



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 1900 on  
Wednesday 6 July, 2022 held at Ellingham & Ringwood RFC**

Those present:

<b>President (*1)</b>	Richard Hornblow*
<b>Past Presidents</b>	N.J. Stone OBE, M. Glogg, P.Topham
<b>Vice Presidents</b>	J. Cloke, Dr S LeVoi
<b>Management Board (*7)</b>	J. Greenslade* (Executive Director), Dr. E. Neville* (Management Chair), R. Matthews*(Club Representative), W. Hausen* (Club Representative), P. Topham* (co-opted member), G. Self* (Game Development chair), T..Burwell* (RFU Council Representative), G. Leprohon (Administrative Officer)
<b>Member Clubs Represented (*2)</b>	Basingstoke*, Gosport & Fareham*
<b>Life Associates</b>	
<b>Individual Associates</b>	K. Johnston
<b>Club Representatives</b>	C. Budden, I. Brown, S. Jenkins, M. Rushworth,
<b>Others present</b>	A. Friend, A. Horton, B. Rhodes, D. Parker, G. Winch, G. Lewis, G. Williams, K Spencer, K. Walker J. Robertson, M. Osborne, R. Cobb, N Whittle, P. Tiller, S. Tiller, S. Mildenhall, S. Carkett, T. Bailey, N Feirn, C. Coffin, M. Coffin, S. Coffin, S. Barden, J. Whitehouse,
<b>Clubs by Proxy (*10)</b>	Guernsey*, Isle of Wight*, Kingsclere*, Romsey*, Southampton*, Tottonians*, Trojans*, US Portsmouth*, Ventnor*, Winchester*,
<b>Management Board by Proxy (*1)</b>	R. Showan*

\*Voting Members (21) (Quorum = 15)

The Executive Director read the Notice convening the meeting.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at Ellingham & Ringwood RFC  
on WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2022 at 1900

Hampshire President, Richard Hornblow read the following notice:

***Welcome and thank you for attending – reminder 1 club, 1 vote (Hampshire RFU member clubs only – (not associate clubs) + Management Board) –  
RH checked with JG that we had a quorum and that meeting could commence  
Quorate (15)***

The President then asked for remembrance for those in our Clubs and County Union who have passed away since our AGM in July 2021.

A minute's silence was taken following the reading of their names and clubs:

<b>2021-2022</b>		
<b>Tom Bell</b>	<b>Gosport &amp; Fareham RFC</b>	<b>Jul-21</b>
<b>Maurice (Morrie) Ridley</b>	<b>Havant</b>	<b>Aug-21</b>
<b>Graham Garrett</b>	<b>Alton</b>	<b>Aug-21</b>
<b>Ian ' queenie 'Griffiths</b>	<b>Portsmouth RFC</b>	<b>Aug-21</b>
<b>Dai Rees</b>	<b>Hook &amp; Odiham</b>	<b>Sep-21</b>
<b>Michael Walker</b>	<b>Ventnor</b>	<b>Sep-21</b>
<b>Chris Leaton</b>	<b>Wimborne</b>	<b>Sep-21</b>
<b>Nigel Campkin</b>	<b>Havant</b>	<b>Sep-21</b>
<b>David Lloyd</b>	<b>Gosport &amp; Fareham RFC</b>	<b>Oct-21</b>
<b>Jim Barrett</b>	<b>Gosport &amp; Fareham RFC</b>	<b>Oct-21</b>
<b>Ray Penrose</b>	<b>Havant</b>	<b>Jan-22</b>
<b>Steve Lamb</b>	<b>Rugby for heroes RFC</b>	<b>Jan-22</b>
<b>Merv Ringer</b>	<b>Ventnor RFC</b>	<b>Feb-22</b>
<b>Mike ( Dino ) Mulcahy</b>	<b>Millbrook RFC</b>	<b>Feb-22</b>
<b>Brian Spafford</b>	<b>Millbrook RFC</b>	<b>Feb-22</b>
<b>Bill (William) Davies</b>	<b>Eastleigh RFC / HRR</b>	<b>Feb-22</b>
<b>Chris Lynch</b>	<b>Trojans</b>	<b>Feb-22</b>
<b>Trevor Cobb</b>	<b>Bognor RFC</b>	<b>Mar-22</b>
<b>Colin Bretherton</b>	<b>Portsmouth RFC</b>	<b>Mar-22</b>
<b>Will Glancy</b>	<b>Petersfield RFC</b>	<b>Mar-22</b>
<b>Robin Howard</b>	<b>Alresford RFC</b>	<b>Mar-22</b>
<b>Declan English</b>	<b>Fawley RFC</b>	<b>May-22</b>
<b>Mike Davis</b>	<b>Ex US Portsmouth</b>	<b>May-22</b>
<b>Taff Hodges</b>	<b>Portsmouth RFC</b>	<b>May-22</b>
<b>Rita Kiernan</b>	<b>Basingstoke RFC</b>	<b>Mar-22</b>
<b>Martin Wheeler</b>	<b>Portsmouth RFC</b>	<b>June 22</b>

