

Eccles RFC - Annual General Meeting Minutes *Meeting held in the Clubhouse on Monday 10th June 2002*

Presidents Introduction

Chairman welcomed everyone to the 106th meeting on behalf of the President who was delayed..

Apologies Sent

Arthur Gilbody, Alan Chettoe, Zoe McDonald, Paul Makinson, Dave O'Reilly, Frank Flemming, M. Bates, Paul Mellor, Paul Bates, Chris Taylor, Carl Williams.

Minutes from previous AGM - Secretary

Andy went over the minutes from last year. Accepted. Proposed by N. Webb Seconded by B Borrett

Treasurers Report

Attached.

Secretarys Report

- ◆ Attended the RFU AGM (by proxy) voting for Graeme cattermole for Chairman RFU, who was elected.
- ◆ 4 disciplinary hearing attended plus 1 appeal.
- ◆ Coaching and refereeing courses held at Club and attended by Eccles members in close season.
- ◆ Sports Development plan tabled at every other meeting and monitored. On notice board. Progressing in line with plan. Two Inters plus some level 1's this summer. Sport for All courses attended by various members. Taster sessions held at St Pats and one started at Cannon Williamson.
- ◆ Beryl Carrols ashes spread on pitch in July.
- ◆ RFU re advertised top up insurance – non taken that I know of.
- ◆ Award for All grants applied for by Juniors and Women – awaiting outcomes.
- ◆ Ted finally semi stood down as food man with JT doing Sats and Gary Hamer doing Suns
- ◆ Changes to Club Rules passed at recent SGM and AGM registered with Friendly and Provident Soc.
- ◆ Fourth pitch obtained from Council with help on Capital Cost from Eccles Community Commity and Salford Council.
- ◆ Unfortunately enough of last years under 16's didn't stay on to field a under 17's team. Those 5 or 6 staying joined under 19's – very successfully.
- ◆ Enjoyable dogs trip and bonfire night courtesy of BB, but insufficient helpers.
- ◆ We again lobbied Salford re. payment of rent.
- ◆ Pres and Sec attended opening of Tyldsely's Club.
- ◆ New Years Eve disco poorly attended.
- ◆ RFU requested a meeting with Chairman and Sec re. National Facilities Strategy, and subsequently Community Director, Terry Burwell and Finance Director Nick Bunting came to Club to see what we've done and discuss National Facilities Strategy. Now fair to say RFU as well as Lancs contact us to discuss Community Rugby Club issues. Last week contacted by Nick Bunting and his Consultants re. VAT issue.
- ◆ New Facilities opened in Jan by Mayor. Good day by all. Colts v Sanbach Women V ? Under 30's v over 30's
- ◆ Wide screen purchased.
- ◆ Had applications to youth participation and Community Chest rejected – possibly reflecting Salford's knowledge of other grant successes.
- ◆ Agreement from Salford for weights from Clarendon thanks to Archie,s eagle eyes and prompt action and Salford's respect for what we do due to contact through initially lottery bid and subsequently Mark's work with Sport For All and Salford Sports Council. Now up and running.

- ◆ Commonwealth visitors 7's confirmed for 28th July.
- ◆ New work to Club awaiting application to Landfill tax credit Scheme. If successful can complete properly, if not only have bare shell.
- ◆ Personal level, same comments as usual, too few doing too much. Eg. BB Bar Sec, Asst. Treas.(Floats and banking everything – 2 hours every Tues night), Macro, social events, Ireland Tour money man. Dave Pick, Asst Treas (making payments and preparing running monthly balance), Lottery, Women's coach, 3rd team Captain, I mentioned Radar last year. It is to the Club's shame that Radar had no vice capt last year. Too easy to let him do it. Very little asked of members now, only to pay subs, cry off early, sell lottery tickets and attend about 1 work party a year. Honestly believe you are missing out. Fossils and the people up here, bonding not just Rugby and beer, also repairing old club, building new one, putting up floodlights etc.
- ◆ I'll just run through what's involved just for a game .
Training, Selection meeting, phone calls - Captains and Trev, AC, confirm fixture and Ref, involves pool phone calls for lower teams and phone calls for Refs for Sat and Sun am and pm, Ted and Fossils, clean pipes, do any and every job – cut grass, clubhouse maintenance painting etc, Billy Macro having received lists off Gary Hamer, John Taylor, Ted and Alex. On Sat, in winter Ted or Markor me plus Glenn check pitch at 9.00 am and advise AC. John Taylor phone AC for games then buy food arrive at Club at 10 ish and start. HB buys and cuts oranges. Someone runs touch, Capt fill in league cards, get them signed, give Ref exes. Raffle organised, sometimes easier to do it yourself than have people say no, Ernie wait for and look after Refs. Alan and kitchen staff are paid by Ted.

