

# *Eccles RFC - Annual General Meeting Minutes* *Meeting held in the Clubhouse on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2000*

## *Presidents Introduction*

President welcomed everyone to the 103rd meeting. We were asked to hold a one minute silence in respect of Norman Bisbey, ex club President, who passed away during the season 1999/2000. Mark spoke about Norman for a couple of minutes to give everyone an insight to his dealings with the club.

## *Apologies Sent*

Arthur Gilbody, John Whiteside, Paul Bates, Keith Eaton

## *Minutes from previous AGM - Secretary*

Andy went over the minutes from last year. Accepted

## *Treasurers Report*

In John Whitesides absence, Andy gave out sheets to everyone. All John is doing now is accounts. Billy is doing all the floats etc. Report is attached (Anomolies re. bar profit disturbing. Various theorys but need further investigation and then John's approval to change. **Post meeting note: Only major reason was price increases not passed on. At 7% would account for £3,500**)

## *Secretarys Report*

Attended the RFU AGM (by proxy). RFU have stopped sending out send outs, now send out the Touchline magazine (approx 10 copies each time).

Consultation document sent out to all clubs re: Blackman Report regarding the decline in the number of adults playing rugby. Looking at ways of addressing it.

Andy also briefly touched on all of the following items:

- ◆ ERFC needs to concentrate on Colts teams joining the Senior sides to ensure that the senior sides stay strong.
- ◆ Next year might see u17, u18 & u19 leagues.
- ◆ New league format, pinned on noticeboard.
- ◆ No disciplinary hearings this year with Lancs.
- ◆ Memorial celebration for Norman Bisbey one Sunday afternoon went great. A lot of people turned up to pay their respects.
- ◆ Eccles first XV finished second in league.
- ◆ Thanks to John Taylor and Dr Noon for helping out.
- ◆ Physio is being utilised and training weekend is to be arranged. Meeting is to take place after training on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June to discuss.
- ◆ Colts coaches and Ladies meetings
- ◆ Pitches have been verti-drained
- ◆ Safer Salford doors have been fitted.
- ◆ Andy read extract from October minutes re:ground and pavilion committee to show work people take for granted.
- ◆ Fundraising events that Radar is involved with.
- ◆ Bonus ball
- ◆ Sponsorship
- ◆ Annual dinner dance
- ◆ Gala Day. Everyone asked to come down on the day and show their support.
- ◆ Floats - Billy is currently spending three hours per week making up floats.

- ◆ Communication – Monthly committee meeting minutes are always on display in the board. If anyone wants to moan about anything read these first.
- ◆ Kits – need two new kits for next season. Can anyone help.

### **Captains Report**

Paul Makinson – Nice to see a good cross section of the club here. Most intense pre-season training last year. Training weekend at Wittall Park. Great start to the season.

Set a goal to win the league. Well done for finishing second. W18 L???? D?????. Went on to talk about various 'interesting' fixtures. Thanked Alan Chettoe.

Attitude of the players has been great. Trevor has pushed and it has paid dividends. 14 new Colts coming up this season. Norman Bisby day. Nice of other clubs to send 2 players down, smashing day. Norman would have been proud.

Paul also briefly mentioned the following:

- ◆ End of season tour, thanked Boo for organising – Portugal.
- ◆ Thanked everyone – not naming anyone as there are too many to mention.
- ◆ Whoever is next seasons Captain – wishes luck.
- ◆ Pre season training starts on 12<sup>th</sup> June
- ◆ Northampton for Summer Camp – end August. Colts are going free.

### **Ladies Report**

Sarah Garvey – went over how they came to be at Eccles. Six girls starting to train. Season of friendlies. NW 5. Division 4 – promoted to NW 3. Each year narrowly missing promotion. This season went smoothly. Every game won up until January. Loss of a few key players hasn't helped.

Not supported at Sedgley. February decided to move. Three clubs interested. N Manchester, Broughton and Eccles. Decided on Eccles. More support in last five months at Eccles than in five years at Sedgley. Everyone thanked for their support.

Semi final of the National plate. Eccles beat Saracens second team at National 7s. Eccles are third at moment. If we played the Manchester game again we could come joint first. We need to look at developing a Ladies youth team.

There are a few Lancashire/North West players from Eccles. Mark asked everyone to look out for Ladies players i.e girlfriends/sisters etc.. The Ladies AGM to take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2000.

