

## **GRFC Ltd 2019 AGM Committee Report:**

Good Evening Everybody, welcome to the 2019 AGM of GRFC Ltd.

### **A. Overview/General Commentary:**

In 2017 I spoke at considerable length at the legacy laid down by our former Chairman John Cubitt in his efforts to make this club into one of the Borough's leading leisure facilities and the struggles that followed for the committee following John's sad death. At that AGM several new committee members were elected and some of the Officer positions within the club were taken up by newly elected members.

Last year I reported the progress that had been made by GRFC Ltd as a business in its restructure, in terms of management, rules and regulations and steps being made to ensure our future remained stable under the leadership of our new Chairman Mark Bruce.

I am pleased to say that the Club has continued to make progress as a business over the last 12 months under Mark's leadership and that generally we are going very much in the right direction.

#### **(a) The Premises/Club House:**

There has been a lot of hard work put in by members and sponsors to try and maintain the general upkeep of the Club House, special thanks are to be recorded to Richard Gagg, Paul Bance, Richard Hooper and the "Friday Club" for the work and time put in by them in order to keep the Club House in a reasonable state of repair and for providing much needed upgraded equipment. Sadly, due to the age of the property we still have some way to go and the committee will now be looking at a number of significant remedial and refurbishment works which require urgent attention. I should also record a further note of thanks to the members of the Rugby Club and in particular Dave Dorton, who have put in a considerable amount of time and effort in carrying out refurbishment works to the changing rooms and gymnasium.

#### **(b) The Bar/Club House Management:**

I reported last year that the Club Bar Manager Alison Nash had worked hard in keeping our Bar Facility running and that the Bar remained our principle asset in terms of income. In June last, Alison decided that this place was really too big for her to operate on her own and decided to move on. Following a review of what was required in terms of the running of our Bar, advertisements were circulated and interviews conducted and in August we appointed Esther Hooper as our Club Manager. Esther has come in with some fresh ideas as to how we market the premises and has also engaged a new mind set in the way in which we promote the business. A completely new team of Bar Staff have been taken on and personally I have to say that I feel that Esther's appointment has been a breath of fresh air to the club. I am aware that some of the "Old Guard" are perhaps a little uneasy about Esther's approach but the Committee's view is that we should support Esther and trust in her as our Club Manager. Hopefully during the next 12 months Esther's enthusiasm will remain unchecked and that we as a club and as a business will continue to see the number of our Hall Bookings and Club Functions increase and

that this place remains a facility which can be enjoyed by all of its members. An example of Esther's approach is the re-introduction of the Summer Ball, being held here in July. The use of Social Media and the Club Website, resulted in the event being virtually sold out within 48 hours of its announcement. Another matter which Esther has set up is a business arrangement with John Cooper the Caterer who is now established in the kitchen and providing a good food service for the members.

I would also like at this stage to raise the significance and importance of the work which Tracy Datlen has put in over the last 12 months here, in ensuring that as a business facility all of our legal and statutory obligations and our requirements as employers have been brought up to date and in fact in respect of a number of our requirements have actually been set up and put in place. We have recently had inspections of our premises by both our new insurers and the Health and Safety Executive – the latter completely unannounced. With the exception of a couple of very minor points our insurers are very pleased and comfortable with our set up and we scored a Gold Star award with the HSE. Tracy's initial engagement here was very much on a short-term temporary basis however as with Esther the Committee would very much like to hire Tracy permanently and her own role and job description are currently being reviewed.

The Committee and more importantly I think the members of the club should therefore record a special note of thanks to both Tracy and Esther for the time and effort they are both putting in to keep our business both legally and financially safe and secure.

Lastly as far as the Club Premises, are concerned a special mention should also be made of Stewart Prockter who is heading up our "House Committee" and who along with Esther are working hard on setting up targets and goals for the onward progress of the Club House facility as a successful business.

