

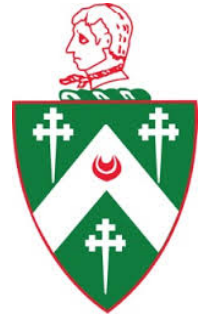
Stockport Rugby Club



# Minis and Juniors AGM

13<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
Clubhouse 8:00pm start

# Agenda



1. Chairman's report - overview of season
2. Nominations & elections of officers 2015-2016 season
3. Treasurer's report
4. External stairs
5. 2<sup>nd</sup> XV pitch floodlights
6. Defibrillator
7. Rugby World Cup
8. Minis Festival 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015
9. Any Other Business



# 1. Chairman's Report

- On the pitch success
- The stuff that people don't see
- Membership up
- Finances healthy

## Under 6s

The Under 6s have enjoyed a great season introducing over 70 boys and girls to Tag rugby in 2014/15. The age group caters for children in Reception and Year 1 so the emphasis has been on having fun rather than the finer technical aspects of the game! However since Christmas we have moved into playing matches amongst ourselves most weeks and honing our rugby playing skills. About 45 children regularly attend training each week and turnout has remained high even in poor weather conditions, a tremendous achievement for children aged only 4, 5 and 6! Selecting 'Player of the Week' has been extremely difficult! It has also been rewarding to see so many parents enjoying the rugby experience with their children; hopefully they will continue to be involved with the club. Many thanks to my fellow coaches Sean, Ben and Dan for giving the children an excellent start to their rugby careers, and Tina for collecting the subs each week!

## Under 7s

The U7s started the season with 22 children, 20 of whom had been with us as U6s the season before. Over the course of the season we have retained those 22, and gained six more such that we finished the season with 28 children (four girls and 24 boys). Of those 28, 24 are registered members of the club. The four unregistered joined us relatively late in the season.

We gained two coaches over the summer, taking us to a total of five. One coach per 5.6 children as at the end of the season, well within the one adult to eight children minimum RFU recommendation for this age group. All are continuing next season, although one will only be available for three out of every five Sundays due to work commitments, and one might divide time between the U8s and U7s, as he has a child in each team.

Four have completed their Rugby Ready course. Three have completed the Tag Rugby course and four have completed Refereeing Level 1. Three attended a First Aid course during the season, one was exempted due to receiving more advanced training at work. None have done Level 1 coaching yet, but plan to do so. All have the necessary DBS (aka CRB) certificates.

We played 8 home fixtures, fielding an average of 20 children (but fluctuating between 12 and 27). We played 9 away fixtures, Sandbach being the furthest, fielding an average of 19 children (but fluctuating between 17 and 23). School Holidays and Mothers Day understandably see a big drop in numbers. We lost one fixture (Lymm) and one training session to the weather in January.

We entered four festivals over the season, Manchester in October (un-competitive at U7 in line with their RFU Kids First philosophy), Wilmslow and Cheshire in April, and Rochdale in May.

At Wilmslow we took 17 children, who played in three teams of 4 with rolling subs, but with the three teams having their score aggregated so that we were effectively playing as one team. We reached the semi-final of the Plate Competition where we lost to Wilmslow.

At the Cheshire RFU Festival we entered 21 children in four separate and equal teams, again with one or two rolling subs per team. One team reached the quarter-finals of the Vase, two reached the quarter-finals of the Bowl, and one reached the semi-finals of the Bowl. We were knocked out by teams from Macclesfield, Wilmslow, Lymm and Knutsford respectively.

At Rochdale we took four U7 children and one U6, playing in one team of four with a rolling sub. We beat Rossendale and Bury, but lost to Littleborough and Rochdale.

At all three end-of-season festivals we were able to take every child who wanted / was available to attend.

We held a fundraising Bingo evening at the club in January, to which we invited the U6 and U8 age groups. We raised £488. We have bought some additional cones, and spent some money on drinks / sweets for the children at the festivals, but carry £442 forward to next season. We inherited a gazebo from the Colts, but plan to purchase a replacement during the course of the 2015/16 season.

## **Under 8s**

A great end to the season with winning at Wilmslow and Rochdale festivals, and a semi- final finish at the Cheshire Festival.

