

AGM MINUTES

Cadishead RhinosARLFC

9th January 2018 – 6:30 pm

In Attendance

Paul Elliott	Steve Guy	Linda Guy
Matty Lee	Bob Speakman	Marissa Chaplin
George Chaplin	Mike Heaton	Louise Evans
Ange Rittaller	Matty Taylor	Chris Timmins
Matty Sloan	Jack Sloan	Dave Burrows
Natalie Alanson	Duncan Brickhill	Simon Davies
Mark Woodfine	Billy (Photographer)	Daz Heaton
Paul Faulkner	Chris Wareing	George Chaplin

Opening of the Meeting

The Chairman opened the January 2018 Annual General Meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Horton, John Brookes and Brad White.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2017 were approved as a correct record.

Voting of Officials

The Secretary announced firstly the 2018 Committee must be voted in for the forthcoming year.

No nominations were put forward and the officials had offered to continue with their current roles. The posts were:

Chairman:	Steve Guy
Treasurer:	Linda Guy
Secretary:	Paul Elliott
Child Welfare Officer:	Linda Guy
Press Officer	Matty Lee

A vote was carried out which was unanimous.

The Club Secretary then went on to announce that it was with regret that the Vice Chairman, Bob Speakman, had made a decision to resign from his position within the Club and as a result a new Vice Chairman was required.

Before nominations were put forward the outgoing Vice Chairman added that his decision to resign had been a very hard one and after being with the club for over 8 years he felt that the Club had grown with the open age, Under 18's and Under 15's and Junior Section were thriving. It wasn't a decision taken lightly and he had enjoyed his time

in this position. He went on to state that he is not completely cutting all ties with the Club and will still be around. He then went on to nominate Matty Lee as Vice Chairman.

A vote was carried out and again this was unanimous.

Chairman's Report

The Chairman began by thanking all the committee, volunteers, coaches and players for their hard work throughout the 2017 season.

He went on to thank Bob Speakman who after many years of service as Vice Chair has decided to step down. The Club wish him all the best and hope he continues to support the Club.

After the fantastic news in 2016 regarding our new clubhouse, 2017 was a frustrating year with red tape regarding the build but finally in November everything was sorted, and the result can be seen by all.

The Junior section again goes from strength to strength and all age groups got plenty of playing time and the results are there to see. Well done to each and every one of you and long may it continue.

The open age season didn't get off well at the start of the season but with hard work from both players and coaches they turned their season around and produced some fine performances with the highlight of the season retaining the Simon Annis Cup. The great thing about the open age team is the number of young players turning out week after week. This will only make the team stronger and the results will come. Well done to all.

Finally, as the 2018 season will be soon upon us he informed everyone that the Club will be celebrating its 25-year birthday and the 10th anniversary of Simon Anni's tragedy. It goes without saying that it will be another exciting year with lots of events planned. This will be discussed later in the meeting.

On a sad note Liz Smith, one of the Club's founder members died just before Christmas and as a mark of respect asked everyone to join him in observing a minutes silence.

Once again, a big thank you to you all and best wishes for the 2018 season.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that the 2017 started off with a healthy £12,541 balance and closed with an £8,037 balance.

There had been plenty of sponsors coming forward to support each and every age group. Thank you to those sponsors who provided monies which helped to finance kits for all age groups.

Our largest expense after the kits was the hire of facilities for training to take place in the winter months. It is felt that this is an essential part of player development and team building. This in turn assists with the growth of the junior section and the future of the Club

The Simon Annis day, yet again proved to be a great success this year.

In terms of discipline the Club had received one fine all year, which is a great improvement from previous years.

Next season is going to be a learning curve for us all where we will be responsible for the running of our new club house and maintenance of our own pitches, which incidentally has already commenced and thank you to Mark Woodfine and his team for the sterling work carried out to date.

The Treasurer went on to thank everyone for their valued support of the Club and long may it continue.

Here's to 2018.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported that the Cadishead Rhinos had come a long way from the early days some 25 years ago which was a very different Club then. Monthly committee meetings were then introduced and the Club formed a vision to move from a Pub Team. We entered our first junior team 9 years ago. We have overcome a few obstacles along the way such as Salford City Leisure closing the Leisure Centre and the need for two pitches. A lot of hard work has been put in and we are getting close to this vision, moving from a Pub Team to a Medium Team

We have a very positive future ahead of us although it isn't going to be easy. We will have a new Clubhouse which comes with running costs etc. We are currently a non-profit making Club but we will have to be more commercially minded. We have grown a little too fast and we have had to put the brakes on at times. The vision for the next 10 years is that the Club could possibly double which in turn means there will be a need for more coaches, maybe a 3rd pitch and a bigger car park. He then went on to stress that we should make sure the Club is run better. He thanked the Committee for all the hard work they had put in over the last 12 months.

Child Welfare Report

The Child Welfare Officer (CWO) outlined that her contact details should be advertised in and around the Club, be it on posters or the club website in order to inform everyone who that person is should the need arise. Should anyone have any concerns in relation to Child Welfare they can discuss this in confidence with her.

There is a Safeguarding Policy and a Social Media Policy posted on the relevant sites for information.

Any Other Business

a. New Build Update

The Club Secretary announced that the new build was going well, and it is expected that handover could take place around the 9th March with a 1 month snagging timeframe. It is hoped the building can then be launched on the date the open age team play their first home game in April.

It was also stated that the roof would be going on this week and everything in on time and on budget. There will be 4 changing rooms, an office, laundry room and kitchen. Hopefully we should be up and running in April.

b. Buy a Brick

The Buy a Brick campaign is going well and it was reported that a deadline date would probably be set at the next committee meeting. The wall containing the brick slips has been identified and this will be inside the building.

c. 25 year Anniversay / 10 Simon Annis Day and Launch of the New Build celebrations

It was suggested that these could take place on the weekend of the 4th August and that we were open to ideas. The Club have three big events this year and would be looking to establish a small committee to organize these.

The following people agreed to take on the organizing of these events:

Matty Taylor / Chris Timmins (Simon Annis Day)

Bob Speakman / Natalie Allanson / Duncan Brickhill (25 year anniversary)

It was suggested that the open age presentation could be held at the same time as the 25 year anniversary.

Duncan Brickhill has agreed to head the organizing of this event.

d. Launch of the New Season

The 2018 season is now upon with the first U18's fixture taking place on the 27th January. The Open age have two friendlies and it is hoped that these will take place at Irlam and Cadishead College as we have no changing facilities as yet. It was announced that the U15's fixtures have recently been announced.

e. Subs Increase

It was suggested that in light of the forthcoming increase to the Clubs outgoings a motion be put forward to increase the monthly subs from £10 to £15. It was stressed that the Club had not increased monthly subs for 10 years. It was emphasized that the Club will always review this should individuals have genuine difficulties. After a lengthy discussion a motion was put forward and voted upon the increase the subs to £12.50 per month. A letter will be drafted for all coaches to distribute to parents informing them of the increase.

Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting will take place at Hamilton Davies Trust and will be held on the 12th February 2018 at 6:30pm