### **(c) John Moxham**

Finally as an opening review I sadly have to report that after many years holding various posts within the club, both on the pitch as a player and as an Executive Officer and Committee Member, John Moxham has decided that it is time for him to stand down as a member of the General Committee. I spoke at the AGM in 2017 of my admiration for John who for many years was one of the most significant driving forces that this club has had. His knowledge of the game of rugby albeit from an extremely biased welsh point of view but more importantly his understanding of the club and its direction as a business have been vital and instrumental in our success and standing. It is not an understatement to say that without John and his Ideals and ideas we would not be established in this Club House today. If there is any legacy to be passed down by John it is quite simply this. The Club must never lose its ambition and desire for the 1<sup>st</sup> team to play at its optimum level, should we overlook or ignore that ambition then the playing quality of the club will decline and so too will our meaning and standing. I can only therefore record the massive amount of thanks that we as a club owe to John, hopefully we will continue to see John around the Club House and hear his unbiased accounts and views of everything Welsh and everything GRFC.

## **B. Financial Report:**

### **1. Background:**

During 2016 a decision was taken at the EGM to establish 2 operating subsidiaries of GRFC LTD (Gravesend RFC Trading Ltd and Gravesend RFC Rugby Ltd). Subsequently, the Officers of the Club took the decision to change book-keepers and appointed King & Taylor, our accountants, in this role. The practical implication of these decisions has resulted in an increased overhead for professional fees and a number of operational difficulties combining the accounts.

At the 2017 Finance AGM accounts (y/e 30/6/17) were signed off which effectively retained everything in GRFC Ltd and had both Trading and Rugby as dormant accounts.

During 2018, progress has been made on aligning all three sets of accounts but due to a number of issues with the way that the accounting system had been set up we have not as yet been able to sign off the accounts. It was agreed that Gravesend RFC Rugby Ltd should become dormant as no material benefit to keeping separate. All activities of Rugby will roll up into Trading. Gravesend RFC Trading Ltd has a P&L for the first time, however, no separate balance sheet. This is not material as everything rolls up into GRFC Ltd.

The accounts for GRFC Ltd are summarised below and it is hereby notified that the Finance AGM to sign-off these accounts will take place on **21/06/2019**.

Looking forward and to avoid similar issues the 2019 accounts will be produced shortly after the year end. Each section will therefore be required to provide their annual accounts in the required format no later than end of July.

## 2. Income/Expenditure

While there are 3 sets of accounts any profits in Trading are Gifted to GRFC Ltd to avoid a Corporation Tax liability.

		2018*	2018**	2017	2016
Turnover/Revenue		£191,894	£407,240	£487,170	£609,331
Cost of Sales		£32,274	£217,951	£282,323	£287,917
<b>Gross Profit</b>		<b>£159,620</b>	<b>£189,289</b>	<b>£204,847</b>	<b>£321,414</b>
Admin Expenses		£195,934	£189,289	£241,806	£229,244
<b>Net Profit</b>		<b>(£36,314)</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>(£36,959)</b>	<b>£92,170</b>

## 3. Reserves:

		Share Capital	Share Premium	Revaluation Reserve	Profit & Loss Account	Total
As 1 July 2017		£22	£249,299	£29	£220,271	£469,721
Loss for the year		-	-	-	(£36,314)	(£36,314)
<b>As 20 June 2018</b>		<b>£22</b>	<b>£249,299</b>	<b>£29</b>	<b>£183,957</b>	<b>£433,407</b>

The company remains solvent primarily through reserves and donations received in prior period. The GRFC Ltd Bank Balance at end 30 June 2018 included £140k Legacy monies.

#### **4. Summary:**

The financial year to end June 2018 saw the Club operating at a loss of £36k, primarily due to an increase in overheads, exceptional expenses in relation to the EPOS and the CCTV installation both of which will pay back significantly to the club in the coming years.

The CCTV was crucial in allowing us to apply for and receive an extended opening hours license whereas the EPOS with a £7k initial outlay is generating additional income via the differentiated pricing (circa 10%). Including the £2.5k sponsorship, a £2k incremental uplift and additional membership subscriptions the payback for the EPOS is looking like 1.5 years.

