chair), Dave Dobson (Wisbech), Leonard Veenendaal (Wisbech), John Boyle (March), Peter Boyle (Newmarket), Maria Marsh (Newmarket), Adrian Storey (Ely), Chris Day (Ely), Chris Mephram (Youth Chair), Allison Graveston (Mildenhall), Jack Moffat (Mildenhall), Steve Langford (Saffron Walden), Neil Gaffan (Saffron Walden), Will Riggs (Cantabs), Ross McEwan (CUDDRS/Cambourne).

The meeting was also attended and filmed for ECRU records by Declan Gallagher.

Apologies received from: Phil Brown (St Ives), Charles Osbourn (VP), John Orbell (Associate), Rob Dean (Cambridge), Edwin Fey (March), Clairice Pepper, Mikael Biard (Shelford), Laurence Jones (Cantabs), Iain Hunter (Mildenhall), Den Dowdle (CUDDRS).

It was agreed that Nigel Faben (NF) would chair the meeting and he went on to explain the circumstances and reasons for the reconvened AGM at the behest of the Disciplinary Committee of ECRU. NF was asked to establish the Rule(s) which allowed the Disciplinary Committee to order that the June 2021 AGM be reconvened and that it should have no effect. For the benefit and understanding of the members of Cambs RFU, NF now reports that the following Rules provide adequate power for the ECRU Disciplinary Committee to act as they have, in ordering the reconvening of the 2021 AGM of Cambridgeshire RFU:

Rule 3 Object

To promote, encourage and extend participation in amateur sport by:

3.1.1 effectively administering and managing the sport of rugby union football in the county of Cambridgeshire, the county of Norfolk and the county of Suffolk (as recognized prior to the re-organisation of local government in 1974) (the CB Area) and for such other clubs as the Rugby Football Union allocates to the CB on behalf of the Union.

Rule 4 Powers of the Constituent Body

To further its objects the Constituent Body shall have the power to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the objects of the Constituent Body including (but not limited to) all or any of the following:

4.12 To pass such resolutions, regulations and instructions which shall be binding on all Members as are considered necessary for the better management, organisation, administration and regulation of the Constituent Body.

The AGM then continued under the 2014 Bye laws of Cambs RFU.

1. The Minutes of the AGM held on 9th September 2020 were approved.
2. The New Constitution, presented by a sub-committee of the General Committee had been circulated prior to the AGM together with the current Bye Laws, for comparison purposes. It was clear that some members had still not understood the changes in the New Constitution and indeed the effect of those changes. NF issued a precis of the main changes and some recommendations

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for alterations to both the New Constitution and the current Bye Laws. After some debate, a vote was taken on the adoption of the New Constitution. The meeting decided to retain the current Bye Laws by a majority of 13 to 8, and no changes were made to these.

3. Chair's Report – Steve Drawbridge stated that he was not going to report further other than to say that his report had been circulated prior to the June AGM. JJ requested that any future Chairman's Report included details of Cambs RFU achievements for the previous season.
4. Treasurer's Report – as acting Treasurer NF circulated the amended accounts for the year ended 30th April 2021. These showed a small deficit for the year of £237.16 and that the County had Net Assets of £9,200.51. The meeting approved the accounts, and thanked NF for stepping in. The General Committee was tasked with finding an auditor or Independent Examiner who could verify the accuracy of the County's annual accounts. A copy of the accounts is affixed to these Minutes.

JJ proposed, seconded by Maria Marsh, that our previous secretary be reimbursed for the cost of the Zoom software she had obtained to run the County's remote meetings during the Covid period. This was approved by the meeting and SD agreed to follow this up.

There was unanimous agreement that Current Membership Fees were retained at the 2019 rates.

5. Election of Officers – the following appointments were approved by the meeting all without the requirement of a vote:

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| President | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Chair | Steve Drawbridge |
| Vice Chair | Edwin Fey |
| Hon Secretary | Clairice Pepper |
| Hon Treasurer | Nigel Faben |
| Senior Rugby | Steve Drawbridge |
| Youth Rugby | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Women | Anna Stodter |
| Safeguarding | Den Dowdle |
| Senior Cup Coordinator | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Web | James Pepper |
| Press Officer | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Sponsorship | <i>Vacant</i> |
| Associates & VP Coordinator | Alec Motts |
| ECRU ManCom Representative | Steve Drawbridge |
| Volunteer Coordinator | Barry Feetham |

Clearly our General Committee has work to do to fill the vacancies in the above list. Should anyone reading these Minutes have second thoughts about volunteering for any of the above positions on the General Committee, we will be delighted to hear from you.

6. Cambridgeshire County Cup
The General Committee were tasked to arrange dates for this competition and to make the draw for this at their first meeting. The Committee should note that Charles Osbourn needs these dates ASAP.

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7. General Committee meeting dates for the current season:
8th November (Ely), 10th January 2022, 7th March, 25th April, 20th June (AGM).
JJ request that the purpose of each meeting be clearly set out in the Agenda and any sub-committee reports be circulated with the Agenda; was acknowledged by SD.

8. There was unanimous agreement that Chris Mephram would be a difficult act to follow now that he had retired from his position as Chair of Cambs Youth. Chris was thanked by various attendees.

One item not discussed at this AGM, but covered in the previous AGM of June, was the appointment to the position of Life Vice President of Max Pocock. I would like to record the awarding of this rare honour, formally in this document and to thank Max for his service to the County both as President and Treasurer over many years.

The Meeting was declared closed at 21.21, and the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

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Income & Expenditure for the year ended 30th April 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| Income | | |
| Associate Member Subs | 180.00 | 340.00 |
| Donations from Members | 215.00 | - |
| Club Subscriptions | - | 1,525.00 |
| Eastern Counties Grant | - | 1,500.00 |
| U17 Players | - | 860.00 |
| Interest | 1.14 | 2.51 |
| Total Income | <u>396.14</u> | <u>4,227.51</u> |
| Expenditure | | |
| QuickBooks | 172.80 | 172.80 |
| Continuing Education | | 30.00 |
| County Youth Events | | 408.00 |
| CYR Purchases | | 124.00 |
| Subscription | 60.00 | 60.00 |
| Referees | | 500.00 |
| Senior Cup Final | | 144.00 |
| Senior XV | | 450.63 |
| U20 XV | | 198.06 |
| Ties | | 591.84 |
| Secretarial Expenses | 341.00 | 481.85 |
| Website | 50.00 | 80.00 |
| "Jeeps" Trophy Engraving | 9.50 | 14.00 |
| | | - |
| Total Expenditure | <u>633.30</u> | <u>3,255.18</u> |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year | <u>(237.16)</u> | <u>972.33</u> |

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Balance Sheet as at 30th April 2021

| | 2021 | 2020 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Bank Accounts | | |
| Current | 3,499.90 | 3,991.16 |
| Deposit | 5,003.65 | 5,002.51 |
| Prepayment | 252.96 | - |
| Stock | 444.00 | 444.00 |
| | <u>9,200.51</u> | <u>9,437.67</u> |
| Creditors | - | - |
| Total Net Assets | <u>9,200.51</u> | <u>9,437.67</u> |
| Surplus B/Fwd | 9,437.67 | 8,465.34 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the year | (237.16) | 972.33 |
| | <u>9,200.51</u> | <u>9,437.67</u> |