

Minutes of the Broughton Park Football Club Annual General Meeting Part I (2014/15)

Tuesday 5th May 2015

Present: Dave Poppitt (in the Chair), Alan McGown (President), Rob Loveday (Hon. Secretary) Jim Rochford (Treasurer), Adrian Curtis (Minutes) and 29 other members whose names are recorded on the attendance sheet. (The quorum for the AGM is 25.)

Apologies: Jason Duffy, Alan Marsland, Neil Parkin

[It was noted that **Annual General Meeting Part II (2013/2014)** and presentation and adoption of the balance sheets for the year ended March 31st 2014 could not yet take place. See below.]

Chairman's Report

Dave Poppitt commented on his period as Chairman since September 2014, when he took over in difficult circumstances. He highlighted the following points:

- The vital role of volunteers, especially Barry Allen, Alan McGown, Dave Rodgers Snr and Dennis Sutcliffe.
- The contribution of team coaches, under the direction of Mark Lloyd who deserved special thanks.
- The support of staff (Gillian Harrison and Joyce McWalter), with special mention of the contribution of Christine Barber.
- Re. Finance, the Club's issues with Griffin Leisure are currently *sub judice*; there has been an improvement in bar takings but lettings of the clubhouse and of the all-weather pitch have been adversely affected by austerity and local competition; subscription income was down; lettings of the car park are being pursued.
- [At this point the Treasurer was invited to add comments on the financial situation: the accounts could not be presented because of delays in the provision of necessary information about the bar accounts by Griffin Leisure - a special meeting will be needed; the Business Plan which has been prepared shows a deficit, so new income streams are needed; potential opportunities include links with the GAA; sponsorship is needed across the Club.]
- Issues regarding the pitches are being taken up with Souters, the contractors.
- The Club had managed to field 5 senior sides throughout the season.
- The Youth section continued to expand and was looking forward to the forthcoming tour to Blackpool; special thanks were extended to Pippa Ranson, Dave Pilkington and Rob Loveday.
- Important future events included the Club's participation in the Manchester Day Parade, and the Rugby World Cup with the visit of the Uruguay team. Thanks were again due to Pippa Ranson for highlighting RWC2015.

Captains'/Teams' Reports

5th XV: Del Trotter reported that it had been a difficult season due to lack of players and the fact that those available were often social players; he was not sure that it was possible to maintain a 5th XV. There was not always support from other teams being willing to make players available, and there were not enough clubmen willing to play where required.

4th XV: no report

3rd XV: Mike Baumber (with Matt Larsen) reported that the season had been a battle, and the team had been lucky to finish 5th. The loss of Alan Marsland's input was noted. On one occasion, the clubhouse and equipment container had been locked when players arrived. There had been problems with player availability, and students had often made up a good proportion of the team, though some had moved to Glossop. The 3rd XV too had been adversely affected by the lack of movement of players, in particular 4th team players being unwilling to move up.

[There was some general discussion over the problem of lack of player-movement which had been highlighted in the reports of the 5th and 3rd XVs. Among points raised were:

- The desirability of a list of available players from whom captains might select in order.
- The problem created by late indications of availability and late selection.
- The role of the Selection Committee. Bryn Morgan noted that there used to be team secretaries who could liaise over player availability, but this was no longer the case. Ideally, team captains should be attending a selection meeting on Tuesdays evenings..
- It was important that the Club's Constitution be upheld with regard to player movement.

Bill Seddon indicated that he and Rob Loveday, as Club Trustees, would speak to Kevin O'Brien and then call a meeting of captains. The meeting welcomed this suggestion.]

2nd XV: Matt Raybould reported that spirits had been good despite the season ending with relegation.

1st XV: Dave Hanby reported that, after some problems, things had improved towards the end of the season, with a better attitude among the players. The team had finished in mid-table. It was hoped that most players would be retained for next season.

Proposals

1. The Chairman noted that the Club Constitution limited the term of the Presidency to two years. He proposed that this time-limit be removed. It was suggested from the floor, and agreed, that any extension beyond two years should thereafter be reviewed annually.

