

**MINUTE OF BRIEFING MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH RUGBY COUNCIL
HELD BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
AT 5.30PM ON TUESDAY 19 JULY 2021**

Present:

Ian Barr	(IB)	President
Colin Rigby	(CR)	Vice-President
Alistair Forsyth	(AB)	Borders Representative
Bobby Frazer	(BF)	National 3 Representative
Bob Richmond	(BR)	North Regional Representative
Eric Hugh	(EH)	National 2 Representative
Gerry Tosh	(GTo)	National 1 Representative
Gordon Thomson	(GT)	Premiership Representative
Jim O'Neill	(JON)	Glasgow South Regional Representative
John Halliday	(JH)	Co-opted Representative (Rugby Europe)
Ian Rankin	(IR)	Co-Opted Representative (URC)
Jonathan Anderson	(JA)	Schools Representative
Kenneth Knott	(KK)	Referees Representative
Malcolm Offord	(MO)	Scottish Exiles Representative
Murdo Gillanders	(MG)	Edinburgh Regional Representative
Rosy Hume	(RHu)	Women's Representative
Willie Gardner	(WG)	Glasgow North Regional Representative

Apologies:

Hazel Swankie	(HS)	Midlands Representative
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1. Introduction**ACTION**

The President noted a quorum was present and opened the Meeting at 5.30pm.

Apologies were received from the Midlands Representative.

2. Proposed Structure

The President noted that the Standing Committee on Governance (SCOG) had met the day before the Council Meeting and had reviewed the feedback received from Council Members on the previous proposal presented.

The President highlighted that in light of that feedback a number of alternations had been made.

It was discussed that SCOG were now of the unanimous view that Council should review the updated proposal ahead of consultation with Members.

The President highlighted that the proposal should be seen as a starting point for consultation and would change as feedback was received during consultation.

The Council reviewed the updated structure, and the President highlighted the changes made from the previous version and outlined the rationale for those changes.

During discussion, the following points were noted:

- **[REDACTED COMMERCIALY SENSITIVE]**

The Council endorsed the proposed structure as a starting point for consultation with the Membership.

The President confirmed the Council would be made aware when the proposed structure was to be released to the Membership.

3. AGM Update

The President provided the Council with an update on the hosting of the 2021 AGM. The following points were noted:

- Although Scottish Government restrictions now allowed for an event of up to 400 people to be held indoors, Scottish Rugby had to be led by the medical and health and safety advice in the hosting of such Meeting.
- The need for the motions to be discussed in person was highlighted by a number of Council Members.
- Alternative hosting options were discussed by the Council Members.
- It was agreed that the President would discuss the matter with the Threat Management Group to gather feedback on the hosting of the event. The view of the Chief Medical Officer particularly would be sought. The President would then make a decision on the hosting of the AGM.

The Council would be updated following that decision of the President.

4. Request Received from Selkirk RFC

The Vice-President thanked the Council Members for their response to his email regarding the request received from Selkirk RFC.

He confirmed that the Council had agreed that the request should be rejected on the basis that the Council were satisfied that their original decision in respect of the 2021/22 season structure was the correct one.

The Vice-President confirmed he would communicate the outcome to Selkirk RFC and provide Selkirk RFC with the rationale for the decision.

5. AOB

With all business concluded, the President closed the Meeting at 7pm.

Date of next meeting: 14 August 2021

APPROVED 16 AUGUST 2021

