



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2019-2020

2019/2020 was definitely a surprising season. It ended abruptly, but that should not diminish what happened during the months we were able to enjoy Rugby. The Club Director's, Secretary's & Vince Hayward's report reflect on the season and give some indication of our aspirations for next season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the executive committee for all their hard work during the season.

Richard Lloyd was supporting the Board even before he officially joined us in December 2017. His efforts to enable Senior Rugby for Men & Women, plus the Walking Rugby section have been unwavering during his time as Director of Senior Rugby.

Richard Bathurst, despite having announced his intention to step down from the role of Finance Director in the previous season, is still with us thankfully. His careful stewardship of Club finances has ensured the progress of Project All Change continued during these uncertain times. We hope next season will start as soon as possible to get cash flowing through the Club accounts, but we will need all members to be supportive of the challenges ahead.

Steve Allen continues to be a stalwart of the youth section. There are not many seasons remaining before Steve's son completes youth Rugby, so we must give careful consideration to the succession plan of volunteers in the youth section.

Jim Mason's role as Facilities Director began September 2018, looking at his report for 2019-20 season we have definitely found enough projects to keep him occupied! Working closely with Barry White the Club facilities are enjoying a period of tremendous improvement, which we should all be very proud of.

Chris Metson has become the Board's trusted representative whenever a zoom meeting is mentioned. His pragmatic approach to some of the interesting challenges that crop up during the Rugby season definitely makes my role a lot easier.

Richard Larcombe in the President's role to support the Board remains a proactive advocate for Project All change, Rugby and the core values of our Club.

I would also like to thank Russell Jugg, for stepping into the Director of Senior Rugby at short notice. Russell has stepped up to the role without hesitation. His experience as a player, coach & parent will be invaluable to the challenges of the new season.

I know we all appreciate the hospitality of Vince Hayward & Neil Morton's contribution to the Clubhouse. Lucille will be sadly missed in the kitchen next season.

Finally, thank you to all the members for the support you give the Club. Many of you are active volunteers, some of you are geographically distant supporters, but whatever your circumstances being a part of SRFC and upholding our core values of Teamwork, Respect, Enjoyment, Discipline, Sportsmanship is important. I hope you will continue to support the Club during the season ahead and help us to overcome the many challenges that we are likely to face.

Nicola Rawnsdon

Hon. Chairman

At the time of writing this report, the RFU have confirmed Community Rugby is still restricted to training groups of 6 people. Whilst other sports are starting to return, it maybe that the nature of Rugby will be affected for longer. As the beginning of the 2020-21 season draws closer, we will keep you updated on developments.