The costs of running the site continue to exceed the income generated from it. We continue to look at expanding revenue streams while taking opportunity to reduce our costs. Work with GST and the RFU on how to improve the facilities continue. Indeed it is hoped that during the year GST will have their new Astro surface laid which will help them in attracting more business which in turn benefits the club.

#### **5. Priorities/Next Steps:**

As the losses continue to accrue and will do so again in 2019 due to the improvement works carried out we will need to look overheads and expenses to ensure we are getting value for money. We have recruited a very competent management team in Esther Hooper and Tracey Datlen and the work they are putting in will ensure revenues increase and the benefits of recent improvements are materialised. The Club is also looking to engage a Commercial Director responsible for Advertising/Marketing and that again should see income increase. Of course we do also need to look at Membership Subscriptions to ensure they remain sufficient for the maintenance of club facilities.

#### **C. Other Section Reports:**

##### **1. Tennis;**

As with any successful club there is an administrative overhead to be managed and I'd like to thank the coaches, captains and members of the committee for their efforts and commitment during 2018. The club and coaches have maintained all their insurance, registrations and LTA commitments to ensure a safe and healthy environment for everyone. We have supported the new safeguarding requirements as the LTA have dropped Clubmark for lighter requirements, which they can better monitor and govern.

There have also been a number of Coaching and Club Forums run by Kent attended by a number of coaches and committee members to ensure we are up to date with current trends and practices. This year the club has fostered a closer relationship with both Kent Lawn Tennis and directly with the LTA. We have undertaken a number of initiatives as part of the Development Plan. These are focused around 4 main areas:

- Increasing Membership and Retention
- Use of Clubspark Platform
- Development of the Top Courts
- Building a Community based Outreach Program

The club is on financially sound footing generating a surplus of about £5K which is put into a long term sink fund (currently standing at 29K) which will be used for long term court development programs. After a few years of annual rises in Membership Fees, the committee have recommended to keep the rates the same this year and it will be voted on at the AGM. However, to continue to meet our development plans we will be looking for to generate additional funds through Grants or Loans and a number of options are being considered.

We reached a peak of 120 adults and 145 juniors Members in the last year which was an outstanding effort. We've set up a number of initiatives to keep the new members going – eg whatsapp group, singles ladder, free group tennis lessons, social sessions.

Our club is very well represented in Adult Team Competitions and there were 139 Kent League and North Kent fixtures last Summer – a record because we entered three extra teams. On the Junior Program, we had 7 teams in Kent Team Summer league 2015 with 18&U boys - finishing as winners. Currently in Kent autumn league we have 9 teams entered with some already winning their boxes and awaiting finals in February-March. We are in process of entering junior teams into Kent Team summer team league. We have good number of juniors, both boys and girls, successfully playing in adult teams.

Michel, Laurie and Simon made an extra effort to kick start the social tennis scene, especially for new members. We need members support and engagement from across the whole club, especially the team players, to get down to some social sessions. We are trying to get momentum and build up this side of the club so your participation would be greatly appreciated. We will broadcast events in good time through Clubspark, so please ensure your e-mail is registered correctly and watch the notice boards / web-site. There is also a New Members Whatsapp group, Managed by Simon, to better communicate and integrate new members into the club.

Overall we have a strong committed team with a robust development program and moving in the right direction to achieve our ambitions.

## **2. Bowls;**

No report submitted by Bowls Section.

## **3. Cricket:**

No report submitted by Cricket Section.

## **3. Hockey:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> team won their last game of season against local rivals Meopham and finished mid table in league. The 2nd team had a must win final game to retain their Division 4 place. A very exciting game resulted in a 3 - 1 win and most importantly

2<sup>nd</sup> team retained their place in Div 4. The final day of the season was finished off with our 90th season celebrations in the small players bar which brought together past and present players to reminisce. The winter season has now finished. We take a short break before commencing summer league fixtures at Anchorians in a couple of weeks time.

#### **4. Petanque;**

The Section continued through 2017/2018 with one team in the KPL winter league and two teams in the KPL summer leagues.

The Canopy over the petanque pistes was worked on until the stolen Guttering and hips stopped any further progress.