**Item 1** - Apologies for absence, no more were given on the night. Quite a number of apologies have been received and are reported below.

**Management Board**

R. Showan

**Past President**

L. Angel, J. Rees, R. Scott

<b>Vice Presidents</b>	A. Morgan, B. Jeavons-Fellows, D. Tilling, I. Lillington, N. C. Morgan P. Burton, R. V. Isaacs
<b>Member Clubs</b>	Alresford*, Alton*, Ellingham & Ringwood*, Fawley*, Fordingbridge*, Guernsey*, Isle of Wight*, Kingsclere*, Millbrook*, New Milton*, Romsey*, Sandown & Shanklin*, Trojans*, Tottonians*, US Portsmouth*, Winchester*, Ventnor*
<b>Associate Clubs</b>	none received
<b>Life Associates</b>	B. Ford, J. Parkhouse, M. Gill, P. Hannan
<b>Individual Associates</b>	D. Eveleigh, J. Taylor, M. Roberts, N. Creal, P Bailey, P. Grant, P. Fletcher, S. Appleby
<b>Other</b>	A. Pinkney, A. Roe, B. Beavan, D. Creal, D. Fry, G. Giles, H. Crowther, J. Frost, J. Ings, J. Morton, K. Leahy, L. Self, M. Mitchell, M. Northover, M. Ramsdale, N. Shoesmith, R. Thomas, S. Merrien, T. Foreman

## **Item 2 - TO CONSIDER AND, IF THOUGHT FIT, PASS AS SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS THESE AMENDMENTS AND ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES**

1: All Resolutions are proposed by the Management Board

2: Rule 7.6 states

‘All resolutions shall be decided by a simple majority vote, unless otherwise provided by these rules or the Act.’

And the Rules do so provide at Rule 10.1

All changes / additions in your booklet are in bold and italic.

### **RESOLUTION 1**

7.1 All General Meetings shall be held at such location within the geographical region of the Constituent Body as the Board may determine and any such meeting other than an Annual General meeting shall be called a Special General Meeting. ***If circumstances (e.g. Pandemic) do not allow for a physical meeting to be held then a virtual meeting may be held in place of it.***

### **RESOLUTION 2**

#### **18 REGISTERED OFFICE**

18.1 The registered office of the Constituent Body shall be at The County Office, Office ***1, Wentworth House, The Square, Wickham PO17 5JW*** or at such other location in England as the Board may from time to time otherwise determine.

### **RESOLUTION 3**

32 SCHEDULE OF DEFINITIONS (new additions)

***“Pandemic”*** means ***“an epidemic occurring worldwide, or over a very wide area, crossing international boundaries and usually affecting a large number of people”.***

**“Virtual”** means not physically existing as such but made by software to appear to do so.

#### **RESOLUTION 4**

The Board shall be empowered to make all consequential amendments to the Rules as may be necessary as a result of passing any or all of the foregoing proposed alterations or as may be required by the Financial Conduct

These resolutions Proposed by: Julie Greenslade  
Seconded by: Ed Neville

#### ***Votes in the room***

*For - 9*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -0*

#### ***Votes by proxy***

*For - 11*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -0*

**RH declared that all suggested amendments and alterations to the rules were agreed.**

**Item 3** - To consider and approve minutes of 2021 Hybrid AGM – They are published as Appendix 1 in the AGM report.

Hampshire President asked may I take them as read?

Proposer – Julie Greenslade

Seconder – Ed Neville

#### ***Votes in the room***

*For - 9*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -0*

#### ***Votes by proxy***

*For - 11*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -0*

**RH declared the AGM 2021 minutes as approved**

**Item 4** - To consider and approve the minutes of the 2021 Hybrid AFGM.

Hampshire President asked may I take them as read?