### **Colts Report**

John Murphy.

Played 21 W????? D????? L?????. Losses show the calibre of teams played this season and the games won show the exceptional performance the Colts can play at.

Social side. Pat and Trevor have done a superb job. Trevor Jones and Tony Kearsley, thanks for sponsorship. Spinners thanked for their sponsorship.

Thanked club.

Colts moving to Seniors, broke in easily in a couple of easy games. Ran a couple of teams ragged. Orrell 2nds game was lost 19 – 3.

Three tours – weekend away at Harlow. 27 – 27 fantastic game. Dublin – boozing came first, lost both games. Leek – drank club dry, fantastic end to a fantastic 3 years together.

Thanks to the lads for turning up to training in all weathers

### Juniors Report

Steve Evason – Chair. Took over this year from Brian Wilkinson.

Juniors are a fully integrated part of the club. Lancashire representation is fantastic.

120 registered children at club from 8 – 16. Under 17s are moving up to Colts this season.

Fundraising is very positive. Sponsors etc all add up.

Thanks go to Dave Nichols for training and pushing the lads. Thanks to Brian – fixtures secretary. Thanks to Andy, Mark, Derek, Trevor, Ted for coming down again on Sundays as well as Saturdays.

Hopes that everything goes as it always has done – from strength to strength.

### Chairmans comments

Mark briefly talked about all of the following items:

- ◆ World Cup pads for nothing.
- ◆ Wittall Park weekend – Highlight of weekend Ben ringing Andy Brunt to explain why he had burnt the coaching manual.
- ◆ We are determined to get the Lottery this year. (Floodlights etc..)
- ◆ Colts, under 17's, Fossils, Seniors, Ladies – everyone is down, great to see.
- ◆ Does anyone know of any companies that will donate money or goods.
- ◆ Website – Sponsors who want to go on a website. Links can be set up from ours to theirs.
- ◆ Gala Day – Helpers, kids, notices, tombola prizes. First gala day lost £400, second gala day made £600. This year we want to make more. All money that is raised goes to rugby goods.
- ◆ Ladies, Colts, Daves Lottery – Good fundraising.
- ◆ Great to see so many people down.

### Election of Officers

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| <b>President</b>   | E Crookell | <b>Chairman</b>       | M Dutton                |
| <b>Secretary</b>   | A C Brunt  | <b>Asst Secretary</b> | V Thomas                |
| <b>Treasurer</b>   | C Williams | <b>Asst Treasurer</b> | D Pickersgill/B Borrett |
| <b>Fixture Sec</b> | A Chettoe  | <b>Committee</b>      | <b>Fixtures</b>         |
|                    |            |                       | P Kirkham               |
|                    |            |                       | N Webb                  |
|                    |            |                       | I Farnsworth/G Greaves  |
|                    |            |                       | P Bates                 |
|                    |            |                       | J. Murphy               |

(5 General Committee Members instead of 4 – All are going to do it, 1 is going to be opted in.)

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Capt</b> | None elected  | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Capt</b> | G Cahill     |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Capt</b> | N Webb        | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Capt</b> | F Fleming    |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Capt</b> | D Bennett     | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Capt</b> | None Elected |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Capt</b> | D Pickersgill | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Vice Capt</b> | None Elected |
| <b>Ladies Capt</b>         | D North       | <b>Ladies Vice Capt</b>         | J Kesteven   |

### A.O.B.

- ◆ Trevor Jones – Sponsorship, one of the under 16's sponsors was not mentioned on the presentation night or on any paperwork. That particular sponsor does not feel that they can sponsor again next season.
- ◆ Martin Ogden – Bandages etc.. New stock needs to be purchased. Request to go to the next committee meeting and it will be looked at.
- ◆ Bill Borrett – Junior Tour, can a separate account be opened for the tour.

- ◆ Andy Brunt – Work Party, there are 2 work parties on 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July. Any help would be greatly appreciated. The work parties will start at 8.00am.
- ◆ Andy Brunt – Signs with contact number/training nights on are to be put up in colleges etc.. for recruiting new players (collect from Andy).
- ◆ Mark Dutton – Gala Day, reiterated how important Saturday was. ALL to help.
- ◆ Mark Dutton – Social function, cricket game and presentation evening 22<sup>nd</sup> July.
- ◆ Steve Eveson – Treasure Hunt is being organised for early July. Date to be confirmed.