The section held several successful open competitions during the year and played host to Kent competitions and the England Titles weekend and the end of May, which contributed around £8000 to the bar take on what would otherwise have been a quiet time at the club.

The above competition is scheduled to be held at GRFC again next year, 2019.

A well-attended Mayor of Gravesham Triples raised £350 for his chosen charities.

Plans are in place for further competition and hopefully the finish of the planned work over the playing area and its surrounds during 2019.

Unsupervised players from the Mini and Youth section continue to cause damage and we hope that they are not injured when venturing under the decking and generally misbehaving.

We have added an asset to the club to the value of around £60k and hope this will help to attract greater use of the facilities.

Mike Cubitt

Chairman GRFC Petanque.

#### **5. Wheelchair Rugby;**

The wheelchair rugby section continues to receive good publicity both locally and nationally. We have appeared in local press and on the regional tv stations of KMTV and BBC. We have evolved from a solely wheelchair rugby section in to a broader wheelchair sports section but retaining the inclusive ethos so that disabled and able bodied people can play alongside each other at the same time. We partnered with the British American Football Association to develop the very first version of wheelchair American football attracting interest from the NFL and getting us invited on to the regular parliamentary committee at the House of Commons in London. Our membership remains steady but we continue to take the sport to youth and disability groups and to many young people in the borough with additional school taster sessions. Moreover, we have loaned chairs free of charge to several schools in the area so they can compliment their PE curriculum and after school clubs with wheelchair sports.

On the pitch we comfortably beat the top 3 UK sides in wheelchair rugby 7's Glasgow, Mold Wrexham and Leyland Preston and our thanks to referee Stu Pollard who officiated in the 95-45 win over Leyland who until they played us, had only ever been beaten once before. One of our players Euan Huckle played for England in a victorious test match v France in Paris. Euan has also been selected for the six nations tournament due for June this year and will compete against Italy, France, Scotland, Wales and Ireland - there is also the possibility that one other Gravesend based player will be selected for England when the squad is announced in May. In the other rugby variant, wheelchair rugby league, we are likely to win our league and we have already reached the semi final of the cup tournament likely to face Leeds Rhinos, North Wales Crusaders or Hull in the final at Bradford Bulls in the

summer. Two of our players gained international call ups in wheelchair rugby league: Nevil Hope and son, Ben both represented Ireland in the Celtic Cup in Halifax versus Wales and Scotland at the end of April.

Though our playing base is at Northfleet youth centre and a distance away from Donald Biggs Drive, meaning we are sometimes disconnected from the club, we are proud to be linked with GRFC and honoured to wear the badge.

#### **6. Cycling;**

Cycling section hold regular rides on Wednesday evenings in the summer and on Saturday and Sunday Mornings (weather permitting) all year round. Section will this year be going on Tour to North Devon in September, for its bi-annual Charity ride.

#### **7. Pigeon Fanciers:**

- No formal report however the section continues to run throughout the year and they are frequently found in the bar on Friday nights.
- I am told once again by their Chairman that this year members did well in representative competitions throughout Kent and the South East of England.

#### **8. Table Tennis:**

- No report From Table Tennis – however the section continues to Train and Play most Monday evenings in the clubhouse.

#### **D. Rugby:**

##### **(i) Senior Rugby (via James Percy):**

This season was always about consolidating our position in London 2 South East and looking to finish above mid table, so to finish 6 is a good achievement, with beating Charlton Park in the Kent County Shield Final at their ground made an excellent finish to the season. Our current squad is a mixture of youth and experience, more youth if we're honest, and having used 49 players this season within the 1<sup>st</sup> XV is a good base to build on for next season. We will be working hard over the summer months to build on this season and look to push on next season. Congratulations to all those players who have turned out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV this season and make this a success by narrowly missing out on the top spot by finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in their league. Also the Swans have finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in their league again a great achievement to all those involved. With the Trumpets and the Gannets having a mixed season but still holding their own in there respected leagues

While it has been a struggle we have managed to get 4 senior sides out every week which is a testimony to all those involved week in, week out sending messages to players into the small hours of Friday night and early Saturday morning to ensure this happens. A special thanks to all the players who have played moved around the teams in the club this season to enable us to get teams out at the weekend.