Ray Bell joined the coaching team early on in the season and has been a great help bringing his coaching experience to the team.

The last 8-10 weeks of the season saw the squad increase by 5 players.  
Average of 22-25 players each week. (Home and away)

Highlights over the season apart from the festivals was the fundraiser - car wash cake stall - raising £200 plus a donation of £100 from Ray Bell. £300 in total. This money will go towards new training tops - 3 sponsors have come forward to contribute towards the tops. Quotations for the supply of these tops are currently being sought.

5 parents first aid trained.

Simon Bollington currently enrolled on level 1 coaching.

Summer training sessions planned (non rugby activities)

33 registered players

6 coaches

## **Under 9s**

Squad known as Stockport Warriors

Team Sponsor: Greenthumb

The squad started the season with 33 players. Seven of these boys were new to rugby.

The first training session started off a little shakily as the appointed head coach resigned at 10pm the night before the first training session! As a squad we picked ourselves up and were grateful to Mike Boyd from the U12s stepping down to help us out in the initial stages of the season. He ended up guiding us through the season and to our first trophy.

Overall we were very pleased with the way the players took to the changes of the game as they progressed from tag to tackle rugby. The squad played very competitive rugby throughout the season. After Christmas the squad were playing a series of tough matches against Altrincham,

Manchester, Lymm and Wilmslow. For this series of matches our head coach graded the squad into three teams.

This worked very well as the stronger boys performed well together and it inspired others to progress through the teams.

Our first tour was to the Vale of Lune. We stayed at Arnside Youth Hostel after a days training at Kendal RUFC and a session on the indoor climbing wall. The weather was awful for the festival. However, the squad came away with their first ever trophy having won the plate final. The tour was a great success and brought the boys closer together and gave the Dads time to get to know each other too.

Cheshire Festival was another trophy winning performance by the squad. The Warriors were drawn in a tough pool. All five teams in the pool played in their respective finals with four of the five teams winning a trophy. Our squad played in the vase final and won. The Viking squad played very well in their pool matches only losing once. This meant they came second in their pool and played in the plate quarter final against Altrincham Kersal A squad. It was a tough match, but the Vikings lost by one try.

Overall, we are very pleased with the transition of the squad from tag to tackle. The coaching has more structure to it with Mike's involvement and a coaching team signed up to complete their level 1 badge this summer. The squad size reduced to 27 boys at the end of the season as some decided rugby was not for them.

The parents are getting involved too, with many helping out with the planning for the Christmas party and others becoming friends.

We are all looking forward to next season, after a few months break of course!

## **Under 10s**

This season the U10's have fielded 39 registered players across 3 mixed ability teams of 13 covered by 8 coaches. There is also a team manager and 2 administrators who handle the finances and RFU ID's.

The coaching set-up is headed by Anton Hanson who is a level 2 qualified coach as is Tony Kirkham with Neil Wakefield being level 1 qualified. Every other coach has completed Rugby Ready with 2 having done the Scrum Factory and 2 having done the level 1 refereeing course. We also have 3 parents qualified as 1<sup>st</sup> aiders as well as a number of the coaches who are already qualified through their work place. All coaches are DBS cleared.

The U10's have competed in 19 regular season fixtures resulting on 18 victories and 1 loss. This produced 632 tries for and only 163 against including victories over local rival Wilmslow (twice), Manchester (twice) and Heaton Moor (twice). All of this has been achieved without selecting an 'A' team or streaming!!

We have attended 6 festivals (Stockport, Manchester, Sedburgh, York, Wilmslow and Cheshire) making the semi-finals in all as well as winning the Cheshire Plate. The crowning moment of the

season was to take 3 mixed ability teams to a tournament involving the best 40 clubs from Cheshire and managing to get all 3 into the top 9 winning all 9 group games.

We have also managed to have a 2 night tour to York in March as well as generating funds from a successful band night in February as well as a balloon race at the same time. This saw us able to buy 2 brand new gazebos for festivals and we also acquired some sponsorship so that all of the kids were presented with waterproof training tops. Our previous training tops have since been handed down to one of the other age groups.