Proposer – Richard Hornblow

Seconder – Julie Greenslade

#### ***Votes in the room***

*For - 9*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -0*

### ***Votes by proxy***

*For - 11*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -0*

### **RH declared the AFGM 2021 minutes as approved**

### **Item 5 - To receive the Executive Director's Report.**

This appears in the Annual Report - The President invited the XD to summarise her Report:

Julie Greenslade the Executive Director then gave summary of her report.



Ex Director Report  
2022.docx

There were no questions regarding the Executive Directors report.

**Item 6 – To receive a Financial Report** – The President invited Board Chair Ed Neville to read the financial report, as Richard Showan was absent: -  
Dr Neville read the report

“I am shortly to complete my sixth year as Finance Chair, and I now feel as though I am beginning to have a better understanding of the financial situation as a whole, and of the financial workings of The RFU in particular! Once again, my thanks to my predecessor, Jed Stone, for his willingness, always, to offer help and advice, and my special thanks to our Executive Director, Julie Greenslade, and to members of The Board, for their support on all financial matters.

The final June 2021 Accounts showed a loss of £5,880 which was in line with budgeted expectations. This compared to the loss £5,452 for the previous year. As a result, our reserves decreased from £102,115 to £96,235. For the 2021-22 season we had budgeted for a small loss, bearing in mind the huge reduction in funding from the RFU following the pandemic. However, the financial outcome for the current year to June 2022 is indeed likely to see a further loss, although I think it will be less than the £7,000 loss which I thought likely at the beginning of the season. I currently estimate this year's loss to be around £3,000, which will clearly reduce our reserves still further to approximately £93,000.

Our “core funding” from The RFU has historically been just over £68,000 per annum for several years, but for season 2021/22, this was effectively cut to zero, although we received some other “targeted” funds, and monies remaining in the (COVID) “Immediate Support Fund” were “allowed” to be re-designated as LPR funding. However, the LPR fund for the current season was still only £17,000 compared to the £68,000 prior to the pandemic, a reduction of 74%, which has obviously had a significant and adverse effect on our spending on the “Local Rugby Plan” (LRP). We await news of LRP funding for the season 2022/23 season. There are some positives to report, in that we have received £12,500 for Age Grade County rugby, and we had contributions from parents and supporters which were unused because of the pandemic and which we have carried forward. Many thanks to all those who have made donations for Age Grade County Rugby. These are greatly appreciated. There is unlikely to be anything beyond minimal RFU funding for Senior County rugby in the immediate future.

I am hopeful that our administration costs will come in under budget (again) this year, and our Executive Director has initiated and overseen the move to smaller premises in Wickham, resulting in a substantial saving in rent. These costs are normally funded two-thirds by the RFU from the Core funding received and one-third by our Clubs and Associates, but the reduced funding from the RFU

will mean not only that we will be much less able to provide funding for the Local Rugby Plan (LRP, but also that our fixed costs of administration and of running the office at Wickham will, in part need to be funded from own Clubs, Associates and from our reserves, until the RFU funding returns to previous levels.

And so, in summary, my feelings are that we will end the year to June 2022 with a small current year deficit, although there are some uncertainties which might have an impact on this year's figures. The detailed report and final figures will be provided at The Financial AGM, of course, in November. As I said at last year's AGM, my aim from now on will be to have a balanced budget, but the unprecedented nature of the current situation may require us to provide further and unforeseen financial support, but at least we will still be doing so from a position of relative financial strength.

A final word of thanks to our clubs, particularly their Treasures, who have managed the Clubs' finances extremely well through a very difficult period, and I fear that the problems in financing the game at grass roots level are far from over, with the expected substantial increase in costs, particularly for energy and fuel and from the effects of inflation.

The President declared the Financial Report received, and there were no questions.

As in previous years, the President requested it minuted that he expresses his thanks and appreciation for the work of our Chair of Finance Richard Showan and our office team in managing our finances.

The President then introduced items 7 and 8

**Item 7 - To consider a resolution dis-applying the provisions of the Act relating to the obligation to appoint Auditors.**

The Management Board proposed that the Accounts for the year from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be subjected to an Accountant's Report and that the requirements for a full professional audit be dispensed with this year and in future years until reporting requirements dictate otherwise.