Probably missed loads and that's just for Sats, I've ignored Juniors who have the same process for 8 teams, the Colts organisers, women,s organisers, close season pitch maintenance, capital projects and minor works and alterations, handbooks, marquee events, 200 Club, Lottery game, membership, accounts, correspondence, attendance on other external comittees, subs collection, organising courses, Whittough Park.

We all enjoy it most of the time, but always looking for help. It was good to see a cross section of Club at pitch repairing work party Mon after marquee, but no surprise that most were those already doing a lot for their sections already. If anyone wants to help please ask, or nominate yourself. We have large or small tasks available from collecting glasses when busy to full positions on Comm..

Captains Report

Glenn advised the meeting that the 1st team had finished 5th in the league with some good wins and felt there was a real possibility of a top 2 place next year, however only if players show a higher level of commitment, shortage of key players severely effects training. We now have best training facilities in the league and the potential isfantastic. Glenn advised that he had enjoyed his 2 years as captain. He thanked all who'd helped including Trev, Boo Radar and Dave Pickersgill and players.

Awards :-

Players player –Phil Kearsley

Captain's Player – Matty Owens

Most Improved Player – Danny Kirkham

2nd Team POY – Chris Chettoe

3rd Team POY – Jeff Pennington

Glenn concluded his report by wishing Matt good luck for the future season.

Women's Report

Carly had been captain this year until her world travels. Shelley had taken over and was voted in for next season.

Following the previous years success and promotion, this year the fixtures had been more difficult but better games. There had been a fair degree of injuries and movement through jobs. The result being a continuation of last years winning streak totalling 13 games over the 2 seasons followed by 5 losing games. Due to the help from the coaches and Andy Tittersall from Sale we finished mid table. The women enjoyed both Lancs and NW England representation and hosted Lancs v. Cheshire with 5 Eccles players and NW v NE England with Zarah playing for NW, both with good crowds at Eccles. Shelley thanked Club on behalf of Women's team and in particular Mike Truron and Dave Pickersgill.

Colts Report

Up and down season playing an under 18 team in an under 19 league. We have the core of a good team but need 100% there and on top form. When achieved we drew with league winners, when not got slaughtered by league winners. The 18 year olds enjoyed their games on the 2nd team at the end of the season. Won the fair play award for sportsmanship and entertaining guests. Good potential for next season.

Juniors Report

Good parts

Linkls with Sale Sharks.

15 little ones with Claire and H on a Wednesday.

George Glover and Thorpy had turned under 12's round.

Under 13's 1st season on a full size pitch.

Lancs Reps at 11's 14's and 16's and Greg Wilson had North of England trial.

Not so good

No coaches for under 11's and under 15's.

Summer activities – Superstars then training, both with BBQ

Colin reminded everyone that juniors are our future and help needed with under 17's, 16's and 12's next season.

On a personal note Colin thanked everyone who attended training and matchdays and helped.

Chairmans comments

Mark advised meeting of our influence on Salford's committee's, Narbonne, Sports Council, Sport For All. Our influence being Mark's attendance.

Please with Colts improved discipline.

Gave meeting an overview of junior tour with highlight being under 16's meal for coaches.

Mark also gave an overview of the current under 9's and their potential.

Also reminded meeting of Greg representing Club as a Commonwealth Games Baton carrier.

Interval

Election of Officers

President	E Crookell	Chairman	M Dutton
Secretary	A C Brunt	Asst Secretary	P Bates
Treasurer	D Cunliffe	Asst Treasurer	D Pickersgill/B Borrett
Fixture Sec	A Chettoe	Committee	E Nichols. P Lemming. W Lowe
1st Capt	M Owens	1st Vice Capt	M Ince
2nd Capt	N Webb	2nd Vice Capt	S Smith
3rd Capt	D Pickersgill	3rd Vice Capt	H Getz
4th Capt		4th Vice Capt	

A.O.B.

1. Mike Bates sent a message to the meeting advising them to pursue corporate sponsors.
2. Stuart Monaghan advised the meeting of the EGOR festival on 28th July
3. Gary Greaves asked the members to be more supportive of events held at the Club.
4. MD advised that Sky Sports would be reinstated soon.
5. Dave Pickersgill proposed and meeting agreed to subs remaining at £25 but the surcharge for late payment be increased to £40.
6. AB advised of 10 positions needing filling and that he would post list on notice board.
7. Harry Broomhead proposed a vote of thanks to Andy and Mark et al for developments over the last year.

There being no further business the meeting closed.