Also credit to the Academy who made it through to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the National U18 Cup beating Colchester and Reeds Weybridge, before coming up against Old Elthamians, although the result went against them on the day they showed heart and passion until the final whistle. In the 4 years the Academy has been in place it goes from strength to strength which is a credit to all those involved. We are seeing a

steady flow of players leaving the Academy and playing senior rugby on a Saturday throughout the club, long may this continue.

This season has also seen us look to bring back ladies rugby at Gravesend, towards the end of last year we was approached by a coach who was looking to set up a ladies team and was interested to know if Gravesend would be interested. Following this we embarked on a social media marketing plan to see if we could generate local interest for this. Just after Christmas a taster day was arrange to give an insight into what ladies rugby would be like, that day attracted 13+ players. From that day it has evolved to a level that the Gremlins were re-born and they played their first game on Easter Sunday against Old Brockleians, they played 12 a-side rugby and although they lost the game 17-33 they remain upbeat and continue to train through the summer months.

We would like to thank all the supporters who turn up to Rectory Field every week to support us no matter what the weather, plus those that travel with us to the away games you know who you are. It is much appreciated!!

Off-field a major project was undertaken by all the players over last summer to totally refurbish the Changing Rooms and the Gym. This involved knocking walls down, ripping floors up, blocking doors up, installing new ventilation system and new doors throughout. Moving the referee's room upstairs in the Gym. But to enable this to happen we had to remodel the area behind the stage in the main hall. During this off-season works have already started to improve the Physio Room. Many thanks to Richard Gagg and the Harlex Team in all the help they have given with these works over the summer and throughout the season.

Hope you all enjoy the summer, keep your eye on the club website and social media for next season's fixtures and pre-season friendlies.

Yours in Rugby

J.Percy.

(ii) Mini and Youth (Report via Brian Williams):

The Mini & Youth section have had a successful year overall ended with another successful Fun Day raising a significant amount to kick start next year.

With the support of our Coach Coordinators Andy Lewis and Gary Gray the Club has secured a number of RFU delivered courses as well as Continuous Match Official Development with the Kent Society of referees.

With the support of Academy Coach Charlie Cutting we have also developed a framework start for mini and youth rugby simply as a guideline for coaches to aid player development, engagement and therefore the mini and youth programme at GRFC. This is in addition to development plans for age group coaches again delivered and supported by our coach co-ordinators.

We also have assisted Kent rugby with the delivery of the Kent Youth Coach Award. All 5 sessions were held at Gravesend RFC with 19 candidates from clubs across Kent aged 14-17. It should be noted that only 2 of the Youth coaches have received notice that they will be sponsored by the RFU to complete an England Rugby Coaching Award (Level 2). One of these is Gravesend's only candidate Taylor-Rae Williams of the Gravesend Gremlins who has been assisting the U10 & U13's. The presentation event is at the end of May.



## **U5/6**

Great progress in the Micro's with fun and games and numbers increasing. 11 players

## **U7**

We have around 22 players, and competed well in all festivals attended.

## **U8**

10 registered players – good progression throughout the year.

## **U9**

38 players, some real talent in the side enjoying their first contact

## **U10**

36 players. Performed well this season. Good progress

## **U11**

42 players. Making great progress assisted by new coaches supporting current set-up

## **U12**

43 players – Made great progress this year and performed very well at the waterfall tournaments overall.

## **U13**

Kent Vase winner's 2<sup>nd</sup> year running

Kent 7s – A Team 3<sup>rd</sup> in Kent – B Team Kent Trophy Runner up

8 selected for Kent/Saracens DPP

Of note the Senior team post training food was supplied by the Spartans catering team made up of coaches and parents from this age group.

## **U14**

1 selected for Kent/Saracens DPP

A fantastic season ending fixture attended by many spectators under lights at the club against Medway was a great highlight for this age group.

## **U15**

For the U15's I can confirm that we ended the season with 19 registered players.

