

# *Eccles RFC - Annual General Meeting Minutes* *Meeting held in the Clubhouse on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2003*

## Presidents Introduction

Following a one minute silence to remember Arthur Gilbody who sadly passed away during the year, the President welcomed everyone to the 107<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Apologies Sent

Michael Bates, Darren Cunliffe, Frank Fleming, Andy Roberts, Seymour, Trevor Parrott, Alan Wooller, John Brunt

## Minutes from previous AGM - Secretary

Andy went over the minutes from last year. Accepted. Proposed by Bill Borrett and seconded by Glen Cahill

## Treasurers Report

- See Mark

## Secretarys Report

- ◆ Completed RFU Web based questionnaire – quite comprehensive, related to conditional funding for this year, scored highly
- ◆ RFU Questionnaire re. Club Competitions review received. Will sound out views in AOB.
- ◆ RFU re advised top up insurance – non taken that I know of. Toc H man! Our age profile!
- ◆ 1 disciplinary hearing attended
- ◆ Shell of Clubhouse Extension built in Summer of 02 then on hold trying to obtain Land Fill Tax Grant which eventually told in Nov. we weren't getting.  
Therefore called SGM for Jan 03 where agreed to borrow £30,000 taking advantage of RFF interest free loan scheme. Completed for Opening Match last game of season Pres 15 v N P's 15, great day, I scored twice. **Read Neil's letter.**
- ◆ Award for All grants received by Juniors and Women – need to do more, **need volunteers to get these applications in annually until they stop it- committee men over committed.**
- ◆ Obtained grant from Community Chest for Fence, after 2 unsuccessful applications for other projects. **Volunteer could do another one.**
- ◆ Got Salford Connexions Bumf but no one to read through and apply if appropriate – **Volunteer needed.**
- ◆ **Loads of pots of money knocking about, must get applications in.**
- ◆ Obtained RFF grant £5K towards tractor.
- ◆ Next Capital Project ladies toilets and kitchen funded by Grant Money obtained.
- ◆ Some volunteers recruited at SGM but need more. – **go through list.**
- ◆ **Explain conditions of loan- volunteer needed for Recruitment Co-ordinator**
- ◆ We again lobbied Salford re. payment of rent.
- ◆ Commonwealth visitors 7's 28<sup>th</sup> July a great day and DP (with help) intends to hold annually
- ◆ Bali Bombing Appeal donated Eccles merchandise – **Read Letter.**
- ◆ Marquee Weekend another success, thanks to all involved.

Summary, going from strength to strength, Colts coming through having played high standard of Rugby, some good structures in place, coaches meetings and the like.

Key thing is not to fall in trap of thinking cos facilities are good it's plain sailing. Broughton and Old Bedians recently had lovely new buildings and look at their current situation. Facilities are just that, they facilitate, without them you can't do certain things, with them you can but they're not the end only the means to an ends.. The Club's strength or weakness is it's Members and what they do not it's buildings.

## **Captains Report**

- Very slow start to the season with 5 losses. Next game against Lytham was won which lifted the teams spirits. Confidence was knocked after a few more losses but picked up once a game was won. Good games against top two sides. Lost but both were good games.
- Night game against Salford Uni was a nice change
- Finished in league position 4
- Won the Bowden 7s plate against ??
- Blackpool – Steve and Sean missed coach back
- Next season could pick up if young players stick around but further commitment is needed
- Should look to move up as with the team and facilities we now have Eccles won't look out of place in a higher league
- Not had one first team at home cancelled thanks to pitches being in such good condition
- Thanks to Alan Chettoe for fixtures and to Trev for coming down coaching even when numbers have been very low
- Thanks to Ted and Alan for pitches and to Alex, Monica and Billy for doing the bar
- Thanks to Mike Ince for V Capt and thanks to Glen for support
- Thanks to Dutty and Brunty for everything
- Thanks to Radar and Dave Pick for captaining the 2nds and 3rds as its not easy when players are being pinched week in week out
- Good luck to next years captain

## **Women's Report**

- Very difficult season due to lack of players through injury and various other reasons
- Only 2 wins all season, 5 losses due to default as we had to play 10's
- Formed alliances with Chester College and Salford University to get new players for next season
- A few women going playing at Rochdale rugby league club alongside playing for us in the hope that we may be able to get a couple of them playing for us aswell as Rochdale
- Summer Womens tag tournament organised for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to have the continuity and hopefully some of the women who come down will want to play full contact and sign up for the womens team
- A huge recruitment drive needs to take place over the summer or there will be no womens team next season which will be a great shame considering how well they have done over the past 3 seasons. The women have been promoted twice in the last 3 seasons, once as champions and once in second place
- If anyone has any wives, girlfriends, sisters etc who want to play either tag or full contact should get in touch with Claire.

## **Colts Report**

- Good season but struggled with numbers
- Made up the team from under 17s
- Under 19's came mid table in their league
- Played against Orrell, Manchester etc.. and put in good performances
- Tour was good but not a lot went
- 4 or 5 will play this season in 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> team even though some will have to travel from Uni etc, they are committed
- 2 or 3 weeks off training and then will start pre-season training to prepare for next season

- Under 17's will play this season in the under 19's league
- Approx 20 - 25 players next season
- Will be first season as senior colts so will have to see how they get on but should be able to hold their own despite being the youngsters again
- Under 17's won their league

### Juniors Report

- Brian Wilkinson took over as Chairman in March
- From a rugby playing point of view the Juniors are doing great
- No under 12s team and no under 16s team as struggling for numbers and coaches
- Junior section has lost a little bit of impetus over the last 18 months or so
- More and more volunteers are needed, parents etc needed on Sunday mornings for collecting money etc and also to make phone calls during the week
- Junior section are playing clubs that are a much higher standard senior wise and we need to improve the quality of coaching and support that we give to our Juniors to ensure they are at the same standard over the years as the teams we are playing
- Any current players or ex players that want to help out should let Brian know so they can be affiliated to teams
- Under 15's won Lancashire plate and the Sedgley Park 10's tournament. Trevor Parrott has helped bring out the potential in them over the last season that was already there but needed bringing out.

### Chairmans comments

- See Mark

### Interval

#### Election of Officers

<b>President</b>	Ernie Crookell	<b>Chairman</b>	Mark Dutton
<b>Secretary</b>	Andy Brunt	<b>Asst Secretary</b>	Paul Bates
<b>Treasurer</b>	Dave Pickersgill	<b>Asst Treasurer</b>	Bill Borrett
<b>Fixture Sec</b>	Alan Chettoe	<b>Committee</b>	Neil Webb, Gary Grieves, Paul Bates

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Capt</b>	Sean Griffin	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Capt</b>	Steve Lilley
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Capt</b>	Neil Webb	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Capt</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Capt</b>	Adam Holder	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Capt</b>	Henryk Getz/Dave Pickersgill
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Capt</b>		<b>4<sup>th</sup> Vice Capt</b>	

#### A.O.B.

- Mark Dutton proposed as an honorary life member, (Words from Ernie)
- Now that we have Swinton training with us, is the money that is coming in going to pay for the machines in the gym to be fixed? Yes
- What is happening with Sky Sports? Should hopefully be in by end of this month.
- While we are now in close season, 28<sup>th</sup> June there will be a group on at the club and then again at end of July and then at end of August.

- Possibility of second team league structure discussed at length
- Subs will be remaining the same
- Gary Grieves will be helping out Trevor with coaching the first team by doing some fitness coaching.