***Votes in the room***

*For - 9*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -0*

***Votes by proxy***

*For - 11*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -0*

**RH declared the proposal as passed.**

**Item 8 - To appoint the Reporting Accountants for 2021-2022.**

The Management Board recommended that Rothman Pantall LLP Eastleigh be (re-)appointed.

***Votes in the room***

*For - 9*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -0*

***Votes by proxy***

*For - 11*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -0*

**RH declared the proposal as passed.**

## **Item 9 -To elect the Management Board for 2022-23**

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The nominations are:

E. NEVILLE	President
G. SELF	Chair
R. D. HORNBLow	Deputy President
R.D. SHOWAN	Finance Chair
TBC	Club Development Chair
R. MATTHEWS	Game Development Chair

The President stated that as there were no other nominations so these appointments will stand.

We have two Club representative positions, and 2 nominations from our member clubs; namely

**Nick Whittle**, Havant RFC

Nominated by Julie Milford, Havant RFC

Seconded by Jonathan Mangnall, Havant RFC and the Management Board

### ***Votes in the room***

*For - 9*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -0*

### ***Votes by proxy***

*For - 11*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -1*

**Wayne Hausen**, Tottonians RFC

Nominated by Miles Northover, Tottonians RFC

Seconded by Stephen Hildon, Tottonians RFC and the Management Board

### ***Votes in the room***

*For - 8*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -1*

### ***Votes by proxy***

*For - 11*

*Against - 0*

*Abstentions -0*

**Following this vote *Nick Whittle and Wayne Hausen* will be in place for the club representative roles for the 2022-23 season. The President welcomed them to the Board.**

The following remain members of the Management Board:

T. BURWELL, as the elected RFU Representative  
Mrs J GREENSLADE, as the appointed Executive Director  
TBC, as the appointed Manager of Club Hampshire

**Item 10 - To hear any other matter for the consideration of the Management Board during the ensuing year but on which no voting will be allowed.**

The President then invited any-one who wished to raise any other matter from the floor to do so. There were no other matters raised, so the President thanked everyone again for attending.

The Annual General Meeting was closed at 19:33.

## **Item 11 – Presentation of Awards 2020 as these were not awarded due to Covid**

### **The Robbie Keast Awards 2020**

Robbie Keast, who had played for the County U15's, 16's and 17's; at the age of twenty-two and having just gained first class honours in Engineering at Warwick University, died in a road accident. His family and friends made a very generous donation to Hampshire Schools RFU which has enabled two awards to be made in his memory – one for U16's and one for U18's. The Awards are in recognition of commitment, dedication and to a player who shows true qualities of sportsmanship.

**Robbie's parents were unable to attend to present the Robbie Keast Awards but send their congratulations to both winners.**

***The Robbie Keast U16 Award 2020 goes to Ethan Thorn – Ethan was unable to be present.***

*Ethan has been instrumental in the U16's team performance this year providing great drive, enthusiasm and communication from his scrumhalf position. He is very coachable and has put considerable effort into building his positional knowledge and skills over the year. He demonstrated great team spirit and work ethics during squad training but also took the initiative to join all extra forward set piece sessions. This ensured his understanding of their objectives, together with when and how he would expect the ball to be presented. Ethan not only marshalled and drove the forwards, he released the backs at opportune moments making his decision making, a stand out, both in training and games. The Club Hampshire U16 Management and Coaching team have no doubts that he will progress further in the game and be a great ambassador for youth rugby pathway*

***The Robbie Keast U18 Award 2020 goes to Thomas Furtado Mills***

*Thomas Furtado Mills (Millsy) came to the County game late, he was first selected for the Under 17 squad. Although joining a well-established squad, his enthusiasm and infectious nature enabled him to quickly become a key team member. Unfortunately, the under 17s did not have any County games so Millsy was not able to demonstrate his full potential at this level. The lack of games did not deter him from putting maximum effort in to training. During training sessions, he listened closely to the coaching advice he was given and worked hard to incorporate it in to his game. Not only did Thomas work hard on his own game he actively encouraged other squad members to lift their game as well. During the under 18 season Millsy was finally able to represent the County on the field. An opportunity he took with both hands. On the field he was able to deliver his powerful go forward game whilst still motivating his team mates to give their best. His performance during these games earned him a call up to London and South East Divisional trials. Thomas is a player that fully embraced the County experience and is thoroughly deserving of the Robbie Keast award.*

