

## **Welcome from Ernie**

## **Apologies**

Stuart Monahan, Dave Nichols, Shaun Griffin, Alan Chettoe, Alan Bent, Mike Bates, Ross Sewer, Gary palmer, Keith Heaton, Ken Faulkner & Trevor Parrot.

## **Review of last years minutes**

Last years minutes Proposed Gary Greaves and Seconded Martin Ogden

## **Treasurers Report**

No report 2<sup>nd</sup> year running no accounts reason because no-one to do them.  
Although between Billy and Dave accounts are presented at the meeting  
No qualified accountant – John Whiteside  
Billy banking, Dave paying, Greg Wilson collating information before it is passed to John Whiteside therefore final accounts will be posted onto the notice-board before the start of the season,  
System set up for the next year with the help from Sarah Howard as accountant  
Friendly and provident Association

## **Captains Report**

3 senior teams played well  
2nds only lost 2 games all year – club should be proud of  
1<sup>st</sup> team – Away win at Littlebrough that was brilliant  
2ns won the league  
Weakness lack a winning mentality  
Andy brunt as forwards coach, Gary greaves fitness coach  
Promoting teams have all been beaten by Eccles  
3rds benefiting from colts joining  
2nds moving up and building on previous season  
1<sup>st</sup> team should go for excellent results as they are a young side with room develop  
Thanks  
3rds –  
Coaches  
Adam Wilkinson  
Trevor Parrot

## **Secretaries Report**

RFU – Malcolm Philips from Lancashire, resignation vote for Jack Rowel however he lost  
Lancashire –  
Discipline – No disciplinary cases  
Colts – few internally handled incidents  
Crowd and Support complaints have happened – info given isn't always correct.  
Committee view is that given how far the playing has got it is not worth spoiling it.  
Leaflets have been produced and distributed.  
Salford – Annual Budget documentation £800 per annum  
£2500 from community chest  
Colts were going over to France as Salford are twinned, due to exams it was cancelled

## **Eccles RFC**

### **109<sup>th</sup> Annual General meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2005**

Path from gate to under the tunnel

Paul Thorpe busy obtaining awards for all grants

Clubhouse/Kitchen/ladies toilets all complete

In the changing rooms – looking at requirements for small ladies changing rooms

All weather pitch up and running – need to raise £10,000 per year in order to resurface in 10 years time

Pitches have been reseeded

Work party next Saturday after Lions game – containers painting volunteers required

Club starting to reap the benefits of the last 15 years investment with lots of silverware.

Thanks to Trevor, Dave Nichols – Adult Coach, Dutty

Andy standing down and Paul Thorpe standing as Sec

## **Ladies**

Much the same as last season we have struggled with 10 or 11 players all year. However because we went down into a development league we have been able to play league fixtures with either 10, 12 or 15 players and rolling subs (we have never had any). The most difficult thing has been that we haven't got a coach or any game support, regularly play without any first aid or water person let alone a coach. That said we had a good season both on the pitch and off, winning our first game in a number of seasons, coming middle of our league and having scored more than one try every game – which is a massive improvement on last year.

Help with coaching and support would be appreciated we have been training Mondays and Thursdays but during the summer will drop to one night.

## **Juniors**

Really good year, excellent results

Lancashire representation – new faces as well

Great tour – Coniston

Good events – Dinner and presentation day

Despite the efforts of the coaches – need more help on Wednesdays and Sundays couple of coaches looking after 2 teams. Rota basis would even help on a monthly basis.

Great year look forward to doing better next year

## **Colts**

Current colts Dave Nichols team are special not lost a game and only 2 games they haven't won. They will be a credit to the club.

