

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LTD**

HELD AT TYLDESLEY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

ON WEDNESDAY 19TH JUNE 2019

At the meeting of individual members, the two current representatives to the Extraordinary General Meeting, B Minor and C Smail were re elected. Proposed by Mark Downs and seconded by Brian Stott.

Apologies for Absence:

David Herriman, Margaret Herriman, Carol Baker, Robbie Jones, Bill Chappell, Margaret Chappell, John Huyton, John Morgan, Fred Swarbrick, John Bradbury, John Dewhurst, Noel Atkinson, Trevor Hulmes, Kate Benetta, Dave Crank, John O'Brien, Bill Hopkinson, Gary Chester, Phil Mahon, Steve Blackburn, Frank Morgan, Brian Minor, Ken Andrews, Ann Andrews, John Greenwood.

The minutes of the previous AGM and were on the website.

There were no comments or questions relating to the minutes of the previous AGM.

1. Annual Report of the Board.

This had been circulated by post with the calling notice and was also available to view on the website. There were no comments or questions.

2. To consider the proposal to amend the Rules and Regulations of Lancashire County RFU.

BS explained the decision to appoint an Assistant Secretary to his role, this was a new appointment and was part of the succession planning that was necessary as the role was a challenging one and it was necessary to ensure that the new person was able to carry on the work that Brian was currently doing. This post would be a Board appointed position.

MD then explained the reason behind the membership changes. There would be a 12 month gap before they would be able to apply for International tickets.

BS explained the changes to the Competition regulations. The aim was to stop registered players at one club playing for another club as a member of that club. This had happened recently and this change was ensure that everyone was clear about the expectations.

There were no questions or objections to the above.

3. Election of Officers:

a) **President**

The President, Dave Clarke addressed the meeting saying it had been an absolute pleasure to have served the County. He had had a thoroughly enjoyable year, that was aided by the team that was around him, he was very grateful for all their support. He hoped that he had done Lancashire proud and it had been a pleasure to meet the people he had during his year.

He then introduced the new President, Gill Burns MBE, who he had pleasure in proposing as the new President. She had 73 caps for England, she had played in the World Cups from 1994 to 1999 and had captained Great Britain and a World XV. She was the RFUW President from 2002 -2012, was the first Lady President of Waterloo, the first lady to be inducted into the Rugby's Hall of Fame and also the World Rugby's Hall of Fame, he felt that the County would be in a very safe pair of hands. Gill was then presented with her blazer and the County badge.

Gill Burns then thanked Dave Clarke for all he had done for Lancashire during his term of office. She stated that it was an honour and privilege to have been appointed as President and she would do her best to fulfil the role.

Gill Burns MBE then took over to Chair the meeting.

b) **Senior Vice President**

Brian Stott.

Mark Downs gave a short testimonial about Brian, He had worked closely with Brian for many years and felt that he would be an asset to the County. Brian was currently the Disciplinary Secretary in addition to being his Assistant Secretary, he was always available for advice and was very knowledgeable about the game's rules and regulations and could be relied upon to provide support to his fellow Board Members and clubs.

Brian Stott then replied saying that he had great pleasure in accepting the role and looked forward to the year ahead.

c) **Chairman**

Dave Herriman had stepped down as Chairman and there were two nominations for the post of Chairman:

Dave Clarke proposed by Dave Herriman and seconded by Tyldesley RUFC.

Malcolm Worsley proposed by Steve Blackburn and seconded by West Park St Helens RUFC.

Both Candidates then gave a short presentation to explain what they had done in their rugby careers and their experience and knowledge they would bring to the role.

As there were two nominations there was a paper ballot to decide who would be Chairman.

When the votes had been cast it fell to two independent volunteers to do the count, these were Helen Duggan and Ian Scott Brown.

As a result of the vote Dave Clarke was appointed Chairman which he accepted.

d) **Honorary Treasurer**

Paul Deakin In post until 2021

e) **Honorary Secretary**

Mark Downs In post until 2020

4. Election of Directors

a) **Director of Rugby Development**

Howard Hughes Management Board Proposal

b) **Director of Club and Community**

Malcolm Worsley Management Board Proposal

c) **Director of Governance**

Carol Baker Management Board Proposal

d) **Director of Volunteering**

Andy Kerboas Management Board Proposal

e) **Three Directors without Portfolio**

John Greenwood Current Incumbent, previous proposal and seconding applies

Tommy Hughes Current Incumbent, previous proposal and seconding applies

John Morgan Current Incumbent, previous proposal and seconding applies

5. Appointment of Independent Examiners.

ERC nominated by Paul Deakin. Seconded by Stephen Briers.