*Thomas was unable to attend to receive the Trophy and Tankard as he is coaching rugby in Zimbabwe - but he sends these words*

*"I am very grateful to receive this recognition from Hampshire RFU and in memory to Robbie Keast. Thank you to the Keast family. I hope to do the award justice and would not be where I am today without the support from Mike Marchant and Ken Dowding".*

**The John Sneezeum U20 Captains Tankard 2020 – No Award**



### **Vice President awards 2020**

In addition to recommending that the current Vice Presidents continue in office, the Management Committee wished to nominate those named below

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**Kieran Spencer** for his service to Hampshire rugby as a Rugby Development Officer (RDO) and subsequently as Facility Development Executive, Kieran has enabled us to carry out our Hampshire programmes with our clubs and schools over many years. His assistance has been paramount to Hampshire RFU in liaising with our Hampshire clubs and schools.

**Gavin Williams** was our Area 2 Manager and supported Hampshire RFU over many years. His assistance was crucial in our AGP programme at Havant RFC and also during Covid.

### **County Badge awards 2020**

In recognition of their service to the Union, County Badges were awarded to:

**Andy Horton** for his long-standing contribution to Club Hampshire over the last 8 years as a team Physio. Sadly, for us Andy is now leaving Club Hampshire to devote more time to his family. He also therefore receives a leavers tankard.

### **Coaching awards 2020**

There are two categories for coaching awards

#### **Ebbs Memorial Award – Coach of the Year 2020**

**Peter Howells** - not able to attend

#### **Age Grade coach of the Year 2020**

**Scott Ashley**

### **Hampshire Volunteer awards 2020**

There are four categories for our own Volunteer awards

**Young person of the year 2020 – Camren Coffin** – awarded for taking the initiative at the time in 2020 and attending coaching courses and then putting it into practice by assisting to coach younger teams, which was gratefully received.

**Fundraiser of the Year 2020 – Aaron Beesley** – Aaron gives up a lot of his time to put on events to bring the rugby community together and support those that really need it. Not only does he give up his time for RAC but he also contributes a lot to his rugby club – Portsmouth RFC.

#### **Unsung Hero 2020 – joint award Jayne Walder / Brendan Treacey-**

**Jayne and Brendan were unable to be present – The awards were passed to a New Milton Rep**

*Whilst observing a specially arranged coaching session held at the club and delivered by London Irish DPP coaches for the U14/15 Age group, an innocuous collision happened. This resulted in a player being knocked to the floor. The quick observations and actions by Brendan and Jayne meant that that an ambulance was called and on the advice of the medical professionals at the other end of the phone, Brendan delivered mouth to mouth on two occasions. The quick actions and immediate care ensured Matthew did not receive any adverse long term side effects and that he was able to make a complete recovery. Brenda. The Ambulance and police arrived at the incident very promptly. Brendan and Jayne thoroughly deserve to be recognised for their wonderful efforts and post care support that they offered Matthew.*

**Administrator of the year award 2020– Andy Gay was unable to be present – the award was passed to an Alton Rep.**

*Andy is an ever-present volunteer for the Junior and Age Grade sections of the club. This year, interim fixture secretary for every squad, responsible for Headcase and concussion reporting, opens and sets up changing rooms, sets up pitches, organises external refs, meets and greets teams, new*

members, refs. Tidies the kit store far too regularly, takes all team kits to and from the laundry. Liaises with local schools to support their rugby initiatives. Organises the annual junior/Age Grade awards day. Andy has done this and Junior Secretary since his son joined the club nearly thirty years ago.

## Item 12 – Presentation of Awards 2022

The First Award is the **FMT Bunney Trophy** for the County Championship Player of the Year. This is awarded to **Liam Perkins – Liam was unable to be present so the award was passed to his club.**

*Liam plays his rugby at Worthing RFC and embodies the continued commitment and deep connection players feel towards representing Hampshire. Liam was a unanimous choice, both as skipper for this seasons County Championship campaign and given the outstanding way he led the side, he was also the clear choice for the FMT Bunney award.*