We finished the season with the same 39 kids we started with and at this stage we have no reason not to believe that the same 39 will return for next season.

## **Under 11s**

We lost a handful of players at the beginning of the season, with the general feeling being that they weren't enjoying getting hurt and preferred other less physical sports (swimming, tennis and football.) However, we also picked up a handful of new players to bring our squad size up to 20.

Three new players tried out training towards the end of the season and will hopefully join us permanently next season. At the moment, there are only a possible two players who may choose football, which switches to Sundays next year.

The main event this season was the handing over of the reins by Ray Bell to the four stooges, Team Manager Richard Wynne, Head Coach Marty McAleer, Coach and main referee Kevin Carolan and coach and IT support Phil Guest.

We were joined recently at Wednesday night training by Colts coach Gareth Evans, who has provided invaluable expertise and will be taking on the head coach role from next season.

Gareth has been impressed by the skills and running that the boys have demonstrated and is confident that, while we have a team made up predominantly of backs, they are fast and skillful enough to run around and outscore the bigger teams. (Pretty much every team we play against is larger than us.)

While we feel our boys are perhaps too nice and don't have the fierce edge of some other teams, we'd rather this than follow the approach of some teams who appear to encourage their players to deliberately hurt the opposition, by fair and foul means. We coaches are probably also too nice, often suspecting afterwards that we've fallen for the opposition's 'nice guy' demeanor when they're actually trying to hoodwink us. (especially the Heaton Moor ambush when they suddenly had to start and we weren't ready.)

While we lost more than we won, we generally managed to perform well and make great progress as the season went on.

The age old mixed vs streaming dilemma again reared its head, with a switch to A and B probably coming a bit late and not giving the A team enough time together ahead of festival season.

We attended the referee course as well as the first aid course.

Most teams seemed to have sussed the new rules by the end of the season, although there was still debate regarding some of the finer points that needed straightening out at festivals (with different interpretations.)

The season finished on a real high with the tour to North Wales, staying two nights at the Salford Kids (Jam Butty) Camp in Prestatyn, where the boys had the run of the five acre seaside site and attending the two day Colwyn Bay Festival. The camp, which has 60 beds across four wings of two dormitories and six private rooms, costs only £10 per person per night for B&B, and makes a perfect tour venue that's suitable for all age groups.

## Under 12s

A Fantastic season again for the U12s "Tigers"

I started the season by going out and recruiting 5 lads I needed to complete the dynamic pack we have now have ! This Summer I will be hopefully bringing in one or two more players aswell.

My Coaching staff is at 6, we have Christian you all know as the Manager, I have a Sec, a Fixture Sec, Social Sec, Medical Officer, Social Media man and a treasurer. It really does make a difference to the running of the team and allows me to just to concentrate on the Rugby. The Parents back the way we now run things and on the whole we have a very happy camp.

We have our own instagram page and facebook page coming.....

Having gone through the season unbeaten, we have now pretty much rearranged our Fixture list next season to try and get more competitive fixtures. It does mean we have to travel more, but needs must !

We have made new Contacts and have New fixtures with numerous Yorkshire Clubs now from Old Brods, Old Leos, Huddersfield, Sheffield, Sandal and Scunthorpe, plus Northern who we will now play every year at Sedbergh. Liverpool St Helens from Lancs, and even Saracens Academy are now also on our list now and they want fixtures with us.

We entered the Sandal Festival and also the Huddersfield Festival and won both.

**Our season has culminated in defeating by a BIG margin, Wilmslow RUFC who "were" unbeaten, and we won the Cheshire "Cup" in fine style 42-14.....**

I now have some outstanding players and a great squad which has grown to 30 odd and still growing up to a few weeks ago.

4 of my Players I have placed in Sale Harriers and they compete in Sprints for the year above.

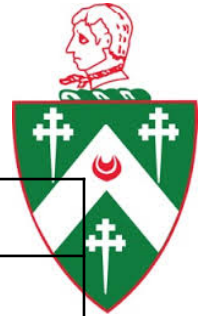
We have a few quid in the bank and are looking to keep that building when and where ever possible. Our parties at the club aside from raising cash for us, raise a hefty Bar profit too which I hear the U10s are also now doing !