6. Election of

a) **Assistant Honorary Secretary**

Brian Stott

b) **Assistant Honorary Treasurer**

Stephen Briers

c) **Vice Presidents**

Mark Nelson

Brian Stott (who becomes the Senior Vice President)

Carol Baker

John Greenwood

Alan James proposed by Malcolm Worsley who noted that it was a privilege and a pleasure to nominate him, Malcolm gave a short presentation about how Alan had been a stalwart of Lancashire Rugby for over 20 years.

7. Nominations for Sub Committees

Disciplinary Committee:

John Ransom Proposed by Brian Stott. Seconded by John Greenwood.

Steve Blackburn Proposed by Brian Stott. Seconded by John Greenwood.

Tommy Hughes Proposed by Brian Stott. Seconded by John Greenwood.

Cup and Competitions Committee:

Chairman Mike Cornelia Proposed by Brian Hurst. Seconded by Chris Smail.

Secretary Brian Hurst Proposed by Tommy Hughes. Seconded by Chris Smail.

Bill Lowe Proposed by Brian Hurst. Seconded by Chris Smail.

Brian Minor Proposed by Brian Hurst. Seconded by Chris Smail.

Tommy Hughes Proposed by Brian Hurst. Seconded by Chris Smail.

Dave Clarke Proposed by Brian Hurst. Seconded by Chris Smail.

Club and Community Rugby Committee:

Kate Benetta Proposed by Malcolm Worsley. Seconded by R Heptonstall

Jane Dolloway Proposed by Malcolm Worsley. Seconded by R Heptonstall

Gary Morgan Proposed by Malcolm Worsley. Seconded by R Heptonstall

Steve Blackburn Proposed by Malcolm Worsley. Seconded by R Heptonstall

Finance and Funding Committee:

Chris Smail Proposed by Paul Deakin. Seconded by Helen Duggan.

Stephen Briers Proposed by Paul Deakin. Seconded by Helen Duggan.

County Schools Union Committee:

Dave Herriman Proposed by Mark Downs. Seconded by Gary Morgan.

Peter Hughes BEM Proposed by Mark Downs. Seconded by Gary Morgan.

Mini Junior (7 -16) Committee

Ian Spivey Proposed by Brian Stott. Seconded by Dave Clarke.

Alan Bower Proposed by Brian Stott. Seconded by Dave Clarke.

Women and Girls Rugby Committee:

Ken Andrews Proposed by Helen Duggan. Seconded by Tom Fitzgerald.

Mark Downs Proposed by Helen Duggan. Seconded by Tom Fitzgerald.

8. Correspondence

No correspondence appertaining to the meeting.

9. AOB.

The AGM was then closed at 7.35pm

Attendees

President	Dave Clarke
Senior Vice President	Gill Burns MBE
Vice President	Brian Stott
Past President	Ernie Neely
Past President	Peter Hughes
Past President	Rob Briers
Past President	Tommy Hughes
Past President	Malcolm Worsley
Past President	Dave Hodgson
Past President	Tom Fitzgerald
Hon Secretary	Mark Downs
Hon Treasurer	Paul Deakin
Chairman of Finance	Chris Smail
Director of Volunteering	Andy Kerboas
Director of Rugby	Howard Hughes
Aldwinians	C Spivey
Birchfield	E Wiles
Broughton Pk	A P Marsland
Burnage	E Haynes
Burnley	M Nichols
Didsbury Toc H	C Smail
Eccles	W Lowe
Firwood Waterloo	T Mc Clure
Fleetwood	S Doherty
Heaton Moor	D Todd
Leigh	T Hughes

Littleborough	B Hurst	
Liverpool Collegiate	G Morgan	
LSH	D Woodcock	
Lostock	A James	
Manchester and District Referees		John Jeskins
Manchester	T Harper	
Nth Manchester	B Stott	
Oldham	R Heptonstall	
Rochdale	J Rhodes	
Rossendale	P Makinson	
Southport	B Nichols	
Tyldesley	B Belcher	
Typhoons	L Howard	
Vale of Lune	D Hodgson	
Warrington	G R Penks	
West Park	C Hilton	
Wigan	D Clarke	
Wythenshaw	D Birchenall	
Women and Girls	H Duggan	
U20s	H Hughes	
Mini and Junior	I Spivey	
Colts League	A James	
Safeguarding	C Spivey	
League	K Potter	
	D Clarke	
Finance	C Smail	
Individual Members	C Smail	
Individual Members	I S Brown	
	A Clarke	
	J Griffin	