

Peterborough Rugby Union Football Club Ltd.

Annual General Meeting Minutes

24th. June 2005

Present:

E. Hein, P.Elmer, D. Bath, B Woolley, P.Gardner, N. Cook, P. Southern, N. Coupland, V. Rollins, M. Pearce, T. McClure, S. Throne, E. Widdess, S. Ball, P. Templeman, M. Proud, N. Coles, P. Cook, R. Woolley, A. Thompson, J. Burpitt, N. Pretsell, P. Hydes, R. Morley, A. Bennett, P. Freeman, D. Brudnell, S. Pretsell, P. Goodley, A. Battison, J. Pretsell, J. Burpitt, J. Beaumont, B. Morley, A. Ray, P. Brudnell, P. Kolakowski, R. McIntyre.

Apologies:

J. Westcombe, P. Shaw, E. Dowding, R. Gibney, D. Watkins, D. Fountain, R. Hay, T. Davies, J. Davies, A. Duffield, D. Uys, W. Jonker, P. Smith, A. Crowson, M. Royal, A. Widdess, T. Meston.

Minutes of the 80th AGM:

The minutes of the 2004 AGM were not available at the meeting. The 2004 AGM minutes will be posted on the club notice board.

Chairman's Report:

Acceptance of report was proposed D. Bath and seconded P. Gardner. - Carried unanimously.

D. Bath proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his hard work for club. - Carried unanimously.

Club Captain's Report:

Neil Pretsell confirmed a good season and good club spirit. Hopes of promotion next season.

Treasurer's Report:

Another good year resulting in a £9,000 surplus. Increase in income from bar takings and lettings had been the major contributors. Thanks to Vic Rollins for collecting match fees.

Adoption of accounts. Proposed P. Elmer. Seconded D. Bath. Carried unanimously. A vote of thanks was passed to Brian Woolley in his second year as treasurer.

Appointment of Auditors:

Rawlinsons were proposed P. Elmer. Seconded P. Gardner. Carried unanimously.

Election of Principal Officers:

The following Officers were elected unopposed:

Officer	Name	Proposed	Seconded
President	E. Hein.	P. Elmer	D. Bath
Chairman	P. Elmer	E. Hein	D. Bath
Vice Chairman	D. Bath	P. Elmer	E. Hein
Secretary	P. Gardner	E. Hein	D. Bath
Treasurer	B. Woolley	E. Hein	D. Bath

Election of Other Officers:

The following officers were elected unopposed

Officer	Name	Proposed	Seconded
House Chair	N. Cook.	P. Elmer	P. Gardner
Social Chair	M. Royal	N. Coupland	R. Morley
Playing Chair	P. Freeman	D. Uys	P. Cook
Sponsorship Chair	B. Morley	A. Duffield	P. Freeman
Club Captain	t.b.a.		
Head Coach	D. Uys	P. Freeman	W Jonker
1xv Coach	W. Jonker	D. Uys	P. Freeman
1 st XV Captain	P. Cook	P. Brudnell	D. Uys
1 st XV V/Captain	P. Kolakowski	R. Woolley	N.Cook
1 st XV Team Manager	R. McIntyre	P. Freeman	R. Woolley

2 nd XV Captain	T. Meston	D. Uys	M. Royal
2 nd XV V/Captain	A. Ray	T. Meston	M. Royal
2 nd XV Team Manager	M. Royal	P. Freeman	D. Uys
3 rd XV Captain	t.b.a.		
3 rd XV V/Captain	t.b.a.		
4 th XV Captain	B. Sargeant	P. Freeman	A. Bennett
4 th XV V/Captain	A. Bennett	P. Freeman	R. Morley
Juggers Captain	P. Hydes	R. John	D. Clark
Colts Captain	t.b.a.		
Colts Coach	J. Humphreys	P. Crooks	P. Smith
Colts Manger	P. Crooks	J. Humphreys	P. Smith
Colts Admin	P. Smith	P. Crooks	J. Humphreys
Fixtures Secretary	M. Proud	P. Freeman	D. Uys
Match & Refs Sec.	P. Freeman	M. Proud	R. McIntyre
Membership Sec	J. Beaumont	B. Morley	P. Freeman
Vice President Sec	E. Hein	P.Elmer	P. Gardner
Assistant Treasurer (Match Fees)	V. Rollins	B. Woolley	P. Freeman
Assistant Treasurer (Sponsorship)	D. Beecham	A. Duffield	B. Morley
H&P CRU Rep	P. Gardner	P. Elmer	P.Freeman

