



Hendon RUGBY

President David Gershlick

Annual General Meeting - Hendon Rugby Football Club Ltd

Saturday 26th May 2012

The meeting commenced at 12:15 with the following present:

L McEneny, JP Cremin, M Blake, T Gilbride, P Julian, F Meehan, B O'Regan, D Connolly, L Murphy, A Sheehan, S Choglay, H Vicente, R May, G Cooper, S Smith, D Gershlick, K Okoko, D Connell, N Foley, M Watts.

Apologies for absence were received from:

T Connor, D Hayes, M Kupczak, J Brown, L Lennon, J Abrahams, C Towndrow, T Brownsell, I Lyall, J Fone, K Gent, R Bloodworth, C Williams, M Shea, M Harber, JP Shanahan, P Connolly, J Connolly.

Minutes

1. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 4th June 2011 were taken as read.

Treasurer's Report

2. D Connell presented the club accounts. In summary, the club has less income compared to the previous season but outgoings were also reduced leading to a small profit for the current season.
3. Income from annual subscriptions has increased but only 30 players paid in full for the past season. This represent around 50% of those regularly playing for the club which indicates a lack of commitment from some players.
4. The bar income fell from £13,140 to £5,198 as significantly fewer events were run this season.
5. It was suggested that funding physiotherapy and rehabilitation equipment would be an appropriate use of the £370 raised for A Kelly who has since relocated abroad.
6. The club also thanked G Cooper for his continued generosity in the RFU Grand Draw.
7. The accounts were unanimously accepted.

Director of Rugby's Report

8. D Connell presented a report on behalf of M Harber.

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9. The 1st XV played 25 games in the season, winning 7, losing 16 and drawing 2. 4 wins and 1 draw were league games. They scored 499 points while 706 were scored against. The top try scorer was B O'Regan (13 tries) and JP Cremin has the most appearances (26). The 2nd XV played 20 games in the season, winning 2 and losing 20. They scored 192 points while 646 were scored against.
10. The 1st XV only won 1 game from the first 10 highlighting the need to get pre-season right this summer. There also needs to be better commitment from players with attendance at training and communicating availability being weak-points.
11. B O'Regan echoed M Harber's remarks and pointed out punctuality was also poor. He also said that dates for a players' meeting and pre-season training would be announced shortly.
12. B O'Regan also said recruitment needed to be a key priority during the summer. A Sheehan and B O'Regan would coordinate this activity. GAA clubs and Middlesex University (especially as Trent Park is closing) were suggested as good recruitment spots.
13. D Gershlick and S Smith pointed out the Middlesex Rugby bus is available for any recruitment events the club might want to run.
14. In addition, S Smith reminded those present that the club's youth section and Middlesex bus would be at the RAF Museum in Colindale for a Barnet community day on 7th and 8th July. Adult players could also be recruited at this event.
15. N Foley said the club was looking at bus shelter and tube station advertising with the help of C Palmer.
16. N Foley described how touch rugby is a summer initiative of the RFU and that it would run all summer at the club on Wednesday evenings. This would keep social players active until the season starts and also offer a good welcome to any new players recruited over the summer.
17. N Foley explained that the club is hosting a new occasional rugby team called the BX Barbarians from John Lewis in Brent Cross so some players may elect to play with Hendon when their side is without a fixture. They will also join us for touch rugby over the summer and training when it starts.
18. H Vicente said he was looking to organise touch rugby on weekends at locations other than Cophall (such as local parks) with the aim of attracting new players.

President's Report

19. D Gershlick congratulated H Vicente and his team on reaching the final of the Jug competition at the Middlesex Sevens.
20. He also thanked both captains for leading their respective teams and said it was important that players give them their full support for the next season.
21. The club will mark its 80th anniversary and the 100th birthday of founder member Geoff Cooper with a *Founders Dinner* on Saturday 13th October 2012 at the Crown hotel in Cricklewood.

