



Northwich Rugby Union Football Club

-the community rugby club in Mid Cheshire



Annual General Meeting Held at Hartford Social Club 24th May 2011.

Minutes

Present; C. Naylor, RSmith, CJohnson, KHoughton, PClarke, SClarke, JAston, DCairns, SWood, RMclaverty, SFarrell, CHart, KJones, DMillington, Moughton, RBlake, KGooch, BJohnson, SNaylor, TWilding, ABown, YCartman, JCarroll, CHeywood, TLewis, DTownsend, MHNaylor, RDale, CJames,

Ron McLaverty took the Chair and welcomed members.

Apologies were received from T.Rawling, G.Stoker, R.Heath, B.Philips, G.Robinson, P.Taylor, J.Coutts,

Minutes of the 2010 AGM were unanimously approved There were no matters arising

Chairman's Report

Key points were:

- A season of "almost" for 1st and 2nd teams but also of triumph for 4th team and many of the juniors successful inc U14s who won County Cup
- 3 players selected for Cheshire squad sessions, Ryan McKibbin, Sam Naylor and Steve Campbell. Ryan McKibbin going on to play in the two successful matches against Yorkshire and Warwickshire.
- More £250 Player Sponsorship needed and help on the regular club task groups.
- Volunteers for Festival and Boot Sales requested.
- Thanks given to all retiring committee members and captains. Further thanks to Club sponsors and a special thanks to the Coffin Dodgers and BJ on laundry for a year of effort.

No questions were raised and the meeting thanked the Chairman for his hard work during the year.



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Treasurers Report

A full written Treasurers report was circulated and is attached.

TL & CJ answered questions.

- Financial cash balances have been restored to 2009 levels
- Increased revenues from Festival & sponsorship.
- Reduced costs associated with playing.
- Much new kit had been paid for by sponsors
- Other positive comparisons with 2010 and 2009 were drawn.
- TL answered queries re "other income". Finance Committee had greater detail.

The treasurers report was adopted. He was thanked for his work for the club over the past year.

Fixture Secretary Report

Ken Houghton presented his report for the season.

Key points included:

- Adverse weather once again interrupted fixtures.
- Poor pre season response to those fixtures arranged.
- Referees society congratulated and thanks to. Phil and Simon Clarke both thanked for their help in getting fixtures played.

Questions were raised regarding the absence of pre-match fixtures last year and proposals for next. Nothing arranged as yet but plans being made.

The committee thanked Ken Houghton for his efforts during the season.

Senior Rugby Report

Steve Wood presented his report for the season. A copy is attached.

Key points included:

- Dodo Muntean replaced by Alan Jack as head coach.

Players in:

Cass Walding

Huia Whale

Tom Hughes

Ben Geatches

Jonathan Feldman

Dan King

Players out:

Bogdan Muntean

Chris Dale (Injury)

Tom Hughes

- Other notable loses during the season were James Underhill, Robin Houghton, Phil Williams and Piers Crozier who all spent a season in Australia.
- Congratulations to 4th team who were champions
- Disciplinary record had deteriorated



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- Thanks were offered to individuals through the club
- The meeting thanked Steve Wood for his excellent work for the club.

The committee also thanked Karen Gooch and Jodie Coutts for their hard work for the Ladies team for the season and congratulated them for finishing 3rd in their league.

Junior Section Report

Tomos Lewis presented the junior report.

Key points:-

- We need still more coaches
- Community work is going very well and Try Rugby days were a success that will be continued
- Work in the schools continued through the RFU community officer.
- Girls rugby in partnership continued with others
- Minis teams once again lifted several trophies at Cheshire festivals
- Awards presentations had been well organized and very well attended.
- Fundraising for juniors had improved
- The subscription levels had increased through the season

The meeting thanked Tomos Lewis for his efforts on the clubs behalf during the year.

Subscription Proposal

A written proposal to move to direct debit subscriptions was read out in full. This was a direct response to the poor subscription revenue received over the past seasons. It would also relieve the club captains of an onerous weekly task and will increase revenues as laid out in the proposal.

Many questions were raised in respect of the operational procedures. All were answered. The motion was carried and the meeting adopted the motion by 20 votes for, and one against, with 5 not voting.

The starting date will be August 1st 2011 and will run for 12 calendar months.

Resolution to mandate the committee to move to incorporate the club.

A full explanation of the proposals was presented by Phil Clarke.

The meeting was asked to mandate the club committee to:-

- Amend the clubs constitution to meet RFU recommendations
- Create an amateur status section within one club
- Form a Company limited by guarantee.

Several questions were asked from the floor about operation and matters of procedure. It was made clear that the committee sought just to proceed with investigations. A decision will be made subject to their findings.



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The meeting unanimously adopted the motion after a vote.

Election of Officers

It was proposed that the list of nominations put forward by the committee should be elected en bloc. The motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman Colin. Naylor, Treasurer Bob Philips, Junior Chairman Tomos Lewis, Fixtures Sec Ken Houghton, VC Community Development Phil Clarke, VC Finance T. Rawling, VC Rugby Steve Wood, Hon Sec Colin Johnson, Match & membership Sec -- considered unnecessary

Election of Captains

Club Captain will be Rick Smith

1st XV captain will be Sam Naylor

2nd team Captain will be Paul Eves

3rd Team Captain will be Jamie Brunlees

4th Team captain TBA

Ladies Captain TBA

Election of Players Reps

Karen Gooch agreed to stand again for Ladies

Richard Dale

Bryan Johnson

Appointment of Cheshire RFU Representative

Roger Blake was appointed

Festival Report

The importance of the Festival on club revenues was highlighted. A report was presented by Ken Houghton on behalf of the outgoing coordinator Trevor Rawling.

Key points were:-

- Heavy increases in attendance and revenue.

- Much appreciation was expressed for the input by CWAC on promotion of the event

- Entertainment comparisons made

- Manpower was requested for the Festival as much work was falling upon the same people.

The meeting thanked Trevor Rawling for his splendid organization.

Ken Houghton agreed to coordinate events and preparation for this years Festival.



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AOB.

Phil Clarke asked that the position regarding kit be addressed with particular emphasis on missing 2nd team jerseys.

C Johnson

Hon Sec 30th May 2011

Note A copy of all available written reports will be placed on the club web-site with a copy of these minutes. A copy of the subscriptions motion and the explanation of the incorporation procedure will also be placed upon the web-site.



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