



## NEWS RELEASE

### Members were welcomed to the Club's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 07 June 2023.

Minutes of both the previous AGM on 29 June 2022 and the SGM on 01 February 2023 were unanimously approved without correction or any questions.

Members received a report from Louise Goodall, outgoing chair, on activities during the preceding year, including the fantastic success of the Women's section and newly formed Veteran's "Bulldogs" men's team. Against this, however, retaining numbers of members has been difficult post-Covid and consequently income from Rugby memberships has been significantly lower than anticipated.

Peter Lambert, Treasurer, presented an update on the financial position; highlighting improved performance commercially and in sponsorship incomes; but also demonstrating how and why cash reserves have been depleted and the need to set aside monies for major repairs and maintenance.

Before moving to the **Elections**, Secretary Christine Morrell explained that the Rules changes passed by Members at the SGM in February to formally constitute the Management Board had *not* been approved by the Financial Conduct Authority and some relatively minor amendments were being proposed as required by the FCA to ensure compliance with current regulations. Members unanimously approved the several proposed amendments to the Rules and a new application will be submitted to the FCA.

In the meantime, the Club continues to operate under the existing 'old' Rules - elections were held under these rules to a structure that will change after an interim transition period. A number of incumbents had stepped down; and vacancies arising for Officers and the Rugby Committee can be filled by co-option.

**Officers:** both the Secretary, Christine Morrell and Treasurer, Peter Lambert had offered themselves for re-election, which was approved unanimously by the Members. A Chair could be co-opted before a formal election at the November FAGM

Several of the **Committee** had offered themselves for re-election; and Members unanimously approved the re-election of Richard Battley, James McCarthy, Alan McDermott, Lauren Price-Richards, Brian Trott and Sarah Tunstall

In unanimous votes for both **President** and **Vice President**, Members approved the election of Trevor Coles and of David Jones respectively.

**Trustees** cannot be co-opted and three people (Steve Gibbs, Mark Trumper and Adam Prickett) were continuing under their current terms of office. There was one new candidate, Robin Varley, who was elected unanimously for a 3yr term.

Confirmation of any nominations for **Life Members** was postponed until the Financial AGM in the autumn.

Other business included a request for the Committee to consider the Club's 'no dogs policy'; and a brief Q&A eg about the Newbury Sports Hub development; and league structures for Senior Men's teams in 2023-24.

The next scheduled General meeting is the Financial AGM, to be held before 30 November 2023.

**Christine Morrell**

Secretary

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