



# Hendon RUGBY

**President** David Gershlick

## **Annual General Meeting - Hendon Rugby Football Club Ltd**

Saturday 7th June 2014

The meeting commenced at 15:00 with the following present:

T Gilbride, D Connell, D Gershlick, N Foley, D Hayes, D Wilson, M Watts, M Harber, M Symonds, D Lynch, D Cooper, A Power, L Murphy, M Blake, B O'Regan, R Walsh, G O'Donoghue, A Sheehan, K Moriarty, J Cremin

Apologies for absence were received from:

T Brownsell, J Abraham, J Fone, K Gent, C Williams, C Towndrow, C Byrne, C Palmer, T Connor, L Linale, F O'Regan, R Steel

## **Minutes**

1. The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were taken as read.

## **Treasurer's Report**

2. D Connell presented the club accounts. Income for the season increased from £53,774 to £80,783. Total expenditure for the season also increased from £56,151 to £79,338. Overall the club made a small profit of £1,445 for the season in contrast to the previous season which concluded with a loss of £2,377.
3. The biggest increase in income and expenditure arose from the bar which is now much busier on Hendon and Saracens match days and also hosting private events for members.
4. Car parking on Saracens match days is also an important revenue stream has funded the hire of Allianz Park for training on Wednesday evenings.
5. Annual subscriptions from players were similar to last season (£1,995 compared to £1,920) with a pattern of non-payment from some members. Of the 56 players who played 4 games or more this season, 22 haven't paid any annual subs.
6. Several new Life Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents joined during the season which almost tripled the non-player subscriptions from £1,140 to £3,228.
7. Thanks were also extended to the following for their generous donations to the club.
  - a. £1,000 from founder member Geoff Cooper to the youth section,
  - b. £500 from the Sir Maurice Hatter Foundation to match funding from the RFU, and
  - c. £400 from Mr. Keith Gent for the youth section and club improvements.

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## **Director of Rugby's Report**

8. M Harber reported that both teams finished mid table in their leagues.
9. It was a tale of two halves for the 1st team, who lost 8 out of their 9 first games in the season but then went on to win 11 of the following 15. He identified the partnership with Middlesex University and training at Allianz Park as the two main reasons for the change in fortune. The 2nd team performed well in a difficult league with some close losses.
10. 114 players played for the club this season yet both teams struggled for players all season. Only 50% played 4 or more games. Recruiting and retaining new players continues to be a challenge.
11. M Harber and the captains also highlighted the difficulties in selecting teams when players won't acknowledge text messages or cry-off with little notice. Players must communicate their availability in a timely manner.
12. At a players meeting on 3rd May, G O'Donoghue was elected 1<sup>st</sup> team captain and D Cooper was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> team captain. A Sheehan will be Team Manager for the 2nd team and ensure weekly subs are collected as successfully as they are in the 1st team.
13. Unfortunately C Palmer is not able to commit to coaching the club next season due to work commitments. A sub-committee consisting M Harber, D Connell, B O'Regan and both captains was formed to identify a new coach.
14. The President thanked M Harber for this work as Director of Rugby and this was endorsed by all those present.

## **President's Report**

15. D Gershlick explained that for the coming season Herts/Middlesex 2 would be absorbing the remaining teams in Herts/Middlesex 3 resulting in a league of 14 teams. Each team will play each other once and then in January, the top 6 will enter a mini league for 2 promotion spots to Herts/Middlesex 1. The remaining teams will play in a cup competition based around 2 pools of 4.
16. The President thanked JP Cremin, and all those involved in running the bar. It is great to see increased revenue but he also noted the need to focus on profit margins.
17. He thanked R Steel for securing £500 from the RFU RugbyForce scheme.
18. The hire of Allianz Park is funded by income from the car park. However, very few players assist at the club on Saracens match days. Unless more players step up and volunteer on match days then the car parking may not continue and in turn, funding for training in Allianz Park will dry up.
19. The President expressed his thanks to the committee and other volunteers for giving their time, expertise and energy over the past twelve months.

## Membership

20. The proposed rates of membership subscriptions were discussed and the following rates set for the 2014/2015 season:

Playing Member	£75 <sup>a</sup>	Committee Member	£50 (unless playing member)
Student Member	£35 <sup>b</sup>	Life Vice President	£350 (one-off payment)
Vice President	£50	Junior Member	£10 (under 19 on 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept)
Social Member	£20		

a. Players who pay in full by the end of October will receive a free polo shirt, after which it will cost £10 to purchase.

b. This may be further reduced in individual circumstances at the discretion of the committee.

## Officers of the Club and Management Committee

21. The following committee was proposed and accepted

<b>Club Officers</b>			
President	D Gershlick	Chairman	M Watts
Treasurer	D Connell	Secretary	N Foley
<b>Management Committee</b>			
Director of Rugby	M Harber	House Secretary	R Steel
Fixture Secretary	C Silver	Bar Secretary	J Cremin
Player Registrar	T Gilbride	Social Secretary	K Moriarty
Membership Secretary	R Walsh	Schools Liaison Officer	M Symonds
Youth Chairman	L Donohoe	Medical Officer	S Smith
Safeguarding Officer	N Foley	Fundraising Managers	G Cooper / J Ryan
Intl Ticket Secretary	T Brownsell		

22. N Foley said that the club always needed volunteers and that anyone wishing to take on a role or contribute should speak to anyone on the committee.

## Any Other Business (AOB)

23. There being no other business the chairman concluded the meeting at 17:00.