We also supplied the compressor which I hope you all find useful ? and the Stockport Festival we ran as U12s( & Natasha ) made a handsome profit of which some of the cash has been put aside for the Defib'tor which I think we now have ?

The Tigers will need New Balls and a few more match shirts for next season please.

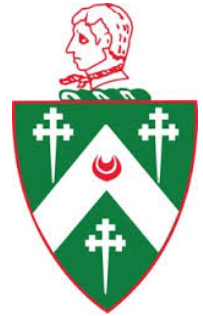
## 2. Nominations for officers 2015-2016



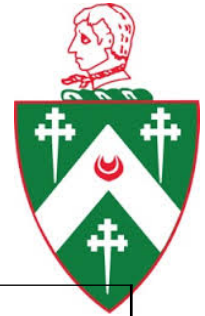
<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
Chairman	Neil Wakefield	Mark Hiney	Richard Thorogood
Secretary	James Allkins	Neil Wakefield	Andrew Provan
Treasurer	Andrew Provan	Neil Wakefield	Myles Mason
Junior Fixtures	Nick Clancy	Andrew Provan	Mark Hiney
Mini Fixtures	Tom O'Neil	Sean O'Connell	Richard Thorogood
Coaching	Matt Langtree	Andrew Provan	Tom O'Neil
Safeguarding	Haidee Langtree	Andrew Provan	Myles Mason
Membership	David Bradley	Richard Thorogood	Tom O'Neil
Youth Registrar	Jo Rode	Neil Wakefield	Andrew Provan

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- Cashflow for year
- Membership report
- Balance to 30May2015
- Budget next year
- Capital expenditure next year
- Membership Fees Next year



# Income v Budget (1<sup>st</sup> June 2014 to 30<sup>th</sup> May 2015)



	To Date	Budget	Balance
2			
3	<b><u>Income</u></b>		
4	Subscriptions - Minis	£9,000.00	£337.67
5	Subscriptions - Juniors	£9,000.00	£337.67
6	Subscriptions - Coaches	£0.00	£0.00
7	Club Shop net takings	£200.00	£1,052.90
8	Sponsorship - First Aid	£0.00	£0.00
9	Stockport Festival	£3,000.00	£833.50
10	Food and Beverages net takings	£200.00	£2,366.40
11	End of season BBQ	£0.00	£0.00
12	Fundraising (BBQ, shop, social events)	£1,000.00	-£1,000.00
13	Interest on Savings (estimated)	£0.00	£0.00
14	Rugby Camps	£0.00	0
15	<b><i>Income</i></b>	<b>£22,400.00</b>	<b>£3,928.14</b>

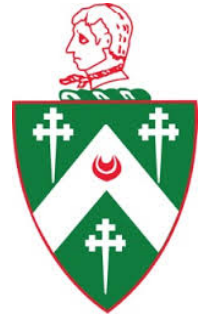
# Expenditure v Budget (17July2013 to 28Apr 2014)



18	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>To Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
21	Equipment and Repairs	£0.00	£500.00	£500.00
22	Match Shirts	£1,580.67	£250.00	-£1,330.67
23	Coaches and referees Courses	£335.00	£800.00	£465.00
24	Coaches Subscription Subsidy	£1,140.00	£1,080.00	-£60.00
25	Main Club Levy	£7,500.00	£7,500.00	£0.00
26	Coaching Contribution		£2,000.00	£2,000.00
28	Festival & Cup and Entrance Fees	£1,885.00	£1,500.00	-£385.00
30	Minis Xmas party & end of season BBQ	£409.00	£200.00	-£209.00
31	Medals and Trophies	£1,977.00	£1,800.00	-£177.00
32	Stationery and postage	£15.12	£50.00	£34.88
33	Transportation	£250.00	£300.00	£50.00
34	Laundry	£0.00	£300.00	£300.00
38	First Aid (training and physio for Sun)	£1,204.36	£1,100.00	-£104.36
39	Capital (Bar, Fryer,, Defib, Parking)	£10,101.76	£5,000.00	-£5,101.76
40	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>£26,397.91</b>	<b>£22,380.00</b>	<b>-£4,017.91</b>
41	Income less Expenditure	-£69.77	£20.00	

## Overall

- We spent £4k more than budget...but...
- Our income was £4k more than budget.
- Overall loss of **-£69.77** over the year.