22. The partnership with John Lewis is a promising development which will lead to another team playing and contributing to the club while also giving the club opportunities with and exposure to a major local business.
23. Saracens expect to be in a renovated Cophall Stadium by February 2013 and play 6 games there in the coming season. The incoming committee will look at ways to capitalise on the footfall from Premiership games. Saracens are already using our clubhouse for youth rugby events. The club is also considering an offer to use the old floodlights from Cophall at the club, subject to installation costs and planning consent.
24. The president thanked those involved with re-establishing a youth section, in particular JP Cremin and A Sheehan. The club is working with Middlesex and Saracens to keep the momentum up. Whitefield School, Cricklewood will adopt rugby as their winter sport for the next academic year and are keen to work with Hendon to develop youth rugby. The club still needs to rekindle its links with St. James and also approach more local schools.
25. The president noted that L Lennon would be moving north during the summer and so the club would be losing a highly regarded former player and Deputy President who had contributed a huge amount to the club. Those present thanked him and wish him and his family well. D Connell also put on record L Lennon's thanks to the club for making his time here so rewarding.
26. D Gershlick thanked F Meehan for cooking on match days and said her food always attracted positive comments. He also thanked those who had helped stock and run the bar under the stewardship of L Lennon.

Membership

27. The proposed rates of subscriptions were discussed.
28. A higher weekly subscription (e.g. £10) for players who haven't paid their annual subscription was suggested but this would be logistically challenging and potentially lead to some gaming of the subscription fees.
29. N Foley said he had approached some suppliers about getting good quality club kit and he wanted to appoint someone to manage this aspect of the club. P Julian agreed to take this on.
30. The membership rates for the 2012/2013 season were set at:

Playing Member	£60	Committee Member	£50 (£60 if playing member)
Vice President	£50	Life Vice President	£350 (one-off payment)
Social Member	£10	Junior Member	£10 (under 19 on 1 st Sept)

Officers of the Club and Management Committee

31. The following committee was proposed and accepted

Club Officers			
President	D Gershlick	Chairman	M Watts
Treasurer	D Connell	Secretary	N Foley

Management Committee			
Director of Rugby	M Harber	Bar Chairman	JP Cremin
House Secretary	M Watts	Membership Secretary	Team Captains
Social Secretary	F Meehan	Player Registrar	T Gilbride
Fixture Secretary	C Silver	Safeguarding Officer	N Foley
Youth Secretary	M Shea	Merchandise Manager	P Julian
Medical Officer	S Smith		
Fundraising & Sponsorship Committee			
Sponsorship Manager	Vacant	Fundraising Managers	G Cooper J Ryan

32. N Foley thanked those members who had put themselves forward to take vacant positions on committee and join in the running of the club.

Any Other Business (AOB)

33. G Cooper enquired what level of support the club received from local press. D Gershlick said that they regularly published 1st team match reports.
34. S Choglay asked whether the club had a list of sponsorship packages for those interested in supporting the club. D Connell said such a list was being prepared.
35. B O'Regan pointed out the hedgerow needed to be cut back. N Foley said this was planned for by Barnet.
36. B O'Regan suggested the website needed to be revamped. N Foley said he was looking at this with M Shea over the summer. However, the website lacked photos, videos and 2nd team match reports which needed to be contributed by those on the sideline. This is to keep the site fresh and interesting. On a related point, B O'Regan said the club should be better at taking team photographs to add to the club's history on the clubhouse walls.
37. B O'Regan asked that security of the clubhouse be improved given incidents of theft during the past season. He also requested better control of who holds keys.
38. B O'Regan suggested that the signage of the club be improved and the club consider getting some large (A1/A0 size) posters printed.
39. F Meehan said that the level of cleanliness in the clubhouse needed to be improved especially if it is hoped to attract new players and members. JP Cremin made a similar point and suggested getting players involved in sprucing up the clubhouse where necessary. N Foley said this should be discussed by the bar and clubhouse committee members.
40. There being no other business the chairman concluded the meeting at 14:00.

Minutes prepared by N Foley.