

## **Minutes of the Broughton Park Football Club Annual General Meeting Part II (2011/2012) and Annual General Meeting Part I (2012/13)**

**Wednesday 8 May 2013**

**Present:** Alan Bramhall (in the Chair), Alan Marsland (President), Alan McGown (Vice-president), Rob Loveday (Hon. Secretary) Jim Rochford (Treasurer), Adrian Curtis (Minutes) and 27 other members whose names are recorded on the official attendance sheet. (The meeting was quorate.)

**Apologies:** John Clifford, Hilary Curtis, Steve Elliott, Barry Jackson, Russ Jenkins, Dave Pilkington, Dave Poppitt, John Shuttleworth, Alan Speakman, Phil Sutcliffe

### **Presentation and adoption of the balance sheets for the year ended March 31<sup>st</sup> 2012**

Jim Rochford presented the accounts for 2011-12. He drew attention to a number of factors, in particular the deficit for the year of £32,330 and stressed the necessity to generate increased revenue and/or reduce expenditure. He drew attention to the fact only the Minis and Juniors were operating with their means, thanks not least to the number of volunteers involved in their activities. **Adoption of the accounts** was proposed (Adrian Curtis), seconded (Alan McGown) and carried unanimously.

### **Chairman's Report**

Alan Bramhall presented a detailed report on the 2012-13 season. (A copy is available on the club website.) The following points were highlighted:

- It had been a very successful playing season, particularly for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV who had gained promotion. The victory over eventual champions Warrington had been very impressive and specially pleasing. But attendances had been disappointing given the quality of rugby being played.
- Thanks were due to all the team managers and coaches. Particular thanks were extended to Phil Sutcliffe for his support for all teams in the role of Team Manager.
- Players in the lower sides were encouraged to make themselves available to play at a higher level on occasion if requested.
- There would be a gap of several years before players from the junior section would be of an age to be considered for selection for senior teams. This made the maintenance of links with the Universities, particularly MMU, vital as a potential source of players.
- The management of the bar by Rob Jones and Kit Brammer had proved very successful.
- It had been disappointing that the development of pitches 2 and 3 had been delayed, but work

would begin immediately after the Manchester 7s tournament.

- Proposals for developments of the sports facilities at Hough End presented exciting opportunities for the club, working in co-operation with the City Council and other sports clubs.
- Special thanks were extended to Gillian Harrison and Christine Barber for their efforts on the club's behalf.

### **Captains' Reports**

1<sup>st</sup> XV: Dave Hanby highlighted the achievement of promotion and the good quality of rugby that had been played.

2<sup>nd</sup> XV: Lewis Johnson mentioned that the necessity to provide players for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV had led to some inconsistency in performance in what had generally been a good season.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> XVs: Del Trotter, on behalf of both teams, congratulated the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XVs on their seasons. He noted that the 3<sup>rd</sup> XV should strictly have been relegated at the end of the previous season, but a rearrangement meant that they had remained in a league of what proved to be too high a standard, resulting in relegation. Problems encountered during the season had been players not responding to requests to play or to pay their subscriptions. He commented on what he described as the 'take-take' attitude of some players who expected facilities to be available but who were not willing to give anything back. He appealed for greater club-wide team spirit and willingness to become involved so that the club could evolve. On a more positive note, he reported that the tour to Madrid in March had been a great success with generous hospitality from the hosts. It was hoped that this link could develop.

5<sup>th</sup> XV: Kevin O'Brien reported that the 5ths had won their league and gained promotion. They had also fulfilled fixtures for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> teams. He noted that some players might be lost to the club if they were put under pressure to play for a higher team.

Jason Duffy (Head Coach) reported that a structure was being looked at which would, it was hoped, encourage a 'one club' attitude, and plans were in place to introduce this.

### **Life Membership Proposal**

Lyn Morgan thanked the outgoing President, Alan Marsland, for his two years' service in that capacity noting that he had actually played for the club during his presidency. Lyn proposed (seconded by Barry Allen) that Alan be elected to Life Membership. This was carried by applause. Alan thanked those present and confirmed that he had found it a privilege to be the President of Broughton Park.

### **Elections**

The following officers and committee members had been nominated in advance and were elected for

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2012-13.

### **Officers**

President: Alan McGown  
Vice President: Dave Pilkington  
Chairman: Alan Bramhall  
Vice-chairman: Dave Poppitt  
Secretary: Rob Loveday  
Assistant Sec: Adrian Curtis  
Treasurer: Jim Rochford  
Assistant Treas:  
Director of Rugby Mark Lloyd  
Lancs County Rep: [NB a replacement is needed for Barry Allen]  
Referees Soc. Rep: Ged Stone  
1<sup>st</sup> XV Captain:  
1<sup>st</sup> XV Vice Captain:  
Membership Sec: Alan Marsland  
250 Club Sec: Christine Barber  
Website Manager:

Other positions remain to be filled later.

### **Committees**

[Alan Bramhall reported that, as a result of discussions in the Management Committee, the role and constitution of some of the sub-committees was to be reconsidered, hence the lack of some nominations

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prior to the AGM.]

Membership: Alan Marsland, all team captains

Selection:

Sponsorship & Social:

House: Barry Allen, Dave Rodgers (Snr), Dennis Sutcliffe

Coaching:

Finance: Rob Loveday, Dave Poppitt, Bill Seddon,

Ground: Adrian Curtis (pending discussion of remit)

Match:

### **Other business**

Two matters were highlighted which arose from issues which had been raised during the meeting.

1. Several members referred to the importance of communication, particularly in terms of indicating what volunteers were needed and what would be the expectations. The possibility of the membership form having a space to indicate any particular skills which might be of use to the club was mentioned.
2. Bill Seddon urged that the proposed reconsideration of roles and committees should be put in hand as a matter of urgency.