



Eccles Rugby Football Club

Founded 1897

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Minutes for Annual General meeting – 1st June 2009

Welcome from the Club President (Ernie Crookell)

Ernie welcomed everyone present to the 113 AGM. He congratulated all teams on a fine season, especially the 1st XV who gained promotion and Lancashire plate winners, and also the senior colts on winning the Halbro Colts league vase and the Ragging Bull Challenge Trophy.

Apologies

W Borrett, A Chetto, D Edmondson, S Powe, D Nicholls, P Lillie.

Minutes from 2007/08 years AGM - Approved by J Pennington, seconded by D Nicholls

Treasurers Report. (Greg Wilson)

Please find in front of you a draft income and expenditure account, I have purposely not provided yourselves with a balance sheet, this is due to a number of reasons and in good time, accounts going back to 2005 will be available.

The draft accounts are subject to change with a few accounting journals, once these are available, I shall not be putting them up on the notice board due to the amount of non-members which go in and out of the club.

All account balances are looking healthy, with £43,983 (£33,255, 2008) in the All Weather contingency fund, £7,925 (£30,520, 2008) in our reserve fund that is earmarked for future major capital projects and £1,607 (£5,559, 2008) in the current account and holding £13,558 at year end.

Total Cash Funds £67,000

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Can I also take this opportunity to encourage everyone to fill in a Direct Debt form for his or her annual subs; it makes life easier for everyone involved.

Just a few observations from the draft accounts, as many of you would have already noticed we have made a year on year loss, which is accountable to a number of factors.

The operating cost (the costs just to run the club) is £35,000 and when our main guaranteed income stream (the bar) is only contributing £15,000/£20,000

In the next couple of weeks when all the accounts are finalised I will be calling a finance meeting to analyse all fixed expenditure and discussing ways at generating extra income.



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Secretary's Report. (Paul Thorpe)

This year has seen more emphasis on the playing of the game, and the organisation of club finances etc.

As we have seen from Greg's report we are almost there on sorting the finance administration, my thanks to Dave Pick, who is standing down this year.

The Season saw some great commitment from Sam Simpson and all the coaches from all the teams, Sam the physio, but most of all the players themselves.

You get out of something what you put in and that really paid dividends this season

Keep up the good work Glen and I think Pete will get some competition going for 1st team places next year from the seconds, some good colts coming through

Colts final day down here a great success, both on and of the field.

We are looking more professional off the pitch as well, with the new score board, thanks to Seaward refrigeration, The website is one of the best, thank you to Iain Rothwell.

Programmes, club handbook - big thanks to Carolyn and Billy,

-sponsors, please all look out for sponsorship

We need to look at selling international tickets to corporate sponsors ASAP, with the credit crunch, we have lost a couple of sponsors, and the ticket allocation has been reduced from 50 tickets to 32.

Mark Dutton successful in obtaining £500 from SPAA budget for Equipment (tackle shields etc) Archie has been successful on a number of occasions, for coaching courses etc

Thanks to fossils especially Ted, pitch looking best its ever done.

Andy Brunt met Ted Mitchel, RFU Facilities man Wed 1st April. Good meeting. Looking at funding for start May 2010

If you haven't paid membership, you are not entitled to vote amongst a whole lot of other things, Payments should be made before the end of September.

We are looking for a membership sec, 1 amongst others that exist or require to be filled. Although these are Not on the agenda tonight, they are just as important to fill as any other positions in the club.

Player and Liability insurance paid by the RFU,

Don't forget the player insurance is a minimum cover and players should seek their own personal additional insurance if required.



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Club Captains Report (Glen Cahill)

Glen thanked all the players for all their hard work over the season, both on the pitch and in training, all of which resulted in the promotion and the Lancashire plate. He thanked the coaches for their work, especially Sam for the more professional approach and techniques he brings with the experience he has gained playing at a higher level.

Glen thanked Danny for the support and help and also both the 2nd and 3rd team captains, who have the hardest jobs, being affected most from injuries and late cry offs.

Glen looks forward to the new challenges promotion will bring.

Women's Team Report

Results not being the best, but numbers are on the increase. Social side always good, with tours organised over the closed season. Ladies sub committee being formed, and this is helping with the running of the section. Need help with coach and fixture sec for next season.

Senior / Junior Colts

Senior Colts had good season winning the Halbro Colts league vase and the Raging Bull Challenge Trophy. Eccles had 4 players in the Lancashire colts starting 15. Jordon Davies has signed for Sale RFC and Alex Hurst has gone to Fylde RUFC. Carolyn Radcliff has done a great job over the years, keeping the team together, recruiting and all the administration and organisation.

Junior Colts have had a good season with numbers increasing and integrating very well into the adult section. This resulted in an excellent tour to the Isle of Man with the 3rd/fossils. As the players reach the 18 years old requirement, they have made some great and well needed appearances for the 2nd and 3rd team, some of which will defiantly make the 1st team grade next season.

Junior Section Report (Paul "Archie" Bates)

First of all a special thanks to all the referees that have helped out this season

Thanks go especially to those people that don't have children in the teams, but help out.

A special thanks to Heather Thorpe who does CRB checks and player registration, that's a mammoth task, and due to Heathers hard work, we are miles in front of most teams with our administration, we have over 40+ ORB registered helpers and over 500 Junior players, the envy of all senior clubs.