## Capital Expenditure for this year & next.

### This year

- Bar refurbishment £ 6,825
- Coaches tops £ 1,010
- New Fryer £ 455
- Defibrillator £ 400
- Hardcore for parking £ 766
- Match shirts (U12 & U8) £ 1,354

### Next year

- External staircase - £ 8,000
- Floodlights – 50% of £34k = £17,000 (?)

## Membership – 2014-2015



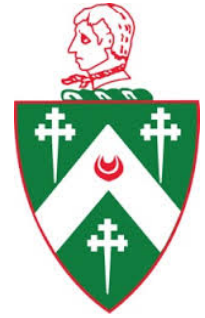
- £18,675 taken in subscriptions.
- Equals over 250 players in 11 age groups
- 55 parents took up £20 social membership offer.
- Propose same membership structure for next year.
  - £85 for first child
  - Discount if you pay by end of Sept - £75
  - £20 Social Membership for parents



# Budget for 2015-2016



		2014/2015	2015/2016
		To Date	Budget
3	<b><u>Income</u></b>		
4	Subscriptions - Minis	£9,337.67	£9,500.00
5	Subscriptions - Juniors	£9,337.67	£9,500.00
6	Subscriptions - Coaches	£0.00	£0.00
7	Club Shop net takings	£1,252.90	£1,000.00
9	Stockport Festival	£3,833.50	£3,500.00
10	Food and Beverages net takings	£2,566.40	£2,000.00
12	Transfer from savings account	£0.00	£20,000.00
15	<b><i>Income</i></b>	<b>£26,328.14</b>	<b>£45,500.00</b>
17			
18	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	<b>To Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
21	Equipment and Repairs	£0.00	£850.00
22	Match Shirts	£1,580.67	£1,600.00
23	Coaches and referees Courses	£335.00	£800.00
24	Coaches Subscription Subsidy	£1,140.00	£1,200.00
25	Main Club Levy	£7,500.00	£7,500.00
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33	Transportation	£250.00	£300.00
34	Laundry	£0.00	£300.00
38	First Aid (training and physio for Sun)	£1,204.36	£1,500.00
39	Capital (Staircase & Floodlights)	£10,101.76	£25,000.00
40	<b><i>Expenditure</i></b>	<b>£26,397.91</b>	<b>£45,500.00</b>



## 4. External Stairs

- An accident waiting to happen
- Mini tender process
- Awaiting structural engineer
- M&J committee to consider
- Work done in close season
- No RFU funding available
- M&J funds will cover cost

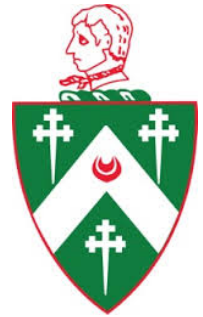
## 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> XV Pitch Floodlights

- End of life
- Mini tender process
- Awaiting second quote
- No RFU funding available until end next season
- Principle of 50/50 agreed with senior club



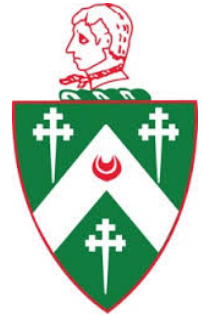
## 6. Defibrillator

- £400 from British Heart Foundation
- Exterior wall facing 1<sup>st</sup> XV pitch



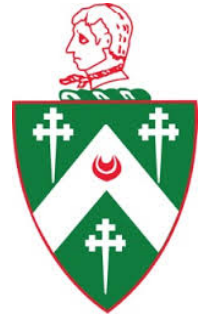
## 7. Rugby World Cup

- RFU initiatives
- Monday night touch rugby
- Stockport GS vs Manchester GS Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September



## 8. Minis Festival – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015

- 2014 festival a success – 40 teams
- 2015 festival – 48 teams
- Festival organiser is Phil Guest



## 9. Any Other Business