Integration within the club is very well

U17's out of 40 our team finished 4<sup>th</sup>

## **Chairman's comments**

End of an era 10 years as sec and then 10yrs as chair – learning from experience means we are more professional than we have been in the past. Unique club in that we all sit on the same committee, coaches, facilities, banking etc – not realised because this is what we are used to. Privileged to have chaired this club. Facilities are the best here in Lancashire – a lot of hard work goes into building them and keeping them this way. All-weather area came by default but RFU had no hesitation. Successful in community chest grants and awards

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Thanks to the Thursday morning club for doing the things that keep the club moving on such as cleaning the bar, pumps etc – this does mean less people see the work and don't see that volunteers are needed 'no whole in the roof'. Filling forms, providing help and attending meetings are all things that keep the club running and don't need any rugby knowledge to do.

Highlight things that need doing – Dinner weekend- Who does all the Jobs? Put in to the context of the fact we have no paid officials. As the facilities get better the task gets bigger and we have fewer volunteers. If you think something needs doing, do it don't wait for someone else. "What the club needs to do is....."

Fantastic season from a playing perspective! Defining moment of the season – asked to do the Lancashire cup finals here at the club. John Kitchen – "Really good. How much money will you make after taking the costs out"...Andy "nothing taken out all volunteered". Number of trophies awarded is fantastic, need to maintain through coaching help.

Please take on the messages and pass them on to others that aren't here.

### **Election of Officers**

President – Ernie – proposed Glen /Gary Broomhead

Chair – Andy –

Sec –Thorpe – Dave Bark

Ass sec – John Murphy –Dave Bark/Bill Low

Tres – Dave Pic Andy/Paul willis

Ass Tres – Billy Burret

Ass tres Greg Scott/Andy Madocks

Fixtures Sec – Don Danny/Billy

General Committee – Bill Low, Ted & Stuart Greeves due to be revoted Andy Madocks all reinstated

1<sup>st</sup> Captain - Stuart, Glen, Adam – Glen won

Vice Captain – Stuart & Adam – Adam won

2<sup>nd</sup> Captain – 1 nomination Makey

Vice Captain – 1 nomination Andy Madocks

3<sup>rd</sup> Captain - 1 nomination Radar

Vice Captain – Gary Haymar

### **Review of Club Development Plan**

Short, Medium and Long-term development

Section 1 – Audit Where are we now?

Section 2 – Aims

Section 3 – Action Plan

- Raise levels of performance and excellence through coaches – target RFU for payment of training and courses. Measures of success - Number of coaches 14 level 1 coaching course attendees
- Increase adult playing membership – 10% per annum measured by increase in membership against target. 3<sup>rd</sup> team easier to put out a good squad so improve.
- Develop women's structure within the club – growing girls sections, schools links, etc – area of failure
- Maintain current growth levels in the junior programme – qualified coaches, links with schools etc to keep 10% growth year on year. This has stayed constant. Increase number of juniors representing county level.

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- Increase proportion of Special Educational Needs and Disability children etc – contact disability officer
- Ensure all issues of Equality are addressed – community committee connection etc made progress
- Support the achievement of all key objectives through the formulation of a marketing plan – to be produced
- Appoint volunteer coordinator a coaching co-ordinator – Trevor Parrot now Coaching Co-ordinator, Andy Brunt to do part of volunteer
- Complete refurbishment – progress made

## **AOB**

Do you think we could get a better agent within the local press? Asked by Harry  
*Glen's reports are often cut and a report has gone in every week all season.  
Designated person to do the marketing role within the club.*

Why pick unregistered players over registered players? Asked by Willy  
*Glen answered number of players were contacted before he offered the position to a  
non club non-registered player.*

*Bill Lowe – Highlighting the fact that as a voluntary member of the club committee no  
one has ever raised a club problem with him to bring to the main monthly committee  
meeting.*

Membership Sec – Volunteer required Greg

Volunteer Co-ordinator –

Merchandise -

Womens Coach -

Press Officer/Marketing – Radar

Subs staying the same, S.O forms behind the bar – Captains to give out SO forms.

Thanks to Mark for chairman for so many years

Meeting closed 22:08