

Presidents welcome

Thank you all for taking the time to attend

For those we do not know me I'm Malcolm Osborne Club President and will be chairing the meeting tonight.

We have number of agenda items to get through plus we have 3 items that we have been notified of to cover under AOB

We will take questions as we go through rather than saving them to the end but if we need too I will defer and we will provide answers off line. Not that I'm expecting to need to do so but I've mentioned now just in case.

Agenda is as per those circulated, copies are on the tables along with the draft accounts and previous minutes

Steve Carter will provide a run through on the numbers in more detail so please have your questions ready for him as we get to that section.

EC Members here tonight to help run through and manage proceedings are

Tom Gaynor	Chairman
Colin Maloney.	Secretary
Steve Carter	Treasurer
Steve Jenkins	Director of Rugby

Apologies for absences have been received from

Tom Mills

Kathleen Digby

First item on the Agenda

To consider and approve (with or without amendment) the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.

Need to vote that we agree these are a fair representation of the previous meeting

All those in favour

Second Item on the agenda

To receive and approve a report from the Committee on the affairs of the Club since the previous Annual General meeting

2021/22 Season

Going to do this a double act and provide the report in two sections, on and off the park to cover the playing and non-playing side of the business

Will start with the non-playing side and Steve will give the playing side in a moment

1. Following Covid lock down and restrictions we successively got back to playing rugby at all levels across the club. Hugh effort from all coaches, team managers and players meaning lots of people were able to enjoy games on Saturdays and Sundays
2. The club house fully reopened and you will see from the financial report that despite having to close over the Christmas period and cancelation of several social events the bar turnover was only 15% below our 2020 level.
Big events that have been held but not yet in the accounts include Battle of Alton where we entertained approx. 500 people over a four day period as they camped out on Anstey park and use the club as their base for entrainment and a few events that have gone in the accounts held at the club by Exclusive Networks.
However re opening after covid has highlighted the importance of volunteers in running the clubhouse and the effect of having to pay staff rather than support from club members has reduced our profit margins
3. Several times through the pandemic volunteer support was requested in order to open the bar, as even paid staff were unavailable. This is not an Alton RFC specific problem but one faced by most of the clubs in Hampshire where people have

chosen to do other things with their time rather than volunteering. Having said that it is not true of the playing side where we have a healthy list of coaches, team managers and first aiders. The challenge has been the running of the business. As Tom said at last years AGM Volunteers are the life blood of a club and Alton are no different. As we move forward this year there will be a number of opportunities for people to step forward and will be encouraging everyone to do so.

4. The Club 5 year strategy was presented to a number of members via a Zoom call in May and while progress on developing and driving the plan has been slow due to the pandemic, we have the opportunity this coming year to quickly revamp as necessary, gain buy in from members and then drive forward.
5. This will include, Our centenary celebrations where we need to decide what and how we want to do to celebrate our 100 year anniversary.
6. Progress on pitch development has continued with Alton Town Council. The ball is now in our court as to how we want to present our thoughts back to them. It will require a subcommittee to drive. We will also need to include Clubhouse development to consider the way in which the club will be used in the future rather than how we have in the past. A saying to think about is what got us here and the last 100 years wont necessarily get us there, the next 100 years. We need to think about how we see our club of the future.
7. We continue to be sponsored by a number of companies and individuals, providing equipment, shirts and cash across all age groups which we are very grateful for. Gorillia Gin remained the main sponsor for Alton Silverback. And again the city Lunch organised by Rupert delivering a substantial cash input. Over the past 4 years the event has produced approx. £50k for the club. What I don't think we have done well, is recognise all our sponsors and shown them our appreciation and how much their input helps to deliver the best rugby experience possible.

Something that we need to change if we are to develop and expand our sponsors.

8. Our junior section continues to provide a fantastic experience for our younger club members, where enjoyment, not win all cost is the key. The smiles seen on a very wet presentation day said it all for me. For those of you who have not seen the mayhem that take place on a Sunday morning I suggest you pop down one day and see what a fantastic job is being done. Although the Junior chair stood down during the year and no replacement came forward, a special mention to Matt Arrowsmith for helping make the year so successful.

With that I will pass over to Steve to provide an update on the Playing side. Not to steel too much of his thunder but with the changes in the league structure that has taken place at the end of this season, Alton have now been promoted 5 years on the trot going from L12 to L7 (even if the last move was due to reorganisation)

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Pass you over to Steve for the playing side update

1XV

2XV

Ravans – Kathaline leaving + U18 ladies folded re build via U16s

Colts – Ash standing dow form Colts

Juniors – inc u15 cup and league winners

Any questions

Item 3 on the agenda

3 To receive and approve a Financial Statement for the preceding financial year
Steve Carter

Any questions

Item 4

To elect the Officers for the ensuing year.

For the President role I will hand over to. Colin to run and oversee the nomination and voting

1. Nominations received for President; Malcolm Osborne
Nominated By
Seconded By

As you are aware Tom Gaynor is standing down this year as Chairman. When he was appointed he said that he wanted to do the role for 5 years. With the pandemic this continued for a further 2 years making a total of 7 years in post. During this time he has xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I would like to thank him for all that has done for the club during this time. All his hard work and leadership has helped develop the club infrastructure and the way in which the club house is used and seen the Sliverbacks promoted from L12 to level 7 . Maybe he will join us on a trip to Jersey should they be included in our new league as we expect. At the Club Dinner in appreciation he was awarded a Red Tie for work above and beyon expectations

2. Nominations received for Chairman; Steve Jenkins
Nominated by Malcolm Osborne
Seconded by
3. Nominations received for Secretary; Colin Maloney
Nominated by
Seconded by

4. Treasurer. Steve Carter
Nominated by
Seconded by

Item 5 and 6

Election of Vice Presidents (VPs) / Confirmation of Honorary Members: No VPs were nominate for election at this AGM

Item 7.

Election of Committee Members: ARFC Club Rule 13.1 states that the Club's Executive Committee ("the EC") should also include a number of elected members.

The following people have been nominated to join the EC

1. Greg Beecham
2. Lewis Jones
3. Maxine Freedman Thompson
4. Eloise Shrimpton
5. Rupert Vitoria
6. John Ford
7. Ashley Hamer

Further members will be co opted as required during the season by the EC

Item 8

Where necessary in law or where the members require:

- 8.1 To appoint the Auditors for the ensuing year, or
- 8.2 To consider a resolution disapplying the provisions of the Act relating to the

9.Additions or Alterations to Club Rules: None proposed.

10. Any Other Business The AGM will consider relevant any other business of which due notice is given (or take this for consideration by the EC) as detailed under Club Rule 8.1.11.