

## Salisbury Rugby Football Club Limited

### Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 09 July 2019; 2000Hrs

**In Attendance:** N Rawnson; C Metson; R Lloyd; R Bathurst; S Allen; J Mason; V Hayward; C Barnwell; R Blundy; S Williams; B Bailey; J Holt-Keene; N Bowditch; A Bowden; R Shipsey; S Hedges; D Jugg; A Bellinger; B Baker; B Weatherley; J & J Moore; H Baird; M Plimsoll; N Burton; P Hancock; B Gray; J Olsen; T Kay; J Gregory; B White; S Coady; J Palmer; J Bell; G Thomas; J Watt; G Morgan; M Lerpiniere; N Mould.

#### 1. **Apologies for Absence**

N Tonge; A Lever; R Larkham; C Whalley; M Brown; P Clash; S Hart; N Dorman; B Watts; D Murley; R Jugg; J Mussell.

#### 2. **Minutes of AGM 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Were agreed, proposed by S Williams and seconded by B Gray.

#### 3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

#### 4. **Reports by Chairman, Company Secretary and Directors.**

These were provided prior to the meeting.

R Lloyd showed an example of the new shirts for next season.

B Weatherley enquires as to cost of a set of shirts for a team this was answered by R Bathurst.

S Hedges asked why more team cup competitions were not being entered by the clubs, R Lloyd explained it was due to a lack of teams wishing to participate.

S Allen emphasised the club's continued development at Mini and Junior level and that the club core values were well adhered to.

J Mason gave a short precis of the building work.

S Williams asked about the re-instatement of the pathway from the clubhouse to the main pitch.

G Thomas asked about the target finish date of the build.

J Olsen asked a question about changing arrangements for teams for the first half of the season.

V Hayward gave a precis of his report as Clubhouse Manager, he specifically thanked Steph Lawrence, Julie Gregory and Neil Tonge for their help during the year.

## **5. Report by Financial Director**

R Bathurst explained the main points of his report especially the setting up of the new company SRFC (Trading) Ltd.

J Olsen asked a question as to the use of Barter Card now, R Bathurst explained it was difficult to find companies that would take them.

B Weatherly asked a question regarding Public Liability Insurance and if the club meets its requirements. R Bathurst explained they did.

A question was raised regarding the shortfall in the PAC funding this was covered by R Bathurst.

J Olsen questioned when we would have to start paying back the RFU Loan and could we cover it. R Bathurst stated we could cover it.

The accounts were proposed by J Olsen and seconded by B White.

## **6. Election of Auditors**

N Rawnsion formally thanked G Thomas for his prompt and efficient work, providing good value for money. Fletcher and Partners were elected as the club's auditors for a further year. Proposed by B Gray and seconded by J Moore.

## **7. Subscription Proposals**

It was proposed that Players subscriptions should remain at £144 p.a. but if paying monthly the cost would be £15 p.m.

B Weatherley expressed his concern that such high prices were forcing players away from the club and we should consider reducing them. R. Lloyd, confirmed senior subs are still lower than many smaller clubs with less provisions for players

S Hedges asked if there was a contingency in place for player hardship, he was advised there is.

A question was raised about a player joining halfway through a season, it would be negotiable.

The players subscriptions were proposed by S Hedges and seconded by J Gregory.

While this was passed on a vote B Weatherley wished to have his vote against it recorded.

It was proposed that VP subs be increased to £75 from 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

B Gray asked if in the event of Brexit we could petition our local MP to have the VAT removed on sports clubs.

S Williams asked if it was possible to Gift Aid the VP Subs, the answer is no but R Bathurst had that day received a letter from the HMRC stating that if a member does not play he may be able to Gift Aid his subs. This is being looked into. *Post meeting it has now been found that Gift Aid cannot be applied to Club Membership Subs.*

The VPs Subs increase was proposed by S Williams and seconded by P King.

## 8. Election of Board Members

The following were elected

		Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	N Rawnsion	R Bathurst	S Allen
Company Secretary	C Metson	N Rawnsion	J Mason
Finance Director	R Bathurst	C Metson	R Lloyd
Director of Rugby - Seniors	R Lloyd	S Allen	N Rawnsion
Director of Youth Rugby	S Allen	R Lloyd	C Metson
Facilities Director	J Mason	N Rawnsion	R Bathurst

A question was asked as to whether there was a Director of Minis the answer was not at the moment.

## 9. Announcement of Captain of the Club

It was announced that N Tonge had accepted the position of Captain of the Club.

## 10. Presentation of Club Member of the Year Award and RFU Valued Volunteer Certificates

Club Person of the Year went to N Jones and N Mould

RFU Valued Volunteer Certificates are to be awarded to the following people at the first supporters lunch of the season – P Kealey; M Khan; G Khan; M Plimsoll; C Whalley; P King; M Bairstow; S Oliver and A Aitken.

## 11. Any Other Business

P King advised the meeting of the Salisbury RFC Walking Rugby tournament which is being held on the 14<sup>th</sup> July at the Club with 11 teams participating.

A question was raised as to whether Player Sponsorship could be for the Position rather than a specific player who may get injured early in the season.

B Weatherley requested that once Project All Change was completed and when the club had an official opening of the facilities that our Chairman personally invites Mark Woodhouse to the opening ceremony to show our thanks to him for his important historical financial help towards the club.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2105 hrs.