

RYTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2005

ATTENDING – 22 MEMBERS

APOLOGIES – K WILLIAMSON, AJ DUNN, M RODDAM, D TRAVIS, B HURST, DK HUGHES.

The President W G Scott opened the meeting at 2005hrs and welcomed all those attending. He then asked for a short silence while we remembered those members who had passed away this year. The President then went on to say that this coming year we as a club will be celebrating our 125th anniversary, and he hoped that the extremely poor turnout for this important meeting would not be a reflection for the support for the forthcoming celebrations.

1. 2004 MINUTES

The 2004 minutes were read by the secretary and were adopted, proposed by B Glendinning and seconded by K Dunn.

2. SECRETARIES REPORT

The secretaries' report was read and adopted, proposed P Higgins and seconded by G Jude. The President thanked D Berwick for his report and all his work throughout the year.

3. TREASURERS REPORT

The Treasurers report was read and adopted, proposed by B Glendinning and seconded by W McKie. The President thanked P Edwards for his in depth report and the expertise he has brought to the position. P Edwards then went on to personally thank C Thoburn, M Roberts and J McKie for their invaluable help throughout the year.

4. COACHES REPORT

J Murray dealt mainly with the 1st team and how the season had progressed. Overall the season went as he had expected in that his team had more than held their own but felt that they lost their impetus, following a host of injuries, and the loss of key players. He also expressed his disappointment at the way numbers attending training tailed off during the second half of the season, as a squad commitment to training was required.

John then went on to say that whoever is to be coach next season will no doubt face the same challenge of changing attitudes to training as he and previous coaches at this club have had to do. However he sincerely hoped that their efforts to do more are successful.

John finished his report by saying that he wished to place on record his thanks to the selection committee, Ray Hardman and Charles Thoburn for their assistance, and finally to Gordon Jude for his sterling efforts.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

| Office | Name of Official | Proposed | Seconded |
|-----------|------------------|-------------|-----------|
| PRESIDENT | W G SCOTT | G Taylor | P Yeilder |
| CHAIRMAN | C T THOBURN | P Yeilder | D Dallus |
| SECRETARY | D BERWICK | P Yeilder | D Dallus |
| TREASURER | P A EDWARDS | C T Thoburn | A Dunn |

6. ELECTION OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

| Office | Name of Official | Proposed | Seconded |
|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| COUNTY REP | G WRIGHT | A Dunn | C T Thoburn |
| VICE CHAIRMAN | None Proposed | | |
| HOUSE CHAIRMAN | W MCKIE | Adam Williamson | S Fudge |
| ASS SECRETARY | M KNOTT | C T Thoburn | WG Scott |
| ASS TREASURER | J MCKIE | A Dunn | C T Thoburn |
| ASS TREASURER | M ROBERTS | J McKie | C Hardy |
| SOCIAL CHAIRMAN | D TRAVIS | A Fiddes | C Williamson |
| CHAIR OF RUGBY | B GLENDINNING | I Nesbitt | C T Thoburn |
| SPONSORSHIP | D HALL | A Rutherford | AD Hurst |
| FUNDING AND FINANCE | D FISHER | AD Hurst | A Rutherford |

7. ELECTION OF OTHER CLUB OFFICIALS

| Office | Name of Official | Proposed | Seconded |
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| SENIOR VP | P HIGGINS | D Lawson | S Murray |
| CHAIRMAN OF SELECTORS | None Proposed | | |
| GROUND CHAIR | GORDON JUDE | K Williamson | D Parkinson |
| TEAM SECRETARY | R HARDMAN | C T Thoburn | C Oxley |

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| YOUTH SECRETARY | R WARD | B Glendinning | I Nesbitt |
| FIXTURE SECRETARY | K DUNN | WG Scott | G Wright |
| MATCH SECRETARY | I NESBITT | AD Hurst | W McKie |
| SCHOOL LIASON | I HUNTER | P Tyrie | A Fiddes |

8. LIFE MEMBER

The business committee proposed Robert Holmes as a life member. This was agreed by the meeting.

9. ELECTION OF AUDITOR

Bill Robinson of Robinsons Registered Auditors and Chartered Accountants was elected as auditor, proposed by P Edwards and seconded by W G Scott.

10 PROPOSED INCREASE IN MEMBER'S SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was proposed by the Business Committee to increase subscriptions as follows

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| Senior players | £30 |
| Vice Presidents | £25 |
| Club members | £5 |
| Senior citizens | £2 |
| Youth players | £10 |
| Students | £10 |

The above were adopted unanimously by the meeting.

11. The President thanked all bar and catering staff for their help during the season. He also placed on record his thanks for all the assistance he has had from Peter Higgins in organizing various functions.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINES

Bryan Glendinning wanted to place on record his thanks to John Murray for all his work as coach.

John Murray said that he still hoped to be involved in one way or another with the club.

There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 2100hrs.

13. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

The President reminded the meeting that this year was the club's 125th anniversary and if anyone had any ideas to help with this then they should let their feelings be known.

Dave Hurst asked Bryan Glendinning, as chairman of rugby, what his plans were for next season. BG said he had some ideas but they were in their infancy and was not in a position to discuss fully.

Peter Higgins said that the selection committee should be congratulated for the way they have introduced new/young faces into the 1st team squad and he hoped that this would continue.

Various aspects of encouragement for new players/coaches were discussed.

The meeting was closed at 2115hrs

David Berwick

**Hon Secretary
Ryton RFC Ltd**