

# **Minutes of the Broughton Park Football Club Annual General Meeting Part I (2016/17)**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Present:** Dave Poppitt and Jim Rochford (outgoing and incoming Chairmen), Alan McGown and Bryn Morgan (outgoing and incoming Presidents), Rob Loveday (Hon. Secretary), Adrian Curtis (Minutes) and 20 other members .

At the beginning of the Meeting, members stood for a minute's silence to remember those killed and injured in the bombing at the Manchester Arena

## **Chairman's Report**

Dave Poppitt took the chair for the first part of the meeting and gave his report on the 2016-17 season.

On the pitch it had been a good season for the Club, with the 1<sup>st</sup> XV finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league and reaching the Lancs Trophy final, and solid performances from other teams. He thanked the Director of Rugby and the Coaches for their hard work during the season. The Club is keen to run a 5<sup>th</sup> XV but this will depend on developing links with MMU. The formation of a Ladies XV had been a highlight, and it was hoped they would play in a league next season. It had been an excellent season for the Youth Section, with Raffi Quirke being selected to play for England U16s against Wales.

Off the pitch, things had not been so healthy. Spectator numbers had been disappointing, and this needed to be addressed. He extended his thanks to Gillian Harrison, Christine Barber and others who have been actively involved in supporting the Club in various ways. But an ongoing problem was that too few people were willing to get involved, and consequently the burden was falling on a decreasing number of people. Because of other commitments and the limited amount of support, he had decided that it was time for him to stand down as Chairman.

At this point he handed over to Jim Rochford, the Chairman elect. Jim extended the thanks of the Club to Dave for his service as Chairman, highlighting in particular his commitment to, and involvement in, all sections of the Club's activity.

## **Election of Officers for 2017-18**

The following officers were duly proposed, seconded and endorsed unanimously:

President:	Bryn Morgan
*Vice-president:	
Chairman:	Jim Rochford
Vice-chair:	Christine Barber
Secretary:	Rob Loveday
Assistant Sec:	Adrian Curtis
[Treasurer:	Refer to Finance Committee in view of Jim Rochford's appointment as Chairman
[Asst Treasurer:	Refer to Finance Committee
Lancs County Rep:	John Heald
Referees' Society Rep:	Barry Allen
Director of Rugby:	Alan Marsland
Team Manager:	Dave Rodgers Jr

1<sup>st</sup> XV Captain: Dave Hanby  
1<sup>st</sup> XV Vice Captain(s): To be confirmed  
2<sup>nd</sup> XV Captain: To be confirmed  
3<sup>rd</sup> XV Captain: To be confirmed  
4<sup>th</sup> XV Captain: To be confirmed  
5<sup>th</sup> XV Captain: To be confirmed if required  
Ladies' XV Captain: Louise Sinclair  
Ladies' XV Coach: Dave Hanby  
\*Press & Publicity Sec.:  
\*Membership Sec:  
\*Asst Membership Sec:  
Fixture Sec: Barry Allen  
\*Team Sec:  
250 Club Sec: Christine Barber  
Website Manager: Dave Hanby  
RFU League contact: Alan Marsland

\*No nominations were received for these posts.

### **Committees**

The following were proposed as members of the committees indicated:

Coaching: John Clifford (co-ordinator), Ronan O'Brien, Mark Poole

Selection: Director of Rugby, team coaches and captains

\*\*Finance: Treasurer, Al Speakman, Dave Hanby, Bill Seddon

\*\*Sponsorship: Dave Rodgers Jr, Del Trotter, Bill Seddon

\*\*It was stressed that more members are needed for these Committees

There were no proposals for other committees. It was noted that some officers and committees as indicated on the Nominations Board were 'historic' and perhaps no longer essential, but that there were some key gaps, notably Membership Secretary.

### **Captains' Reports**

There were no reports presented.

### **AOB**

Comments or questions about the Club's activities were invited. Points raised included the following:

- The cleaning of the changing rooms. Noted: that this had been delegated to the teams.
- The importance of getting players and past players more involved in a range of activities.
- Engendering success on the pitch so that BPFC is the Club people want to play for and watch.
- Developing the Ladies' Section
- Seeing minis and juniors maturing into the senior club.
- The urgency of establishing a sound financial footing.
- Encouraging people to stay at the Club longer on Saturdays after matches.

- The timing of Management Meetings. Noted: that there had been regular discussions of the pros and cons of holding meetings on a training night, to avoid additional visits to the Club. (Some players have to travel some distance to the Club.) Agreed: to try holding meetings on Mondays to avoid Senior and Youth training nights, to see whether this improved attendance. Dates should be publicized.
- Several matters of communication were raised. It appeared that some members are not receiving circular emails or consulting the Club website. Greater transparency in communication, wider use of social media and the establishment of a notice board to give dates of meetings etc were among suggestions. (Referred to the next Management Meeting.)
- There had recently been an issue over the Young Player of the Year Award, and how the person should be selected. Noted: the award had been established in memory of Arthur Light to mark the contribution of a 16-21 year old player. Suggested: that the criteria for Club awards and those eligible to vote for recipients needs to be clearly documented to avoid any future confusion. Alan Marsland was obtaining a trophy to replace the previous one which had been lost; it would have the names of previous recipients engraved on it.
- The holding of a sponsors' day. Noted: this had been planned but because of a clash with the Youth tour it had been postponed.
- Ideas for sponsorship, including the sponsorship of individual players would be welcome and could be sent to the Chairman.
- The cooler in the beer storage room needs to be repaired. Christine Barber urged people with issues or suggestions regarding the bar to speak to her directly

**The Chairman declared the meeting closed.**