

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

**HELD AT TYLDESLEY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB TYLDESLEY**

**ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2023**

At the meeting of individual members, the two current representatives to the Extraordinary General Meeting , C Smail and Ian Scott Brown were re elected . they were proposed by Brian Stott and seconded by Tommy Hughes.

Apologies for Absence:

Neil Sinclair, Margaret Chappell, Thomas Rochford, Alan James, John Bradbury, Stephen Briers, Chris Gaffey, Jim Hainsworth, Ade Jebb, Andrew Perry.

The minutes of the previous AGM were on the website.

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

1. Annual Report.

This had been circulated and was available to view on the website. There were no comments or questions.

1. Election of Officers:

a) **President**

Malcolm Worsley proposed Carol Baker as the incoming President, She had been responsible for safeguarding for 28 years and was held in high esteem by the RFU. She was also Director of Governance and was on the Club and Community Committee.

Brian Stott then handed over the President's Badge to Carol who then took over to Chair the meeting. Brian also thanked everyone for their support during his year of Office, he had had an enjoyable year as the County was held in high esteem which had been noted on his travels around the County.

b) **Senior Vice President**

Brian Stott then introduced Brian Hurst as the Senior Vice President , he had been associated with Littleboro RUFC for 40 years , had played as a Prop Forward and was currently the Lancashire Cup Competitions Secretary.

c) **Chairman**

Dave Clarke continues in post . Proposed by Paul Deakin and seconded by Tommy Hughes. Is now in post until 2026.

d) **Honorary Treasurer**

Paul Deakin in post until 2025

Management Board Proposal.

e) **Honorary Secretary**

Mark Downs agreed to stay in post with the Board nomination, in post until 2024

2. 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**

Gill Burns MBE          Management Board Proposal

e) **Three Directors without Portfolio**

There had been 5 nominees for these post and so there would be a vote, The vote was held in the meeting with Ian Scott Brown and Chris Smailes acting as scrutineers for the votes. The results were:

Kate Bennetta

Tracey Coffey

Tommy Hughes

3. Appointment of Independent Examiners.

ERC nominated by Paul Deakin. Seconded by Stephen Briers.

A query was raised about the accounts being available at the AGM as the year end was the 1<sup>st</sup> June. It was explained that the Financial AGM was held in November because of the time from the year end and so the accounts would be presented in November.

4. Election of

a) **Assistant Honorary Secretary**

Brian Stott            Management Board Proposal.

b) **Assistant Honorary Treasurer**

Stephen Briers    Management Board Proposal.

c) **Vice Presidents**

Mark Nelson

John Greenwood

Alan James

Brian Hurst SVP

5. Nominations for Sub Committees

**Disciplinary Committee:**

John Ransom Proposed by Tracey Coffey. Seconded by Chris Smail.

Steve Blackburn Proposed by Tracey Coffey Seconded by Chris Smail.

Tommy Hughes Proposed by Tracey Coffey Seconded by Chris Smail.

**Cup and Competitions Committee:**

Chairman Dave Clarke Proposed by Ian Spivey Seconded by Gill Burns

Secretary Brian Hurst Proposed by Ian Spivey Seconded by Gill Burns

Alan Whalley Proposed by Ian Spivey Seconded by Gill Burns

Tommy Hughes Proposed by Ian Spivey Seconded by Gill Burns

Chris Farmiloe Proposed by Ian Spivey Seconded by Gill Burns

**Club and Community Rugby Committee:**

Kate Bennetta Proposed by Malcolm Worsley Seconded by Mark Downs

Val Blackburn Proposed by Malcolm Worsley Seconded by Mark Downs

Steve Blackburn Proposed by Malcolm Worsley Seconded by Mark Downs

Rohan Whittle Proposed by Malcolm Worsley Seconded by Mark Downs

**Finance and Funding Committee:**

Chris Smail Proposed by Paul Deakin Seconded by Carol Baker

Stephen Briers Proposed by Paul Deakin Seconded by Carol Baker

**County Schools Union Committee:**

Dave Herriman Proposed by Kate Bennetta Seconded by Ken Andrews

Paul Deakin Proposed by Kate Bennetta Seconded by Ken Andrews

**Mini Junior(7 -16) Committee**

Ian Spivey Proposed by Brian Stott Seconded by Mark Downs

Alan Whalley Proposed by Brian Stott Seconded by Mark Downs

### **Women and Girls Rugby Committee:**

Kate Bennetta Proposed by Tracey Coffey. Seconded by Steve Blackburn

Owen Williams Proposed by Tracey Coffey. Seconded by Steve Blackburn

#### 6. Correspondence

No correspondence appertaining to the meeting.

#### 7. AOB.

A query was raised about Promotion and Relegation as it had apparently come as a surprise to some clubs to find out at the end of the season they had been relegated eg 3 teams relegated instead of 2 , HH replied that that information had been sent to clubs just after Christmas and it had also been in the regulations since the start of the season.

There was also some discussion about guidance to clubs who may be moving up the leagues , concern was raised about the fact that 3 Premiership clubs had folded. The reply was that there was review currently being done which would be discussed at the RFU Council meeting in July. This led to some discussion about the Jeff Blackett Review that had been in the press recently , again the answer was that there was review in process and there review regarding Governance was held every 5 years.

Carol Baker ended the AGM with a tribute to Ken Andrews who had recently stepped down from the RFU Council and was also retiring from the Lancashire County RFU Board of Directors. She praised him for his lifetime contribution to the game of rugby and although he was now 'retiring' it was hoped that he would still be involved in some way in order.

The AGM was then closed at 7.35pm

## **Attendees**

President	Brian Stott
Senior Vice President	Carol Baker
Past President	Gill Burns MBE
Past President	Peter Hughes BEM
Past President	Dave Herriman
Past President	Ken Andrews
Past President	Rob Briers
Past President	Tommy Hughes
Past President	Steve Blackburn
Past President	Malcolm Worsley
Hon Secretary	Mark Downs
Hon Treasurer	Paul Deakin
RFU Representative	Dave Clarke
RFU Representative	Ken Andrews
Chairman of Finance	Chris Smail
Director of Rugby	Howard Hughes
Birchfield	E Wiles
Blackburn	P Westhead
Broughton Pk	A Marsland
Broughton	M F Seers
Chorley	O Williams
Didsbury Toc H	C Smail
Firwood Waterloo	T Mc Clure
Fleetwood	S Doherty
Heaton Moor	D Todd
Leigh	T Hughes
Littleboro'	B Hurst
Liverpool Referees	P Barnett
Liverpool Collegiate	C Lloyd
MADREFS	Clive Ennis

Manchester	T Harper
Mossley Hill	P Barnett
Nth Manchester	I Mac
Oldham	R Heptonstall
Ormskirk	B Stevenson
Rochdale	S Blackburn
Rossendale	A Parkinson
Sedgley Pk	R Berry
Trafford MV	C Farmiloe
Tyldesley	C Plimley
Warrington	G Perks
Widnes	M Griffiths
Wigan	D Clarke
Women & Girls	H Duggan
Schools	R Jones
Mini and Junior	I Spivey
Safeguarding	C Spivey
	C Baker
League	K Potter
	D Clarke
Finance	P Deakin
Individual Members	C Smail
Individual Members	I S Brown
	Ann Andrews
	A Clarke
	T Coffey
	V Blackburn
	E C Caulfield
Others	Thomas Baker
	Mathew Baker
	M Baker