

Nottingham Casuals Rugby Football Club Limited

Minutes of 98th Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 16th November 2020

1. Apologies

D Gill

The Chairman apologised for the lateness of the meeting, due to the current pandemic situation.

2. Approval of Minutes of the previous AGM

Approved

3. President' Address

Thank you all for attending the meeting in such strange circumstances. This has been a virtual season with a virtual relegation at the end of it.

However, things haven't stood still at the club with decorating, cleaning and maintenance continuing - thanks to Phil, Lech and Leanne for their hard work.

The clubs still occurs costs when closed down, so thanks to all for minimising those costs and massive thanks to those who have been able to continue paying their memberships, This has enabled us to come through the pandemic in a decent financial situation, unlike many other clubs. This is thanks to the strong financial management of Lech and Oli.

Before the season was cancelled we were playing okay when we had the people available - lets hope that when things open up we can get people back playing with enthusiasm.

I hope everyone stays safe and well and hope we can be back together soon.

Please ask for help if you need it

Andrew Gibson

4. Reports

1st XV Captain

Disappointed to be relegated due to the closure of the season. Availabilities let us down so we were fighting for results. I am looking forward to the season starting again and hoping for a full season of some sort.

Stu Williams

Oli Mott - Thanks to Stu and Woody for their efforts

2nd XV/3XV Captain

Before lockdown we were going well 2XV sitting third in league and semi-final of NLD cup

We had to forfeit many 3XV games due to availability so we need more players, playing regularly across the season.

Thanks to Dan Clarke for being an amazing vice-captain

Bob Parry

OM thanked Bob

Veterans XV

No fixtures.

Oli Mott

Juniors

We did manage to keep training going when allowed and have had players participating in recent RugbyReady activity. We have been planning for integrating juniors into Colts and onwards into adult rugby.

There are around 200 registered junior members - this success in terms of numbers is making training difficult so we will be developing plans to cope with this

Leanne Parry

Club Captain

Thanks to Woody and Stu for their efforts over the year. We have been pushing the fun elements of training available to us through lockdown and as the situation eases. Thanks to Dan O'Connor for the lockdown training program. Thanks to Danny and Matt for work on PPE and the Ready for Rugby tournament. Thanks to Hobbo for leading training on Tuesdays and to Rotty for keeping the pitches in shape

Brodie Howatson

Chairman Report

It is fair to say it has been a very strange year. I would never have imagined as we closed the last AGM, that it would be a cold November's night before we are having the next one, and I would be reporting that we took the step to close the club completely for what has been the best part of the whole of 2020. However we find ourselves here in unprecedented times, thankful that we are all still here, that we are all as fit and as well as we had hoped to be, and we still have a Nottingham Casuals RFC to have an AGM for.

Throughout this year, we have had to make some difficult decisions, whilst the decision to close the club in the end was an easy one, it was not something we took lightly. As a committee we have deliberated long and hard on every decision, making sure we were taking the right decision for the club, for our members and for the greater good of trying to protect the society.

I want to thank my committee for their unwavering support this year. They have been pragmatic with decisions, and it has been a great support to see each decision debated and considered and I stand by each and every decision we have made. Particularly with that, thank you to Gib, Lech, and Leanne, who have key in some of the decisions we have reached. I especially want to thank Barbara Kluk who although not officially on the committee has worked tirelessly in the background and is vital to our financial survival. Similarly thanks need to be extended to Mike Coakley who continues to operate the club payment channel for the club.

We are very lucky as a club that we were able to minimise our out-goings during lockdown, and I thank each and every one of you members who have remained loyal, and contributed to help us. I appreciate having a closed club has been frustrating for the members, especially whilst we have seen other clubs in the area open their doors far wider than we have wanted to. It was uncomfortable at times to face the comparison with our fellow clubs, but if given the chance again I would make the same decisions which were the right decisions.

It is by no means over, we were hopeful at Stage D of the RFU return to rugby that we would see a return to full rugby in January, but have now been asked to consider the possibility of a much later return in 2021 to anything that resembles full rugby at both Senior and Junior level.

As well as the committee I would like to thank the coaches, trainers, organisers and volunteers of teams of all levels within the club. It was a big ask on top of providing support and guidance to your teams to have to risk assess your activities alongside some strict guidelines, but each and every one of you has responded well.

On a positive note, lockdown has brought about some interesting benefits. Committee has worked well over Zoom (hopefully this meeting has too?), Phil has been working hard to upgrade our pitches, but I honestly feel the biggest bonus has been the togetherness of the one club. Whether that was rugby skills and dance offs of early lockdown, organisation and cooperation of all teams around training session times and secure operation, or just how the club came together for Rugby Force, and is continuing to come together to improve the club. I read only tonight a proposal from club members on how we could fund additional mobile floodlighting, at limited cost to the club through very kind donations, grants and even crowd funding.

There are too many people to thank individually so I will just say thank you to all. I look forward to the day we are back at newly decorated and fabulous club (thanks for Andy, Leanne and their team), when we can look one another in the eye, and have a drink. It won't be long.

