

Bognor Rugby Football Club Annual General Meeting held on 7th July 2022 in the clubhouse.

Attendees

I Ellis, B. Mitchell, R. Evans, R. Hay, S. Rimmer, A. Shipp, M. O'Connor, J. Barlow, P. Greenwood, D. Millen, W. Matthews, T. O'Brien, L. Thomas, L. Bennett, K. Flinn, P. Mitchell, D. Brown.

Apologies

A. Sweeney, J. Donoghue, J. Hornibrook, M. Lewin.

1. Approval of minutes

The minutes of AGM held on 17th September 2021 were accepted and approved, proposed by D. Millen and seconded by S. Rimmer.

2. Matters arising from 2021 AGM

None.

3. Chairman's Report

'Start by thanking you for attending this meeting tonight.

Thanks also to the following

- on the playing side, Josh who is standing down as captain
- the ground staff
- the bar manager and volunteers that help run the bar and keep it going.
- the kitchen staff
- the steering committee
- the mini and youth section that keep the club going with a supply of young people who want to play rugby
- thanks to all others who contribute to the club in any way.

The club has now come through Covid and is preparing itself to kick on.

The playing side are looking forward to doing well in the two Hampshire leagues under the new captaincy of Shane

Off the field the clubhouse and bar area are currently undergoing some work to improve the surroundings and make the club more appealing to all the members and their families.

The work on the changing rooms has been deferred for one year and is now due to start in mid May 2023. A group are meeting regularly to get things moving again after a lull for 3 months and set about finding the additional 40/50k that is needed to start and more importantly complete the works for the start of the 23/24 season.

The main cause for concern for myself and the committee is the staffing of the bar. We are down to 5 bar managers and unless there is a serious up-take by the younger club members to get involved and help run the bar then there will be a bleak future ahead for the bar.

If the bar suffers, then the club funds will suffer and that will cause problems in the long run.

It is time for the 30/40 year olds of the club to get more involved with the day to day running of this club and help carry on the work that Phil Mead started all those years ago'.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Annual Financial Statement was presented by S. Rimmer.

Summary

Turnover - **£150,925**

Cost of Sales (bar, kit, functions etc.) - **£49,608**

Gross profits - **£100,917**

Costs (all other cost of running club) - **£69,292**

Operating profit – **£31,625**

S. Rimmer made the following comments regarding the financial statement:

- strict adherence to covid regulations had impacted on use of the club facilities and there was an urgent need to investigate and implement strategies to increase use of club facilities.
- club is looking to closely align the financial running of the senior and junior aspects of the club.
- club needs look to more efficiently maximise the it's improvement/development whilst maintaining financial stability.

Club accounts prepared by AGM FINANCIAL UK LTD were accepted unanimously following proposal by R. Hay and seconded by K. Flinn.

5. Election of Officers.

Officers

Leighton Thomas - President, proposed by A. Shipp and seconded P. Greenwood.

Liam Bennett - Chairman, proposed by S. Rimmer and seconded by M. O'Connor.

All other officers and committee members elected unanimously on a single vote.

The following officers were elected to serve until the next Annual General Meeting:

President	L. Thomas
Chairman	L. Bennett
Vice Chairman	D. Millen
Secretary	T. O'Brien
Subscriptions Secretary (playing)	M. O'Connor
Subscriptions Secretary (non-playing and VPs)	L. Thomas
Fixture Secretary	D. Millen
Match Secretary	D. Millen
Bar Manager	
Clubhouse Manager	M. Lewin
Sussex RFU representatives	D. Millen
International/Cup Final Tickets	A. Shipp
Coaching co-ordinator	D. Millen
Catering Manager	T. Fitzpatrick
Programme Compiler/Editor	P. Norman

Mini chairman	A. Coombes
Youth chairman	Mike O'Connor
Coach	K. Flinn
Assistant Coach	S. Crow
1 st team manager	R. Hay
1 st XV Captain	S. Stevens
2 nd XV Captain	J. Barlow
Rugby Safe Lead Safeguarding officer/ 1 st team physio	Marie O'Connor
League luncheon organizer	J. Donoghue
Website manager	D. Millen

6. Matters for consideration by the committee

Investigation of strategies for recruitment and retention of volunteers.

Implementation and development of social committee to organise and promote club functions
e.g. theme nights, quizzes, curry nights.

Improve communication with members including update of website.

Meeting closed at 19.45