

Wensleydale RUFC Ltd
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 18th June 2012 at
Cawkill Park 7.30 p.m

In attendance: [13] J McRobert, D Ward [Chair], H Simpson, I Woodman, B Shepherd, A Estenson P Roberts, B Carlisle, P Spencer, J Chapman, P Taylor, R Pearson, J Jones, P Smith

Apologies: I Burdon, C Woodman, K Latta, E Pengilley, J Aitken, B Storr

Minutes from last meeting – The minutes have been available for all members on the web site, there have been no matters arising and the Chairman asked the minutes to be passed as true reflection of the meeting.

Proposed	J Chapman
Seconded	A Estenson
Motion	Carried

Matters arising None

Presidents Report Attached

Chairman's Report The club continues to thrive and it was unlucky that the 1st XV did not gain promotion, nor any of the Junior teams gain any silver ware but surely it is only a matter of time on both fronts.
The Club development has been talked about for a long time and we have appointed a consultant to assist us in providing sustainable facilities for the future. It is great to welcome Paul Spencer as Clubhouse Manager taking over in the mid season, many thanks to Paul. Many thanks to all those who put so much work in on behalf of the club it is great to see it grow but keep true to the traditional family club values.

Treasurer's Report Attached

The Auditor's Report As the club is now a Limited Company we have a report produced by the Accountants, this was agreed in the AGM and the report is attached.

Secretary's Report Once again our membership has grown, we need to ensure that we keep an up to date register of all members and ensure they are registered on rugby 1st.
As a club we need to ensure that we comply with all the regulations as we have grown we have become lax in many areas and these must be addressed immediately - attention to detail.
The club needs to generate more sponsorship and apply for grants that are available - we must look at building a robust application team.
Many thanks to all those who have helped assist in the admin duties and keeping the club running smoothly.

Senior Report 1st XV finished in 5th place again which is disappointing but will be going all out for promotion and will make some coaching additions for next season as well as improving discipline on and off the field. There will be two senior teams with R Pearson captaining the 2nd's The Wensleydale Unicorns and they will play in the Tees Valley Social League.

Junior Report U 7's - 16's - U 16's reached the Yorkshire plate final but due to holidays were unable to play and so was awarded to Selby. 1 player in NY District squad, the bad weather spoiled the season with a loss of a number of

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fixtures. The teams have played plenty of games and competed at York & Darlington festivals. The U 12's won the fair play award at Darlington. The club have had more coaches help than previously - Bob Shepherd has resigned from the post of Junior Coordinator and we are looking for a replacement. There are a number of fixtures populated for next season. The U 7- 10's need better support over the season to take account of the changes in the continuum and implementing these. The monthly Huddle was a good idea but needs to be much more regular with the action points implemented.

CVC I W thanked all those who helped during the year, there are a lot more people helping in the club and more work is getting completed, we need to have more regular work weekends to keep the club tidy and remembering ' a stitch in time saves nine'
 Consider a kit amnesty at the beginning of the season

CCC Coaching report attached - will begin a Coach Academy for all those wishing to proceed on their coaching journey

Safeguarding No issues this year but important for the club to ensure all CRB's are up to date and all Head Coaches have attended the Safeguarding Course

Propositions The secretary has received no propositions

Election of Officers

Position	Name	Proposer	Seconded
President	B Storr	B Carlisle	I Woodman
Chairman	D Broadley	Jl McRobert	B Carlisle
Vice Chair	D Ward	Jl McRobert	I Woodman
Secretary	J McRobert	J Chapman	H Simpson
Treasurer	H. Simpson	Jl McRobert	B Shepherd
Accountants	Walter Dawson	H Simpson	Jl McRobert
Fixture Sec	B Carlisle	Jl McRobert	R Pearson
Welfare Officer	E Pengilley	Jl McRobert	H Simpson
CCC	J Chapman	I Woodman	R Pearson
CVC	I Woodman	J Jones	J Chapman
Ticket Officer	A Estenson	H Simpson	Jl McRobert
Rugby 1st	J Aitken	D Broadley	J Chapman`
C ref C	D Birks	B Carlisle	Jl McRobert
1st Team Capt	P Smith	I Woodman	B Carlisle
Head Coach	P Blood	B Carlisle	J Chapman
1st Team Manager			
2nd Team Capt	R Pearson	B Carlisle	Jl McRobert
Head Groundsman	I Burdon	D Broadley	B Carlisle
Junior Liaison			
Membership Sec			

Closed the meeting closed at 9.30p.m

Signed.....

DJ Broadley [Chairman]

Date

Next AGM 3rd Monday in June 2013 – 7.30p.m @ Cawkill Park

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Presidents report 18/6/12

I am not going to dwell on the playing side of the club, other than to congratulate all involved through last season for their continued commitment, as this subject will be dealt with later in the meeting by the coaches. However I did comment at last year's AGM that I would like to see the discipline on the senior playing side improve; I do not think this has been achieved.

The club has now come to a cross roads, we have been talking about developing the club facilities for some time but up to now it has all been talk and no real action. We have recently employed the services of a specialist consultant who has provided the committee with a feasibility study into what grants are a realistic target for us and to what amount we could reasonably expect to achieve.

The question that we now as a club need to answer is what facilities we actually want.

Option 1

Do we go for the big project, providing 6 new changing rooms, kitchen, function room and a sports hall and inviting other sports clubs (badminton, cricket) to join us. Cost £1 - £1.5 million.

OR

Option 2

Remaining solely as a Rugby club and building the 6 new changing rooms and kitchen and refurbishing what we already have.

Cost £0.5m

Both these options are feasible, however with option 1 we would have to rely heavily on other sporting clubs generating turnover to cover the running costs once the project was complete.

