



Battersea Ironsides RFC Ltd

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 11th September 2019

at the Clubhouse, Openview

The meeting was opened at 7.45pm by Richard Smith, the Club President, who then chaired the meeting.

The Chairperson then welcomed all the Members attending and introduced the Officers sitting at the table with him – Richard Cotgrove, the Club Secretary, and Justin Blackburn, the Club Treasurer. He also introduced the three Section Chairs – Colin O’Keeffe (Seniors), Alan Wilkins (Youth), and Dave Watson (Minis). Other Committee members present included Mike Crofts, Antony Legge, Rachel Denning, David Gardiner-Hill, Tom Pugh and Shahid Rafiq.

The Minutes of the previous year's AGM were read and approved by the Members present.

The President, Richard Smith, then gave an address, reviewing the previous season’s successes, which was well received. Addresses then followed from each of the Section Chairs – Seniors (Colin O’Keeffe), Youth (Alan Wilkins) and Minis (Dave Watson). Rachel Denning then gave a review of the forthcoming social events for the new season.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution to include the role of Club Chairman as an Officer of the Club (along with the Club President, the Club Treasurer and the Club Secretary), in accordance with Rule 14.1. The rationale given was that the Chairperson of the Committee, who at that time was Rob Newman, who was elected by the Committee under Rule 15.2 and the Committee felt that it was time to clarify that the role really extended across the whole Club and not just the Committee, hence should be an Officer of the Club and elected by the Members. A long discussion ensued with Members feeling that more information was needed as to why the change was necessary and suggestions that the Committee should revisit this in a year’s time. The resolution was defeated.

David Wright, who would have stood as a candidate for the role of Club Chairman had the resolution been approved (the other candidate being Rob Newman), then stood and gave an impassioned speech as to his time with the Club and what he could have brought to the role.

The next item was the election of Club Officers. There being only one candidate for each role, Richard Smith, Richard Cotgrove and Justin Blackburn were appointed Club President, Club Secretary and Club Treasurer respectively.

The next item was the election of the other Committee Members. Nominations had been received for Dan Addis, Tom Pugh, Amy Ritter, Mike Croft, Rachel Denning, Zoe Goodwin and

Antony Legge. David Gardiner-Hill then stood and said that this was the first time since he had joined the Committee that the existing members of the Committee had not been automatically nominated by the Committee for re-election and that his name and the names of the other committee members not otherwise nominated (Shahid Rafiq, Rob Newman and Paul Tanner) should be included on the ballot. A long discussion ensued after which the Members approved this motion to increase the number of candidates. The Members then voted to elect all of the candidates to the Committee for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer, Justin Blackburn, then presented the accounts showing a healthy surplus and took questions from Members. A resolution approving the accounts was then put to the Meeting and was duly passed. A resolution not to have accounts audited was put to Members and was similarly passed.

The meeting was duly closed at 21.30.