Thanks to all the people that work behind the bar or serve food to the kids on a Sunday, and the patience they show with the kids.

Thanks to Ted for marking out and cutting the pitches amongst other things.

All this shows the organisation and number of people required to run a junior section successfully.



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We currently have in excess of 20 coaches within the club many in the junior section. We have been meeting once a quarter and at the last meeting had over 15 people with most teams having 3 coaches available.

We have a number of players representing Lancashire and Greater Manchester.

The fact we have teams at all age groups and we are fully CRB checked, gives us high profile within Lancashire.

This close season we plan to recruit for our U14 and U12 to ensure that we have full teams for the start of the season.

Many thanks to coaches, parents and sponsors who have helped the continued success of the Junior Section.

Community Rugby Coach Report (Trev Parrott)

We have been able to deliver sessions into most secondary schools in Salford. To help cover the junior schools I have been running community leaders courses to year 10's so they can help deliver Tag in the primary schools.

Year 7&8 boys have been put into immersing schools festivals, with Moorside, St Pats & Walkden High doing well and progressing to the Greater Manchester festival.

Girls Tag – working with years 7,8&9 within St Pats, Ambrose, Albion & Moorside resulting in more recruits for our girls team.

Year 9 boy's festival was held with Albion high doing well and progressing to the regional finals.

Year 10/11 boys, Greater Manchester festival was held here at Eccles, with the Salford Schools doing very well with Albion High and Moorside meeting in the final, Moorside winning for the second year running.

Things going well at Eccles College, which is now affiliated to the RFU. 16 students have been put through the Rugby Ready course, 6 through a referees course and 16 students and teachers on the level 1 coaches course.

Satellite club being set up in Little Hulton, looking for volunteers to help out.

Adult Touch Rugby just about to start , 12 teams of 12 in squad, every Thursday, 3 weeks @ Eccles and 3 weeks @ Broughton Final still to be arranged.

Summer Camp being run here this year by John Fray, Mike Dutton & Simon Parrott, funding has been received and Trev will be running summer camp at Broughton.

All this has resulted in an increase of around 24 new players through the above,



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Chairman's Comments (Andy Brunt)

Andy thanked Trev, and commented that these were things we only used to dream/ talk about at the bar of doing, but are now becoming a reality.

As a way of explaining to all the people he does not thank, he explained the reasoning he gave to Carolyn on a telephone conversation to herself as thanks to her and Ammi. He thought about getting them flowers as a thank you but decided as a way as a complement, she / they were that established in the club he felt we did not need to get them! This shows the integration we are getting through the club, as Carolyn is a Mother of one of the players (James) coming through the junior section and now an established 1st team member (when not at university).

Andy thanked

Dave Pickersgill for all the hard work he has put in over the years as treasurer, but is now stepping down due to moving to the lakes.

Ammi Attard for the hard work with the under 15 girls and integrating well into the club.

Carolyn Radcliff for all the hard work on the programme.

Steve Cartwright for getting involved wherever he can, especially within the kitchen with Deloris Gary Greives for taking on the Bar (thankless task)

Paul Thorpe for secretary and coaching both the senior colts and 1st team.

Overall this is the most successful season in 37 years being down at the club, not just the 1st teams successes which is brilliant, the senior colts winning their trophies etc, the junior colts numbers growing and their integration into the club, two new teams within the junior section, Trev's work within the schools and the U12's, Ammi and the Girls team, The ladies and their growing numbers; all of which raises our profile, We are in a very strong position.

The areas we need help are fixture secretary for the ladies, a membership secretary, and help at the Thursday morning work party as the age of the fossils is stopping them doing some of the more energetic tasks.

To finish off we have had a successful meeting with the RFU facilities manager who allocates funding, regarding new changing room facilities being built above the existing changing rooms due to the congestion on a Sunday, this will also include a gym extension and balcony. This is by no means certain, but we have started negotiations and have had a positive response so far.

Well done to everybody involved with last season. One of, if not the best season to date.

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Election of Officers

1 st XV Captain	Glen Cahill
1 st XV Vice Captain	Daniel Nicholls
2 nd XV Captain	Peter Jones
2 nd XV Vice Captain	Lewis Wilkinson
3 rd XV Captain	Gary Hamer
3 rd XV Vice Captain	William Borrett

President	Ernie Crookell
Chairman	Andy Brunt
Secretary	Paul Thorpe
Assistant secretary	
Treasurer	Greg Wilson
Fixtures Secretary	Don Edmondson
Bar & Social Chairman	Gary Grieves

General Committee	Ian Rothwell
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Any Other Business

Gary Greives asked for everyone to look after the gym better. He also asked everyone to support all functions at the club.

Mark Dutton reiterated Gary's comments on the Gym and also brought up the all weather pitch and its use and care. Everyone to help with both of these areas.

Simon Holland wanted clarification on what age youngsters could start to play for the mini section. Andy asked Heather Thorpe to confirm playing games at 6 but train before hand with the consent of parents and coaches. Heather to forward letter from the RFU that covers this matter.

Peter Jones asked about trial games for 2nd team, Andy asked him to speak to Don, Andy confirmed trial game for 22nd of August for 1st team squad against Altringham Kersal arranged by Sam, this could be extended to 2nds if required. The other game Sam / Don are trying to arrange is against Tyldesley if not Liverpool St Helens.

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