*After a 2-year break in the County Championship programme and with questions over its long-term future, it was heartening to see the level of commitment and enthusiasm displayed by all the players selected to represent Hampshire this season. Liam led the squad from the front with passion and great intelligence and was the driving force in pulling the squad together and motivating the side for training and especially for the two fixtures. This came to the fore most obviously for the long and challenging trip to Redruth, where Hampshire had to face a very strong Cornish side and their passionate army of spectators. Liam's performance in this fixture was outstanding and worthy of the man of the match award, in what was a losing cause.*

*Sean Shepherd and Ben Holt (both Havant RFC) were two players who featured prominently in the County Championship games, which was a shortened campaign due to the late withdrawal of Surrey from the pool stage, leaving us with only games against Kent and Cornwall. With both Counties being able to draw from club sides playing at much higher levels than Hampshire, the effort and commitment from Liam and the other players at the end of a long season cannot go unrecognised and is hugely appreciated by the County.*

*Liam is a credit to Hampshire Rugby and fully deserves the award of the FMT Bunney trophy for 2022*

## The Brian Short Memorial Trophy 2022 –

Brian Short, former County President, was an enthusiastic supporter of County youth rugby and wanted an annual award to go to a young Hampshire player who epitomised the spirit of Hampshire rugby: not necessarily the best player, but one who put in the effort and was a team player. I have great pleasure in announcing that this year's winner is **Camren Coffin.**

*Cameron has been a member of the County squads from U15 to U18. Playing at hooker, he was not necessarily first choice for the A's or B's and caused more discussions at selection than he realised. Bouncing between squads and starting XV's never changed Cameron's attitude or commitment. He was happy to be playing no matter what and always gave 100 percent when given the opportunity. Ever present at training and games, even when injured or not selected, he supported the team enthusiastically while taking on board advice about his own development. Cameron rightfully took his place as starting hooker in the last U18 match V Kent having lifted his game and forced his way to first choice.*

*He has shown commitment, enthusiasm and resilience though out his time with Hampshire and shown great spirit to bounce back from selection disappointment while listening to coaches and learning along the way.*

*Cameron epitomised the spirit of Hampshire rugby and a worthy winner of the Brian Short Memorial Trophy*

## **The Robbie Keast Awards**

Robbie Keast, who had played for the County U15's, 16's and 17's; at the age of twenty-two and having just gained first class honours in Engineering at Warwick University, died in a road accident. His family and friends made a very generous donation to Hampshire Schools RFU which has enabled two awards to be made in his memory – one for **U16's** and one for **U18's**. The Awards are in recognition of commitment, dedication and to a player who shows true qualities of sportsmanship.

***Robbie's parents usually attend our AGM to present these awards but are unable to be here this evening; they send their congratulations to both winners.***

**The Robbie Keast U16 Award 2022 goes to Reuben Cobb.**

*Reuben was part of the London Irish DPP for the majority of the U16 season. He was always very attentive and diligent in reviewing his own performance and asking for direction and feedback on how he could improve aspects of his play. In the fixtures against Sussex Reuben always showed his abrasiveness assertiveness and tenacity in the tackle and breakdown, Setting the tone for how we would like to play. He never stopped working hard for the team.*

*Reubens commitment to improving his performance led to him gaining opportunities to play in the PDG. He showed great resilience to return to DPP and continue to work on improving his game and developing his positional knowledge playing in the back row. He worked hard in every activity in every session.*

*Reuben learnt to jump in the lineout part way into the season and by the Hampshire campaign was a lead jumper in the forward pack. His willingness to learn and develop was evident when he really focused on making his areas for development his strengths, such as his lineout and his offloading. Reuben disclosed towards the end of the year that after every DPP session he'd been noting down feedback and any work-ons, make these a focus for next session. This reflective approach we believe is the reason Reuben began to stand out against other players later in the season. We wish him all the best in his next steps in rugby.*

**The Robbie Keast U18 Award goes to Jack Pawson**

*Jack Pawson has been a member of the County squad since U15. He has gone about his business quietly but effectively, making a physical impression on every game he played. Getting himself noticed on match day and in training he forcing his way into the A squad at U16 before leading the U18 as captain in our final two games. Jacks' confidence and self-belief has grown during this time, letting his game do the talking rather than drive the squad verbally. Although quiet natured, leading from the front his commitment at training and during matches shone through proving a beacon for the squad to rally round. Developing as Captain he actively engaged with coaches providing input and ideas during training while encouraged other squad members to lift their game. He was selected to London and South East Divisional trials. Jack has fully embraced the County experience, grown as player and as Captain throughout is thoroughly deserving of the Robbie Keast award.*