Proposal: That the time- limit on the term of office of President be removed from the Club Constitution, but that extensions to the term of office should be considered annually at the AGM. (Proposed: Dave Poppitt; Seconded Dave Rodgers; Agreed unanimously.)

2. The Chairman also proposed the establishment of a President's Fund for the entertainment of visiting officials, noting that whereas this was the case in some clubs, hitherto the cost of entertainment at BPFC had fallen on the President, and could involve a considerable outlay.

Proposal: That a President's entertainment Fund be established. (Proposed: Dave Poppitt; Seconded Del Trotter; Agreed unanimously.)

Elections to Life Membership

The Chairman proposed that **Mark Lloyd** and **Alan McGown** be elected to Life Membership in recognition of their outstanding service to the Club. The proposals were agreed unanimously and endorsed by the applause of those present.

Election of Officers for 2015-16

President:	Alan McGown	(Prop: G. Harrison; Sec: A.Marsland)
*Vice-president:		
Chairman:	Dave Poppitt	(Prop: M. Raybould; Sec: G. Harrison)
Vice-chairs:	Christine Barber	(Prop: M. Raybould; Sec: G. Harrison)
	Alan McGown	(Prop: G. Harrison; Sec: D. Pilkington)
Secretary:	Rob Loveday	(Prop: Alan McGown; Sec: D. Pilkington)
Assistant Sec:	Adrian Curtis	(Prop: H.Curtis; Sec: J. Shuttleworth)
Treasurer:	Jim Rochford	(Prop: A. Curtis; Sec: D. Poppitt)
*Asst Treasurer:		
Lancs County Rep:	John Heald	(Prop: D. Poppitt; Sec: A. Curtis)
1 st XV Captain:	Paddy O'Donnell	(Prop: D. Hanby; Sec: D. Rodgers)
1 st XV Vice Captain:	Warren Duffy	(Prop: A. Titeloye; Sec: C. Barber)
2 nd XV Captain:	Matt Raybould	(Prop: N. Parkin; Sec: R. Wood)
3 rd XV Captain:	Matt Larsen	(Prop: M. Baumber; Sec: A. Curtis)
*4 th XV Captain:		
*5 th XV Captain:		
*Press & Publicity Sec.:		
Membership Secs:	Alan Marsland	(Prop: A. G. Harrison; Sec: A. McGown)
	Dave Hanby	(Prop: P. Ranson; Sec: M. Raybould)
Asst Membership Sec:	Warren Duffy	(Prop: J. Duffy; Sec: M. Raybould)
*Fixture Sec:		
*Team Sec:		
250 Club Sec:	Christine Barber	(Prop: A Curtis; Sec: D. Poppitt)
Website Manager:	Dave Hanby	(Prop: T. Booth; Sec: M. Raybould)
*Lancashire Rep:		

*No nominations were received for these posts.

Committees

The following were proposed as members of the committees indicated:

Coaching:	Mark Lloyd (Director of Rugby; Jon Beardmore (2 nd XV)
Finance:	The Executive
Membership:	Membership Secretaries and Assistant Secretary
Selection:	Bryn Morgan (Chair); Mark Lloyd; Neil Parkin; Alan Marsland; Team Captains and Coaches
House:	Dave Rodgers Snr (Chair); Barry Allen; Dennis Sutcliffe

There was some discussion of the roles of Press and Publicity Secretary and the Sponsorship Committee. Tom Booth indicated that several people were needed to undertake the range of tasks involved. It was

suggested that a list of what is needed is required, and should be submitted to the Management Committee which was the appropriate place for such matters to be discussed. Tom agreed to move things forward with regard to a group working on sponsorship opportunities. It was suggested that Tom be invited to the Finance committee. The desirability of co-ordinating the use of social media for communication was noted, as was the use of the Club's website. The importance of publicising the Club's presence in the immediate localities was stressed.

Rob Loveday expressed the thanks of the Club to Dave Poppitt for his willingness to take over the chairmanship at what had been a difficult time for the Club. This was warmly endorsed.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed. [The Chairman subsequently requested Adrian Curtis to append a note thanking him for preparing the Minutes!]