Oli Mott

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the previous years accounts had been audited and presented to the AGM formal notice of this

Notes to the Accounts:

LK presented: In reality it has not been a bad financial year. We have received grants and funding for flood repair and various RFU, government and Broxtowe grants for Covid relief - e.g. £10 000 from Broxtowe.

The biggest project of the year was £38 000 for the walkway

Thanks to Oli Mann for organising £4 400 VAT refund

The effort put into organising and training has been magnificent - well done

Well done to Leanne for keeping the juniors going and big thanks to Bryn for organising car park repair.

The figures are ok at the moment, we need to be cautious as things change but really well done to all for getting us where we are,

Question: How many non playing members? LK didn't know of top of head

Question: How are we doing for sponsors? Sponsorship has been broadening, with more companies involved, but not been a priority this season

Amendments to Club Rules

Proposal 1

This AGM agrees to the proposal made by the Committee that the membership will accept an unaudited set of accounts. These accounts to be submitted to the FSA.

Proposed: A Crowther

Seconded: L Kluk

For	21
Against	0
Abstain	0

Proposal 2

This AGM agrees to the proposal made by the Committee a suitable lay auditor be appointed to conduct a lay audit of Nottingham Casuals Rugby Football Club Limited's financial accounts for the year, following their submission to the FSA. The Results of their audit to be reported to the following AGM.

Proposed: A Crowther

Seconded: L Kluk

For	21
Against	0
Abstain	0

5. Elections – Officers of the Club

Position	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded	For	Against	Abstain
President	Andy Gibson					
Chairman	Ollie Mott	L Kluk	O Mott	21	0	0
Elect						
Secretary	Andy Crowther	A Gibson	O Mott	21	0	0
Treasurer	Lech Kluk	A Gibson	O Mott	21	0	0

6. Elections – Club Officials

Position	Candidate	Proposed	Seconded	For	Against	Abstain
Club Captain	B Howatson					
Chairman of Bar	Helen Gill	A Gibson	O Mott	21	0	0
Committee Membership	Phil Aylward	A Gibson	O Mott	21	0	0
Secretary	A Gibson	L Kluk	O Mott	21	0	0
Fixtures						
Secretary						
Match						
Secretary						
Chairman of House	Andy Hollingsworth	A Gibson	O Mott	21	0	0
Committee						
Chairman of Ground	Phil Aylward	A Gibson	O Mott	21	0	0
Committee						
Social						
Secretary						
Publicity	Lech Kluk	A Gibson	O Mott	21	0	0
General Member	S Srano	A Gibson	O Mott	21	0	0
General Member	D Gill	A Gibson	O Mott	21	0	0
General Member	Steff Roberts	A Gibson	O Mott	21	0	0
Juniors 1	L Parry	A Gibson	O Mott	21	0	0
Juniors 2		Co-opted member				

Fixtures and match secretary are important roles that need filling

1XV Captains - Alex Hawkins & Keiron Maisonnnet

2XV Captain/Vice - Bob Parry

3XV Captain/Vice - James McNab

Veterans - Oli Mott

7. Confirmation of Election of Honorary Life Members made by the Committee in the preceding year

8. Election of Vice Presidents

None

9. Open Forum

AG: The expenditure on the ground maintenance machinery (vertidrainner) has paid for itself already - big thanks to Phil for all his efforts at the ground and on research.

Nottingham Casuals Profit & Loss Account
Year-ended 30 April 2020

	Year-ended 30-Apr-20
	£
Revenue	
Bar Income	29,853
Subscriptions	21,680
Minis Income	7,689
Donations & Sponsorship	6,003
International Tickets	4,406
RFU/NLD Funding	4,291
Food, Raffles, Socials	3,307
Hallam Fest	2,831
Club Hire	2,397
Kit Income	2,020
Tour Income	2,004
Annual Dinner	696
Coffee Machine	205
Buy a Brick	100
Total Revenue	87,484

Costs	
Bar Costs	(20,647)
House Repairs & Renewals	(7,294)
Ground Expenses (incl new posts)	(6,660)
Electricity	(5,467)
International Tickets costs	(4,406)
RFU Loan	(3,334)
Coaching Fees	(3,330)
Minis Expenses	(3,201)
Insurance	(3,155)
Other general expenses	(2,784)
RFU/NLD Fees Charges	(2,714)
Council Rates	(2,178)
Laundry	(2,047)
Trophies & Pitch Hero Charges	(2,040)
Kit Purchases	(2,020)
Cleaning Costs	(1,775)
Tour Costs	(1,557)
Tournament Winners costs	(1,535)
Club Dinner	(1,397)
Coach Hire	(1,365)
BT	(1,293)
Vending and Till	(1,166)
ADT Alarm	(879)
Charity Donations	(850)
Barclaycard / Payzone Charges	(803)

Music & TV licences	(794)
Food costs	(665)
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Total Costs	(85,355)
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NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	2,129

Other Non-Profit Cash Movements in the Year

Club building work	(38,529)	Walkway
VAT refunds	4,464	