My own personal view is that the club should remain as a Rugby club with our future in our own hands, my worry is that if we went ahead with such a grand project involving other sports, once the novelty has worn off, the Rugby club would be left with all the overheads and the running costs involved with such a large building.

I must stress once again that this is my own personal view.

This is your club and the decision needs to be made by you.

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WRUFC Coaching Co-ordinators **Report 2011-12**

On the participating front as well as on the results front this was another good season for Wensleydale RUFC.

We regularly turned out 10 junior sides and one senior side with occasional appearances by a 2nd XV. This meant that over a 150 players were taking part each week.

All teams had a Head Coach and all bar one had at least two Assistant Coaches along with Team Managers.

During the year a Rugby Ready coaching course was held at the club as well as a First Aid course. Both of which were well attended with the First Aid course boosted by Richmondshire coaching staff. The RFU Community Coach took one session with the U16's, but we would have liked more.

Many Coaching Courses and CPD's were available and advertised to the Coaching Group, but only a few took up the opportunities. Congratulations must be awarded to those who did improve their skills over the year. It has been noted that events and courses that take place at Wensleydale tend to be well attended so it is envisaged that for next season more courses will be organized on a regular basis and hopefully this will encourage more coaches to make the effort. There is also the possibility of a Coaching Academy being started and the detail of how this is work is currently being discussed.

On the field teams were successful, with one team going unbeaten throughout the season and another reaching the final of the County Bowl competition. The U18's competed in the Durham leagues for the first time and acquitted themselves well, whilst all the junior sides improved in comparison to the competition as the season progressed. Next season the U17's will be joining the Yorkshire league. The 1st team pushed hard, but ultimately lost out on promotion. As a club this is something we are striving for within the next two seasons and we must look to see how the Coaching structure can help this to happen.

We have two changes to Head Coaches going into the new season (U13 and U14's) and it is hoped this will input of new blood will spur those teams on to even better things. There is currently no 1st Team Coach appointed for the start of next season, but steps are being taken to rectify this.

It is hoped that a more regular and organized programme of Coaching Courses at the club for next season will enable the club to establish a conveyor belt of good coaching skills which will last into the future.

Jim Chapman – June 2012.



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WENSLEYDALE RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB LIMITED ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

We prepared the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2011 from the information we were provided with. Whilst preparing these accounts we calculated a significant drop in the profit margin on the sale of the refreshments from 38% in 2010 down to 24% in 2011. As the profit margin was a lot lower than we expected, we compared the purchase prices of refreshments to the sale prices charged. This confirmed that the margins should have been higher. From this we recommended the need for a professional stock taker to help determine the cause of this drop and where improvements could be made. We understand that this has been implemented.

The only other difference in these accounts was the large expenditure incurred on the new floodlights. This was largely funded by grants from the RFU as well as donations to the WRUFC Ltd.

These were the only two key differences that arose and wish to bring to your attention.

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TREASURERS REPORT - JUNE 12

At last years AGM in May the accounts for the year ended 31st May 2011 had not been finalised. The final Audited accounts showed a Deficit for the year of £266 (compared to surplus previous year of £5387). Identified main areas of loss as being the Bar and Floodlights not fully funded by RFU/donations as Match funding not sought.

Bar/Functions

The percentage on sales for 10/11 was only 24.05% (compared to 38.29% previous year). The club should be aiming for between 40-50%! Recommended by Walter Dawson to employ an independent Stocktaker . The Stocktaker has highlighted areas where the club needs to tighten up

- 1 Recording of Wastage/Allowances - Pump cleaning, Spillage, Sponsors drinks
- 2 Out of date stock and level of stock held
- 3 Review prices in line with inflation/purchase cost increase

Latest statement dated 13th May 2012 reported 50.55%

Janie resigned 20/1/12 and replaced by Paul Spencer

Accounts for year ending 31st May 2012 not finalised. Bank balances for 5 accounts are £16480 which includes £5151 in the Development account.

Notes/Comments on 11/12 accounts:-

Fundraisers/additional income this year - Bag Pack £1092, Leyburn Auction Mart £600, Richmondshire Motor club £250, Ceiligh £230

New Oven – cost £1155

Players subs up £900 on last year – Team managers responsible and Paypal facility set up

Tickets sales – small surplus but part funding within Sponsors income

Coaching costs – £6478 (£1077 last year). Includes U18 kit/Spring Loaded poles/Training bibs/Tackles bags/more courses

Sponsors income £7333 (£12046 previous year although this did include £3500 from Network Rail). Less sponsors/cancelled matches/Hoarding income not received/

Expect Bar to show poor figures for this year due to Out of date stock and majority of year being at a low % sales

Issues this year that need to be sorted for next year

- 1 Senior team subs/food
- 2 Sponsors funding and cost of day

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Junior Report

On the whole another good year with number generally staying consistent or increasing in most age groups.

We have suffered again from weather interruptions to the season causing

Wensleydale were represented as usual in Yorkshire cup matches for the older age groups and in addition teams attended Festivals including York, Leeds Carnegie and Darlington. Where for the later the U12s picked up the club silver in achieving the

Additional coaching staff have added to the existing volunteers and a number of changes have occurred in Head coaching positions.

Namely U12 I have hung up the coaching boots and Zoe Harding will be taking over for U13's next season. Jim Busby has also stepped back and Taylor will head up the U14's next season.

I would like to thanks the committee, catering and support volunteers for all the hard work put in over the year to make the whole club work.

Issues;

I am unable to continue to carry on this role for the forthcoming season and therefore need to step down from this position I hope I will be able to continue to have a smaller role in the club.