

**Northwich Rugby Union Football Club**  
**Annual General Meeting held at 7.30pm on 19th May 2010 at Hartford Social Club**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** C Naylor, T Rawling, R Heath, , A Bown, G Robinson, D Townsend, M Naylor, R McLaverty, R Smith, C James, R Phillips, C Johnson, T Lewis, R Dale, S Leyland, K Gooch, R Farley, K Houghton, K Naylor, S Naylor, D Cairns, J Barber, , Y Cartman, N Wilson, R Phillips, D Millington, A Chubb, B Muntean, M Phillips, K Gooch, S Skinney, S Clarke, C Done, H Crook, C Hamilton, H Coutts, A Jack

Ron McLaverty took the chair and welcomed all to the meeting.

**Apologies** were received from: P Clarke, Steve Wood, Paul Taylor, G Stoker, J Brotherton,

**Minutes of the 2010 AGM** were unanimously approved and there were no matters arising.

**Chairman's Report:** Colin Naylor gave his report for the year 2009/10.

- The key points were:
  - Best year of whole club success ever..
  - 2nds, 3rds, women all promoted. 1sts runners up and Cheshire Vase winners and Colts undefeated in their league.
  - Steve Campbell, Chris Dale and Bogdan Montean all selected for Cheshire
  - We badly need more sponsorship and other income generation – we need everyone to identify target sponsors and sources of income.
  - We must find ways to use all the expertise and resources of all our members.
  - The Club needs everyone to get involved supporting and working for the summer car boots and the festival
  - Those vacating committee roles were thanked for all their hard work.
- There were no questions arising.
- The meeting thanked Sam for his hard work for the year.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tomos Lewis presented his report. Key points were:

- Draft accounts were distributed.
- We had an operating loss of £9k in the year mainly due to Festival income being down and earning less from Twickenham Tickets couple d with a rise in coaching and senior playing costs.
- This has meant a fall in our cash reserves. Which must be rebuilt next season.
- There were no questions and Tomos ws thanked for his hard work.

**Fixtures Secretary's Report.** Ken Houghton presented his report. The key points were:

- Weather meant a lot of fixture rearrangements.
- The Womens XV suffered from the withdrawal of teams n their league.

**Senior Rugby Report:** Steve Wood was unable to attend but forwarded a report which Trevor Rawling read to the meeting.

Following the departure of Kevin Greaves Danny Townsend and Alan Jack held things together while we recruited a Coach. During the Summer Dodo came to assess the mutual possibility of joining Northwich as Player/Coach. This was agreed and Dodo arrived in plenty of time to prepare for the season. Pre-season went extremely well and we and we set our objectives

**Players in:**

Mike Gallimore  
John Brotherton  
Ryan McKibbin  
Chris Dale  
Kieran Coll

**Players out:**

Kieran Coll

Other notable additions to the senior ranks were James Underhill and Robin Houghton who both added significant value to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV squad.

The 2009/10 season has been arguably the best season in the Clubs history. The Senior Colts won the League as did the Ladies. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XV were second and secured promotion and the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV won the league and promotion. The 1<sup>st</sup> XV were runners up and just missed promotion through the Play Off with Sandal. However they won the Cheshire Vase in a hard fought match against Bowdon.

The work Alan Jack and Phil Clarke have done with the Senior Colts and 2<sup>nd</sup> XV has been excellent. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XV's promotion clinching match at LSH was great to watch. A massive Northwich crowd were treated to a display of excellent rugby, which was testimony to the direction given in particular to Alan.

Northwich have also been recognised by the Selection of Rick Smith, Steve Campbell and Dodo Muntean for the Senior Cheshire Squad. This is the first time the Club has been represented by so many players. The Club is still suffering from ill discipline on the pitch and had to accept a reprimand from Cheshire for the number of red cards received. We have once again exceeded the accepted number and will no doubt have to face the consequences.

It has often been said we are a community club. If anyone needs to sell this concept they should visit Moss Farm on a Tuesday or Thursday evening when almost all sections are sharing the floodlights on and around one pitch. From Juniors to Colts, Ladies to Men staking a claim to a piece of grass has become the challenge.

My personal thanks to;

All Captains

Rob Heath

Danny Townsend

Natalie Wilson

Alan Jack

Phil Clarke

Colin Johnson

Ash Barber

In conclusion I would like to thank Dodo. He has proved to be an excellent player and an inspirational Coach. Other than Roger Blake I don't know anyone who analyses our game as much as Dodo. He has embraced Northwich and made a significant impact on the Clubs development.

**Junior Section Report:** Bob Phillips presented the report. The key points were:

- This was a challenging year but rewarding with all teams holding their own.
- We are receiving Government support via our charitable status.
- The Junior section now has a closer relationship to the main club.
- Colts have moved forward well into seniors and we intend to maintain the player development progression.
- We hope to increase senior player involvement with the Junior section.
- Dodo's input has been very helpful.
- Current membership is 200+
- Community work is going well and Ian Greasby has done a terrific job with Rugby Taster days.
- Via the Community coach we are working with 10 local schools and 9 more are asking for our support.
- Phil Clarke has done a great job recruiting and we need additional coaches at U8, U9 & U12.
- Girls rugby in partnership is continuing but we are looking to bring the girls teams back in house asap.
- The mini teams did well at Cheshire Festivals winning several trophies.
- We need to push more fundraising via the Junior section.
- Registrations next year will incorporate direct debit mandates.
- We are looking at the potential of a satellite summer school at Winsford.
- We would like to run a tag tournament at the Festival if the RFU agrees.

### Subscriptions:

The agreed subscriptions for the 2010/11 season are:

Membership Category	Annual Subscription
Senior Player	£5 signing on fee
Senior non-player	£35 Or £3 pm by SO
Junior Player (single)	£30
Junior Player (multiple)	£50

Senior Match Fees will be £5 per home and away game. (Student £2.50)

### Election of Officers:

Colin Naylor was unanimously re-elected as club chairman.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the coming year.

Position	Name
Vice Chairman – Rugby	Steve Wood
Vice Chairman – Administration	Trevor Rawling
Vice Chairman – Community Development	Phil Clarke

Hon Treasurer	Bob Phillips
Hon Secretary	Colin Johnson
Fixtures Secretary	Ken Houghton
Junior Chairman	Tomos Lewis

**Election of Captains:**

The following were elected to be team captains for the coming season:

First XV	Chris James
Second XV	Kurt Naylor
Third XV	Matt Duncan
Fourth XV	John Caulfield
Women's XV	To be advised

**Election of player's representatives:**

Richard Dale, Graham Robinson and Karen Gooch were unanimously elected as player representatives to the committee.

**Cheshire RFU Representative:** Roger Blake has kindly agreed to continue as our Cheshire Rep.

**Northwich Festival:** Trevor Rawling gave a brief resume of last year's Festival::

- It was a fair Festival last year and we £6000 which was down on the previous year. We hope to significantly increase that this year..
- Trevor Rawling outlined the format for this year's event and appealed for more volunteers to help.
- This year CWAC will be helping us more by running 2 evening events in the marquee and with advertising etc.
- The Festival Steering committee were thanked for their hard work.

**Other Business:**

- Colin Naylor reminded everyone of the up-coming awards night and urged everyone to attend.

The meeting was closed and all were thanked for their attendance.

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