Unfortunately no successes to report in the Kent competitions, however the team turned a corner through the season really starting to play for each other and this showed with the last 3 games of the season all being won with the highlight being the flood lit game against Aylesford.

We have two players currently in the DPP squad.

## **U16**

GRFC U16 Reached Kent Cup Bowl semifinal, and Kent 7's plate semifinal, including a 3 tries to 1 victory over Sevenoaks which was a notable win.

The team won as many as they lost, and finished the season well with some good performances in the last three games of the season in a mixed U16/17 team showing good signs of things to come as they progress into the full academy set up next season.

The teams resilience, determination, and GRFC spirit came through again and the highlight was a 20-0 victory against Medway, following Medway's disappointing

decision earlier in the season to not match numbers and let us play the majority of a Kent Cup Pool game with 13, down to 12 and then 11 players and suffer a 43-0 drubbing, which was a tough mental barrier to overcome so early in the season.

Harry Tasker was selected for Kent.

### **ACADEMY:**

The Academy this year did ok ,we played 22 games and we won 10 and lost 12  
Average points per game 21.1 points for and 24.5 points against, we ended up with 25 players with 2 playing county rugby Luke Trigg and Ryan Hilles.

We came 4th in the Turbo Tens at start of season that was a great effort as we only had 10 players and only came 4th as we didn't want to play last game as we had some injuries.

We also came 4th in the u18's league and got some silverware for this.  
In the Kent colts cup Academy ended up runner up in the Plate.

Our biggest achievement was getting to the last 32 in the National Cup  
Academy player of the season was Andrew Cooke.

Academy young player of the season Euan Huckle who will be taking on the Captaincy next season.

Brian Williams  
Chairman, Mini & Youth Section

### **E. VP Life Member/nominations:**

The following persons have been nominated and approved by the outgoing committee.

Jason Owen	(Wheelchair Rugby);
Roger Gray	(Rugby – General);

The committee has approved and proposes that all Current Vice Presidents be re-elected.

In addition to which, I am pleased to say that following a written nomination, the Club Committee have also approved the proposal that Peter Barber be duly appointed as a Life Member of GRFC for the time and commitment that he has shown over the past 50 years.

The Committee also proposes that Mark Wadhams position as an Honorary Member remain.

### **F. The Committee (General) - 2018:**

As requested and agreed at the 2017 AGM a record of attendances at the monthly committee meetings has confirmed the following:

Mark Bruce (Chairman) – 10;  
Gordon McQuade (Treasurer) – 9;  
Ian Turnnidge (Secretary) - 10;

Graham Haggard -8;  
 Merve Allen (Cricket section Representative) - 2;  
 Mike Cubitt (President and Petanque Representative) - 9;  
 Damian Pender (Tennis section Representative) - 8;  
 Peter Barber (Rugby section Representative) - 11;  
 Jeff Moorey (Asst Secretary(Membership)) - 8;  
 Graham Russell - 9;  
 Graeme Trigg - 7;  
 Ian King (Bowls section Representative) - 11;  
 Stuart Prockter - 11;  
 Russell Turley - 6;  
 Simon Marks - 9;  
 Richard Hooper - 9;  
 Jerry Shelton (Vice Chairman)- 9;  
 Sean Barham - 7;  
 Brendan Kelly - 0;  
 Andrea Kitchener (Hockey section Representative) - 0;  
 Steve Weeks (Cycling section Representative) - 6;  
 Jason Owen (Wheelchair Rugby section Representative) -0;  
 Barry Andrews- 6;  
 John Moxham - 0;  
 Brian Williams (Mini & Youth section Representative)(; 2017) – 0 (Note – Teresa Gray attended 4 meetings in BW absence as M&Y Representative)  
 Garry Hodges – 5;  
 James Percy (DOR – Rugby) – 10;  
 Robert Bardell – 9;

Note: It was agreed and approved by the General Committee at the February 2019 meeting that General Committee Members need only attend 50% of the Monthly meetings to qualify for re-election.

In addition to which the Hon Secretary has also confirmed that on the basis that a written section report is submitted there is no need for section representatives to attend unless they wish to do so.

