



Salisbury Rugby Football Club Limited

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 12 July 2022; 2000Hrs

In Attendance: R Jugg; C Metson; R Bathurst; J Mason; N Bowditch; R Larcombe; B Gray; M Brookbanks; P Hancock; J Olsen; G Hillier; H James; S Hedges; J Yarwood; R Shipsey; B White; N Burton; R Lloyd; A Bellinger; J Gray; P Clash; S Coady; J Doig; C Whalley; L Newton; M Thompson; C Smith; H Wilkinson; D Thorpe; D Jugg; G Blackborow; M Western; A Ritchie; C Wade; M Rigby.

1. Apologies for Absence

C Barnwell; H Baird; J Palmer; B Cullen; N Rawnsion; M Constable; Neil Tonge; Naomi Tonge; T Kay.

2. Minutes of the AGM 27th July 2021

Were agreed, proposed by B White 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 Jugg gave a precis of what had been happening in terms of training and games through the year including Walking Rugby and he also introduced the Pat Clash Salver donated by Pat which will remain in the clubhouse.

R Jugg also went through the Director of Rugby's report on the season.

R Lloyd asked if there was anything coming out of the RFU or D&WRFU as to what is happening to stop clubs from folding? R Jugg responded that currently there is nothing coming out to club's but added that virtually all clubs had lost players post-pandemic. In response to this J Doig commented that last year's Colts were successfully transitioning to senior rugby this year.

B Gray commented that with our 2nd XV playing in the same league as Amesbury and the Wheatsheaf we needed to ensure a strong team is put out for this games.

J Yarwood 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 that had been completed and that which is currently ongoing.

C Metson gave a precis of the Safeguarding Officer’s report detailing what had been done during the year and what was still needed to be done.

5. Report by Financial Director

R Bathurst explained the main points of his report and stated that the club turned over close to £400K

J Olsen had a question regarding the VP Subs which the figure in the accounts equated to about 120 VP’s but there are 199 in the current handbook. S Coady indicated that he is currently going through the VP lists and striking off anyone who has not had contact with the club for at least 2 years.

A question was raised regarding the Mini’s and Juniors figure which seemed low – M Ribgy responded that numbers playing do decline as they progress through the years but N Rawnson was the youth co-ordinator and she was very good at chasing up regarding payments.

6. Election of Auditors

R Bathurst 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 R Larcombe.

7. Membership Proposals

It was proposed that membership subscriptions for VP’s would be as follows for 2023.

	From 1 st May 2023
VP’s	£90

J Olsen raised the question that with 120 VP’s we should be trying to get new VP’s into the club and should we be raising the fee by 20%

It was explained that a large part of the other VP’s were Life VP’s, but we did once have in excess of 200 VP’s, R Jugg asked how long ago



was that and where did they go – B Gray responded that a majority had moved away.

S Coady stated that last year we gained 10 VP’s and lost 7 and the season before we gained 35 and lost 32. It was stated that some people may be put off by the new fee but GDPR requires us to remove names from the list if we do not hear from them for 2 years.

B Gray suggested that we put a note in the Match day programme which was agreed, S Coady was also going to have a VP’s application form in each match day programme.

R Larcombe said that with the current rate of inflation most of the increase would be used up anyway.

S Hedges suggested that perhaps we need to look at what perks VP’s are being offered over and above International Tickets and Lunches.

Pat Clash offered that as an ordinary member who cannot attend the lunches perhaps we could ask Life VP’s to make a small contribution to the club each season.

G Hillier said that we need to re-visit what the value of being a VP is. S Coady stated that this was all being done in his review but it is going to take time.

The membership subscriptions for VP’s were proposed by R Jugg and seconded by R Bathurst.

The vote was carried however there were 6 persons against the raise.

8. Election of Board Members

The following were elected

		Proposer	Seconder
Chairman	R Jugg	C Metson	M Rigby
Company Secretary	C Metson	R Bathurst	R Larcombe
Finance Director	R Bathurst	R Larcombe	J Mason
Director of Rugby - Seniors			
Director of Youth Rugby	J Yarwood	R Jugg	J Mason
Director of Mini’s	M Rigby	R Larcombe	J Mason
Facilities Director	J Mason	R Bathurst	C Metson



9. **Announcement of Captain of the Club**

It was announced that B Saunders had accepted the position of Captain of the Club.

10. **Presentation of RFU Valued Volunteer Certificates**

RFU Valued Volunteer Certificates were awarded to the following people – H Dobson; Karen Littlewood; Gareth Blackborow; David (Jonah) Thorpe; Ben O'Neill.

Hans Dobson had already received his certificate at the Colts end of season dinner. Karen was presented with hers at the board meeting the previous evening. Gareth and Jonah had left the AGM but will be presented with theirs at a suitable date.

11. **Any Other Business**

M Rigby said that the Mini Festival was as usual being held in October and any volunteers for the day would be most welcome.

M Rigby also said that he is running the London Marathon this year and any sponsorship would be greatly appreciated.

R Larcombe said that this year is the clubs centenary season and is culminating with a dinner dance next June at which Nigel Owens will be the guest speaker.

P Clash formally thanked N Bowditch for all his hard work at the Walking Rugby group.

B Gray suggested perhaps next year we could have a beer break half-way through the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 2111hrs.

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