**The John Sneezeum U20 Captains Tankard – is awarded to Christopher CJ Feirn**

*(Christopher is UNABLE to attend tonight to receive the Captains Tankard so it was awarded to his father Nick who will pass it onto him)*

**Again, this season, our Hampshire clubs have enjoyed many successes and the following awards were presented: -**

**Tottonians** topped London 2 South West winning 16 of their 18 matches.

**Petersfield** came second in London 3 South West winning 18 of their 22 matches.

**Havant II** won the HAMPSHIRE Premiership with a perfect record winning all 22 of their matches & the 'NEWS' Challenge Trophy.

**Tottonians II** topped HAMPSHIRE 1, winning 14 of their 18 matches, & the 'ECHO' Cup.

**Havant III** topped HAMPSHIRE 2, winning all 20 of their matches & the 'PINNOCK' Cup

Winners of Hampshire Three – **Lymington Mariners** - winning 18 of their 22 matches.

Winners of Hampshire Four – **New Milton** - winning 15 of their 20 matches.

In recognition of their service to the Union, for 2022 we are awarding county badges to:

**Duncan Parker** for his long-standing contribution to the Hampshire Rugby as a Club Hampshire women's manager and coach.

**Rob Matthews**, for his role as Club Representative over the last 6 years. Rob has sat on the Game Development Committee and the Hampshire RFU Board as a Board member.

**Malcolm Osborne** for his great commitment to Club Hampshire, over many years in his role as an Age Group head coach.

**Shaun Mildenhall** for his many seasons as U13/U14 competitions co-ordinator.

**Laura Self** and **Arthur Rabjohn** were also awarded the County badge and will be presented with it at the first youth forum meeting in September.

### **Vice President awards 2022**

In addition to recommending that the current Vice Presidents continue in office, the Management Committee wishes to nominate those named below

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**Julie Greenslade** for her service to Hampshire rugby in the County Office.

**Fundraiser of the Year 2022 – James (Jimmy) Mroch** – ST. Jacques RFC – Jimmy was unable to be present and the award was posted to him.

Jimmy single-handedly raises sponsorship for the club by contacting local businesses and showing them the opportunities, they have to promote their services within community rugby.

He follows this up by designing the club's kit and equipment around the sponsorship packages he has agreed, selling sponsored events and actively promoting the club and their sponsors across multiple media channels.

### **Administrator of the year award 2022– Howard Neale**

When I moved to Ringwood in 1979 and started playing for Ellingham and Ringwood, our 1st XV back row forward, Howard Neale, was the club's secretary. And here we are today, 43 years later and Howard is still fulfilling this role to a very high standard.

Howard did have a few years off 'for good behaviour', back in the 1990's, but when his successor was elected as Chairman, the role became vacant with no-one prepared to take on the responsibility, so Howard stepped forward again and the rest is history.

When Howard first took on the role we were a small club playing on one pitch in the middle of the New Forest, with a cricket pavilion as a club house. We now have a three men's sides, a women's side and teams in every boys and girls age group. As you can imagine, this involves a considerable amount of administration and this is only managed as a result of Howard's organisational skills and

level of commitment.

In addition, Howard has seen the secretary's role evolve from the age of the quill pen through to today when everything is digital.

### **Unsung Hero 2022 – Paul Tiller - Eastleigh**

Paul is Chairman of the Junior club and has guided the club through the covid times, with the committee and he has gone above and beyond in the time devoted to it and to keep everyone safe and informed. We have reached out to the community by holding food bank collections and helping community groups within the lockdown by collecting and distributing donations. We have offered reduced subs to our members to help families through the tougher financial times and to make accessible for all. Paul has been a volunteer in the club for 15 years and was sold it as 'its only 2 hours a week on a Sunday' but he has done so much more over the years and has been the heart of the club for many years devoting many hours of his time keeping the wheels rolling and liaising with council who own our ground. He has worked with the committee in revising the club constitution to make it fit for the future and maintain our charity status so we can continue to be a community club and help individuals and groups in our areas. He is stepping down from his role this year as his son reaches the age to leave to seniors and the club will not be the same without him.