At the 2018 AGM the following persons were nominated and elected to stand in the following positions:

President: Mr Mike Cubitt;  
 Chairman: Mr Mark Bruce;  
 Secretary: Mr Ian Turnnidge;  
 Treasurer: Mr Gordon McQuade;

In addition to which the following persons were re-elected as general committee members:

1. Assistant Sec (Membership): Mr J. Moorey;
2. Mr S. Prockter;
3. Mr R. Turley;
4. Mr S. Marks;
5. Mr J. Moxham;
6. Mr G. Russell;
7. Mr R. Hooper;
8. Mr J. Shelton;
9. Mr S. Barham;

10. Mr G. Trigg;
11. Mr B. Kelly;

In addition to which Barry Andrews and Garry Hodges were also elected on to the General Committee.

Note: Mr Jerry Shelton was nominated by the committee and elected as the committee's Vice Chairman.

## **G. Officers and Committee Nominations – 2019;**

### **(i) Officers**

The following have confirmed that they are happy to stand as Officers for the forthcoming year, nomination forms have been completed and signed:

President: Mr Mike Cubitt;  
Chairman: Mr Mark Bruce;  
Secretary: Mr Ian Turnnidge;

Subject to membership approval it is proposed that the above Officers are re-elected into the current positions.

Over the last 2 years the position of Treasurer has been held by Gordon McQuade, who has worked extremely hard in attempting to understand our various and complex accounts structure.

Gordon stepped into the position following the thorough re-structuring of the Club officers in 2017. For various reasons, the most important being his own Health Gordon has decided that it is time to step aside from his post as treasurer and allow someone new to come in and up the reigns.

This is an extremely important position for the club and I am pleased to say that the current Rugby Treasurer Gerard Keenan has been nominated for the Officer post of Club Treasurer and has agreed to stand in that post in place of Gordon.

The Committee and Club would like to put on record a note of thanks for the hard work and commitment that Gordon has shown over the last 2 years and wishes Gordon good health for the future. Subject to any Objections from the membership it is therefore proposed and recommended by the Committee that our new Treasurer for the forthcoming year be Gerard Keenan.

### **(ii) General Committee:**

The following current General Committee Members have all confirmed that they are prepared to stand for a further 12 months:

1. Mr J. Moorey;
2. Mr S. Prockter;
3. Mr R. Turley;
4. Mr S. Marks;
5. Mr G. Russell;
6. Mr R. Hooper;
7. Mr J. Shelton (Vice Chairman);

8. Mr G. Trigg;
9. Mr. B. Andrews (International Ticket Secretary);
10. Mr Garry Hodges;
11. Graham Haggar (Immediate Past President);
12. Mr Robert Bardell

The following Committee members have all confirmed that they wish to stand down:

John Moxham, Sean Barham, Brendan Kelly;

Nomination forms for the following members have been received:

Tom Filmer;  
Joe Tomlin;  
Peter Barber;

The Committee Proposes that all current Committee Members identified above be re-elected and in addition Peter, Tom and Joe be elected on to the General Committee for the forthcoming year.

As a general note the posts of Vice Chairman, Membership Secretary and International Ticket Secretary, unlike the Officer Roles are not re-elected at this meeting but are matters for re-election and consideration by the forthcoming committee although it is of course hoped that for the sake of continuity all 3 posts will continue to be held by their current occupants, unless of course they wish to stand down.

In addition to which the Rugby Section currently has 2 persons to sit on General Committee and they are the Chairman of Rugby and the Director of Rugby. Again it is proposed that the position here remain.

Finally there does from time to time the need to rely upon a member whose expertise in certain areas is required for the ongoing interests of the business and there remains the opportunity within the Club Rules for any such member to be Co-opted on to the General Committee as a General Committee Member.

#### **H. Any Other Business:**

Questions via Rhys Edwards:

- No rules for the cards have been issued. Can you can we have an update on the cards;
- Do the cards deactivate a month after new subscriptions are due
- What happens to money on cards if somebody ceases to be a member
- How many members does the club have and how has this changed over the last 3/4 years and what can we learn from this