

## **Minutes of the 122nd Annual General Meeting of Whitley Bay Rockcliff RFC.**

(Held in the Clubhouse on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2009, 8.00pm.)

**Present:** Mr M. Page in the chair with J. McGee as secretary along with 26 other members.

### **Apologies for absence.**

D. Hill. C. Robson. E. Fletcher, D. Hayton Hollie Fletcher, Hattie Fletcher, Max Fletcher, D Fletcher, R Fletcher,.

Mr M. Page opened the meeting and thanked members present for attending the meeting.

### **Notice of Meeting.**

The notice convening the 122<sup>nd</sup> AGM was taken as read.

### **Minutes of the AGM for the year 2007/2008.**

The minutes of the 121<sup>st</sup> AGM held on Thursday 5th June 2008, which had been previously circulated to all members, were duly approved and accepted unanimously.

### **Independent Examiners Report on the affairs of the club for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.**

John McGee read out a report from Chris Robson of Ryecroft Glenton on the club's accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008.

.All present wished to record their thanks to Chris Robson and his colleagues at Ryecroft Glenton for their work in preparing the Independent Examiners report and for their advice and support during the year.

### **General Committee Report for the year 2008/2009.**

The committee's report for the year 2008/2009 year was distributed to all members present and taken as read.

The General Committee Report was then proposed to, and adopted, by the meeting.

### **Financial Report for the year 2008/2009.**

The club treasurer Bill Reynolds presented draft accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

He highlighted that whilst the level of bar taking was some £6,000 less than the previous year, due to a overall reduction in staff wages and the good work of Peter Merchant and his team, the next bar profit figure was similar to 2008.

During the year the club has not received any revenue funding from the County and accordingly an overall loss for the year of almost £6,000 was reported.

Bill emphasised that all sections of the club must work hard at improving our financial performance during the coming season.

Acceptance of the financial report was then proposed and agreed by all present, together with a vote of thanks to Bill for the work undertaken by him during the year.

### **Recommendation for the expansion of the general committee.**

The meeting agreed to accept the recommendation that the chairs of mini and midi rugby, girls and female rugby and touch rugby are to be added to the membership of the General Committee.

The meeting also agreed that the position of ICT manager be created and appointed to the General Committee.

### **Election of Officers and General Committee members.**

The meeting agreed to the election of Officers and Committee members for the 2009-2010 season as set out in the notice of the meeting.

### **Subscriptions for the 2009 / 2010 season.**

It was agreed to maintain the present levels of subscription and the conditions related to prompt payment of these.

It was agreed to encourage members to pay their annual subscriptions by standing orders.

All members of the club were urged to pay their subscription in a timely manner and officers of the club were asked to ensure that measures were taken to ensure that non payers were followed up effectively.

## **Transfer of the assets and undertaking of the club to Whitley Bay Rockcliff Rugby Football Club Ltd.**

It was agreed that the officers of the club be given the powers to undertake this transfer during the 2009 /2010 season. It was agreed that the date of transfer be finalised once all the administrative procedures required have been set up and completed and the necessary professional advice received.

## **AOB.**

### **Club development plan 2009 to 2013.**

Lawrence Fletcher made a presentation of the progress made in achieving the goals set out in the club development plan. Lawrence highlighted the areas of club activity that the officers and members needed to focus on during the coming season

All present wished to thank Lawrence for his ongoing work on the club development plan and expressed their willingness to support delivery of the plan.

### **Shared responsibility for the successful operation of the club.**

Scott Carruthers requested that all officers and members take ownership of their responsibilities for the successful running of the club and not leave individual members to act in isolation.

### **First general committee meeting of the 2009/2010 season.**

The date and time of the first general committee meeting of the new season is to be advised to all concerned once a date is fixed.