Appointed Officers

Minutes Secretary	H. Bath.
Child Protection	M. Proud
Bar Supervisor	N. Savage
Crossbar Editor	t.b.a.
200 Club	N. Pretsell.
Bar Steward	I. Handley
Club Physio	S. Fagan
International Tickets	P. Shaw

Election of Other Officers - Ratification of Womens and Mini & Junior Committees:

These officers are detailed in the minutes of the Ladies and the Mini & Junior Sections AGMs respectively.

Proposed P. Elmer Seconded D. Bath. Carried unanimously.

Membership Subscriptions:

It was unanimously agreed that subscriptions and match fees should remain unchanged for 2005/06

Proposals - Community Amateur Sports Club:

David Bath proposed that the Rules of the Club be amended to allow registration as a Community Amateur Sports Club. J. Beaumont raised a concern that removing the ability to pay players might obstruct our promotion prospects in the future. It was pointed out that there would be mechanisms that we could employ to allow payment of players at a 1st XV level should that be required in the future. Seconded by P. Gardner. Carried unanimously.

Proposals - Extra Match Fee:

Paul Gardner proposed that an extra match fee be imposed on those members who have not paid their membership subscriptions after October 1st, in an attempt to improve membership subscriptions payments.

After some debate, the meeting decided change the proposal to enforcing the existing selection procedure of not selecting players who have not paid their membership subscriptions after October 1st. The meeting also decided to give four weeks grace in paying their membership subscription to all new starters. Proposed by R. Morley, seconded by P. Gardner. Carried unanimously.

The meeting also requested the committee to investigate the possibility of paying membership subscriptions via direct debit.

Proposals – House Chair position be a compensated position

Bruce Morley proposed that the House Chair position become a compensated position. Phil Elmer stated that this would be a matter for the Management Committee to discuss and it would be tabled at the next management meeting.

Any Other Business:

Alistair Bennett requested information regarding the future development plans.

Q. How long does the club have on its current lease?

A. Approximately 20 years but we are currently negotiating to increase it to 40 years.

Q. What plans are there in place to re-develop the club, whether that be at Fengate or elsewhere?

A. There are no plans to develop the club anywhere other than at Fengate and a programme to update the 5-year plan has just been started.

Q. Have the membership been consulted about these plans? Are they available for viewing, and will the membership be consulted with regard to what facilities they would like to see included in the club?

A. As we have only just started the update they are not available for viewing yet. Members have been requested to supply their views and they will be considered as part of the programme.

Q. What finances does the club have, or need to raise to carry out any such development?

A. We will be able to answer that question when we know the detail of the plan.

Q. If plans are in place, have any plans been put to tender to carry out any such work?

A. The work for the Stands to be carried out in August has been placed. No other work has been put out to tender.

Q. Has the management considered, discussed, or asked the view of the membership of the club, about any option to re-locate the club to the available land at the former Pearl Assurance facility at Woodlands in Castor?

A. Yes we have considered the premises – There is a very large building which would require substantial expenditure to maintain. We understand the premises have now been sold.

Q. If and when any decisions are made, how is it intended to convey these to the membership?

A. By any and all appropriate means – notice board, crossbar, website, direct communication.

Martin Pearce requested that each team be given one chance per year to play on the main pitch. David Bath stated that this would be accommodated as far as possible, whilst ensuring that the pitch remains in good condition for our league and cup commitments.

Meeting closed 9pm.

Following the meeting:

- a. Norman Coles asked the committee to look for a replacement Groundsman to be in place during the coming season.
- b. Circuit training will take place on Wednesday evenings from 21st July
- c. Sat 20th August – away to Kettering
- d. Tue 23rd August – Internal Trial
- e. Thur 25th August – home to Wisbech