### **2022 U18 shields**

Division 1 Winner – Posted to Havant RFC

Division 2 Winner – Gosport & Fareham RFC – was awarded to the club at this AGM

Division 3 Winner – Posted to Bognor RFC

Division 4 Winner – Posted to Havant RFC

Division 5 Winner – Ellingham & Ringwood – was awarded to the club at this AGM

### **2022 U13 shields**

U13 Vase Winner – Petersfield RFC – was awarded to the club at this AGM

U13 Bowl Winner – Ellingham & Ringwood RFC – was awarded to the club at this AGM

### **Item 13 – Presentation of HONDA Volunteer Awards 2022**

The following person was not able to attend the HONDA award evening on 14<sup>th</sup> July so we made his awards at this AGM.

An award goes to **Ken Walker** of Southsea Nomads, nominated 11 times by his club members and in recognition of his tireless work over 44 years to establish a clubhouse and facilities for Southsea Nomads. Ken was awarded a framed certificate and beanie.

**Ken** was also put forward by Hampshire RFU as category winner for Unsung Hero. Ken was awarded a Backpack.

**Ken** was chosen by the RFU as our overall HONDA winner and national finalist and will be invited (with a plus one) to a day up at Twickenham. Ken was awarded a bottle of Bollinger.

### **The President then addressed all at the AGM...**

The last time I was at Ellingham & Ringwood was shortly before the pandemic. I was here to present an RFU club accreditation certificate, was well looked after and watched an enjoyable home win on Pitch 1.

It has been a unique term of office, not least because it has covered four years. The first 21 months

from 2018's AGM to March 2020 were pretty normal. Then came the pandemic for the rest of that season and practically the whole of the next one. In 2021, we started the return to rugby. My main recollections from this period of office can be summarised as follows:

- recovering my own enthusiasm for age group rugby simply by watching much more of it than I had for some time, being impressed by the numbers, the skill levels, the commitment on and off the field and the work put in by coaches and supporters;
- my continuing appreciation and high regard for the literally hundreds of volunteers and coaches in all our clubs at all levels and in all categories of our game;
- I have been pleased to see the expansion of the game despite Covid, especially the women's game, but at the same time have become increasingly concerned for the senior men's game and the difficulties of many clubs in trying to run only two sides where there used to be four or five; there are healthy exceptions and we should note what happens in those clubs, largely around the playing and coaching experience;
- the difficulty in men's playing numbers sits uncomfortably alongside the illogicality of the RFU reducing funding to counties and grass roots rugby as a percentage of its own revenues, whilst expecting those counties to deliver more and more every year. Expanding the game and meeting compliance issues requires greater resource, not less, in terms of both funds and manpower. The last two years have seen both go the other way.
- during the pandemic, there was a much more positive observation. When clubs' income had all but disappeared, it was fantastic and heart-warming to see the multitude of projects that our clubs put together for their communities. I talked about this at last year's AGM and it has been one of the most striking features during my period as President, and one which filled me with great pride. Rugby people are magnificent. And generous. If the RFU wants examples of diversity being embraced by our game, they need only look at some of those community projects. The beneficiaries are more diverse than our players though.

And so four years have flown by and it is time to move on. I have been involved in Club or County committee work since 1987. Having that culminate in serving Hampshire as its President has been a privilege and a real honour, for which I thank you most humbly.

Your Board has improved and relocated the office functions, reduced costs, improved communication and provided as much as possible with severely reduced funds. Competitions will be interesting this year – my thanks and admiration go to that sub-committee, who can never please everybody and are following guidelines from the RFU in defining our offerings for next season.

When you hand over the Presidential reins, you want a successor who will be what you hoped to be yourself, or better. Someone, ideally, who has made a positive difference in every aspect of their life, at home, at work, in the community and in our game - a real achiever but with a measured approach and sound judgement. Well, these are rare animals, but we're in luck! Your man has already given years to Portsmouth and Hampshire Rugby, most recently for Hampshire as Board Chair for the last four years. He has also already received a lifetime achievement award in London today for a stellar medical career. To give you his inaugural thoughts and then close the meeting, please welcome your new President, Dr Ed Neville.

### ***Ed Neville – 'Incoming Presidents Speech'***

Ed Neville introduced himself to all present. He gave a brief history of his life and time with Hampshire RFU along with several anecdotes. He stated he was honoured by the position and is looking forward to his term as president.

Meeting closed at — 20:20