

**Peterborough Rugby Union Football Club Ltd.**

**Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**23rd. June 2006**

**Present:**

E.Hein, P. Elmer, P. Gardner, D. Bath, B. Woolley, F Talbot, J Sothmann, D. Keane, D. King, T. McClure, N. McClure, D. Harrison, N. Jeffcoate, I. McKay, S. Throne, S.Ball, N. Cook, N. Pretsell, J. Pretsell, M. Rain, P. Heron, S. Heron, V. Rollins, J. Humphrey, M. Pearce, P. Freeman, W. Jonker, C.Estall.

**Apologies:**

D. Watkins, N.Hamilton, D. Beecham, P. Shaw, J. Westcombe, E. Dowding, A. Battison, R. Hay, P. Stiles, E. Emerton, P. Cook, J. Burpitt, J. Williams, B. Morley.

**Minutes of the 81st AGM:**

Acceptance of the minutes of the 2005 AGM was proposed by D. Bath and seconded by E. Hein. – Carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Report:**

Acceptance of the Chairman's report was proposed by D. Bath and seconded by 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:**

Club Captain, Neil Pretsell, confirmed a good season and continuing good club spirit.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Another good year resulting in another 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 was proposed by P. Elmer and seconded by D. Bath - Carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was passed to Brian Woolley in his third year as treasurer.

### **Appointment of Auditors:**

Rawlinsons were proposed by P. Elmer, Seconded by B. Woolley - 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. Gardner	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
Rugby Chair	P. Freeman	P. Gardner	E. Hein
Playing Selection Chair	B. Sargeant	P. Freeman	J. Humphrey
Sponsorship Chair	D. Beecham	P. Gardner	S. Throne
Club Captain	N. Pretsell	P. Freeman	M. Pearce
Director of Coaching	D. Uys	P. Freeman	D. King
1xv Coach	W. Jonker	P. Freeman	J. Humphrey
1 <sup>st</sup> XV Captain	P. Cook	P. Freeman	N. Cook
1 <sup>st</sup> XV V/Captain	t.b.a.		
1 <sup>st</sup> XV Team Manager	t.b.a.		
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV Captain	B. Crooks	P. Freeman	J. Humphrey
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV V/Captain	S. Sargeant	P. Freeman	J. Humphrey
2 <sup>nd</sup> XV Team Manager	tba		

3 <sup>rd</sup> XV Captain	t.b.a.		
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV V/Captain	t.b.a.		
4 <sup>th</sup> XV Captain	B. Sargeant	P. Freeman	F. Talbot
Juggers Captain	F. Talbot	T. McClure	S. Throne
Colts Captain	t.b.a.		
Colts Coach	J. Humphrey	S. Throne	J. Williams
	T. McClure	S. Throne	J. Williams
	S. Throne	J. Humphrey	T. McClure
	J. Williams	J. Humphrey	T. McClure
Colts Manager	M. Pearce	J. Humphrey	T. McClure
Colts Admin	N. Shorland	J. Humphrey	T. McClure
Public Relations Officer	N. Cook	P. Gardner	E. Hein
	S. Ball	P. Gardner	D. King
Fixtures Secretary	M. Proud	P. Freeman	T. McClure
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	V. Rollins	B. Woolley	P. Freeman
(Match Fees)			
Assistant Treasurer	D. Beecham	A. Duffield	B. Morley
(Sponsorship)			
H&P CRU Rep	P. Gardner	P. Elmer	P. Freeman

### **Election of Other Officers - Ratification of Women's and Mini & Junior Committees:**

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

Proposed by P. Elmer and seconded by 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, in an attempt to improve membership subscriptions payments.

After some debate, the meeting decided to change the proposal to enforcing the existing selection procedure of not selecting players who have not paid their membership subscriptions after October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.**