

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Saturday 2nd June 2007**

The meeting commenced at 13.00hrs there being the following present:

D Gershlick, M Watts, T Brownsell, E Hitchman, D Connell, M Harber, L Lennon, L Fourie, A Doyle, N Foley, D Hayes, R Haugie, R Nunez, R Swanerpoel, D Hempel, T Middleton, JP Cremin, A Whittaker

Apologies for absence had been received from:

D Daly, C Williams, B Edwards, V Graham, C Jenkins, S Smith, M Wood, R May, T Gilbride, S Choglay, T Connor, J Hurst.

1. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3rd June 2006 were taken as read.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of the Treasurer the Secretary presented the attached financial report and accounts for the year ended 30th April 2007. It was proposed and seconded that the accounts be adopted and this was agreed unanimously.

3. **Director of Rugby's Report**

M Harber reported that following on from last season this had again been a very successful playing season.

The spirit had again been fantastic and although the 1st XV didn't achieve promotion this season they had been well led and coached and reached the quarter final of the Middlesex Bowl competition and the semi-finals of both the Hendon Sevens and the Middlesex Club Sevens. In the last game of the season they had won the Middlesex North Group Floodlit Cup by beating Mill Hill in the final.

Playing results for all 1st team games were Played 32 Won 17 Lost 12 Drawn 3 with Points For at 637 and Against at 552. There were lessons to be learned from the losses because the critical ones occurred in a block either at the beginning of the season or just after the New Year/Christmas break.

The 2nd XV in their first season of Merit Table rugby had come second in their division and reached the divisional Cup Final. They had now been promoted two divisions and so next year would be tough. He was sure though that we have the players to succeed.

Playing results for 2nd XV games were Played 23 Won 12 Lost 11 Points For 395 Points and Against 552.

He thanked in particular coach Lucky Fourie and Captains Tommy Middleton and Brian Gilbride, who had been well supported by Laurence Lennon.

For next season the players meeting had selected Tommy Middleton to remain as 1st XV Captain. Lucky Fourie would continue as Head Coach with support from Nick Lovett and Evan Hitchman, who would support Danny Hayes, the new captain of the 2nd XV. Players would be notified of the dates for Summer Sevens rugby and the start of training.

Laurence Lennon would concentrate on creating a 3rd Xv with the objective of them playing Merit Table rugby in 2008-9.

4. **President's Report**

The President reiterated M Harber's comments and thanks on the playing side and wished the coaches and teams well for the forthcoming season which would again be tough but which they had the capability to make another successful one.

He thanked the Committee and thanked those members, particularly Laurence Lennon, David Connell and Evan Hitchman, who had come forward last year and had so successfully taken on much of the day to day management of the Club with the better financial results speaking for themselves. Their contribution was being recognized at a Middlesex Dinner for key club volunteers in June.

5. **Subscriptions**

It was agreed that there should be no change to annual subscription rates for the forthcoming season. The Playing management would take a decision later on the level of the weekly subscription.

6. **Appointments**

The following Committee appointments were agreed unanimously:

President	D Gershlick
Deputy President	Laurence Lennon
Chairman	M Watts
Secretary	T Brownsell
Treasurer	V Graham
Fixture Secretary	C Silver
Director of Rugby	M Harber
Bar Secretary	Dave Connell
House Secretary	Dave Connell
Membership Secretary	Evan Hitchman
Ladies Secretary	Nominations required
Social & Fund Raising Secretary	J Ryan - Fund Raising and Danny Hayes - Social
Chairman, Disciplinary Committee	To be filled by one of the Club Officers as necessary
Press & Records Secretary	David Gershlick

7. **3 Year Plan and Recruitment**

Laurence Lennon made a brief presentation on progress against the 3 year plan and it was noted that much had been achieved ahead of schedule or were in progress. The main outstanding item is the Clubhouse Lease where negotiations are proceeding very slowly with the Council. We have professional support and as soon as anything meaningful happens the members would be informed.

Laurence Lennon then reported on the RFU Go Play Rugby national advertising campaign to boost player recruitment. We had signed up and were to be provided with material to distribute locally.

A small committee, chaired by Danny Hayes, was now working on plans so that we grasped this opportunity. Initial ideas included Touch Rugby through the Summer in Hendon Park and perhaps a finals family day at the Club; a better website; forging a proper link with Middlesex University; players taking responsibility for leafleting their 'home' area; ensuring that the first contact with a potential recruit was positive and was followed up and that the individual was looked after properly in his first weeks at the club.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 13.55hrs.

Minutes Prepared by : T E Brownsell Hon Secretary