

MINUTES OF THE 2022-23

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (“AGM”)

Held at Devizes Sports Club 26th May 2023

1.1 ATTENDANCE

The President, Chris Jones, was attended by 16 other club members, so the meeting was quorate.

1.2 APOLOGIES and PROXIES

Apologies had been received from Claire Oberlander, Ross Paget, Sarah Levy, Mark Hill, Charles Lucas, Paul Dyton, Tim Carson, Tom Collins, David Sheppard, James Gaiger, Henry Sheppard and Amy Williams. The Chairman of the meeting also held proxies from James Rapson.

1.3 The Chair had asked for the President to Chair the meeting on his behalf.

2 Reports

2.1 The minutes of the 2021-22 were accepted as proposed by Keith Butler and Seconded by Rick Kibby.

2.2 The President provided his over view of the year and the key points from the reports of the Board, Facility, Ladies, Youth and Senior Mens reports that had all been distributed prior to the meeting.

2.2.1 Key highlights:

The senior men’s sides had held their own in their promoted leagues

The Ladies had a mixed season but their attitude and culture is exemplar

The Junior section highlight must be the colts narrowly losing by a point in the County Final

James and Joe stepped down and we thank them for all their dedication to Devizes RFC

We would also like to thank Nikki Hutt for the fantastic food over the year

Key recognition for Emma Matthews, Mark Davies and Keith Butler

Devizes RFC have taken over the running of the Sports Club facility

This club runs on a volunteer effort whatever large or small you can contribute it will be welcome

A special thanks to Julian after years of running the facility the president provide him with a small present

Rick Kibby proposed a vote of thanks for the President as he has stepped down after 3 years of significant change.

A concern was raised from the floor about Medical cover – We have been trying to gain new medical support since Jake left and are still actively pursuing this.

3 Draft Accounts

3.1 Niall Maclean, the treasurer presented the draft accounts for the Rugby Club and the facility both showed a modest profit.

3.1.1 Key points:

Managing our costs is imperative and this has been where we have kept an eye on the building and its use.

Subscriptions are positive however, more can be done on the monthly draw and then to allocate these funds to specific activities

We are in a good state but be aware we are running two businesses so in prudence we keep about a year of reserves.

Phil Hendy is appointed as the Club's account for the next year

Comment from the floor that this is an excellent position but still work in progress run by a few people.

4 Appointment of Directors and Officers

4.1 Directors of Devizes RFC Limited

President – Mark Hill

Immediate Past President – Chris Jones

Chair – Mark Sheppard

Treasurer – Niall Maclean

4.2 To put on record the appointment of the Directors of Devizes RFC Facility Limited as appointed by Devizes RFC Limited

Niall Maclean

Derek Poole

Julian Roberts

4.3 Officers of Devizes RFC Limited

Chair of Ladies – Sarah Levy

Chair of Juniors – Chris Long

Discipline Secretary – Mark Sheppard

Marketing and Sponsorship – James Rapson

International Tickets – Chris Jones

Membership Secretary – Stevie Sheppard

Fixtures Secretary – Ryan Wallbridge

Safeguarding Officer – Chris Butler

Senior Rugby Manager – Paul Dyton

Ladies Manager(s) - Georgia Walker and Amy Williams

As there was no competition for any of the roles all were appointed en-bloc.



There are still vacancies which can be appointed by co-option

5 Changes to rules

There were no amendments proposed prior to the meeting.

6 Any other Business

It was highlighted that the current trustees of the Sports club Mike Gaiger and Rick Kibby are no longer young and that thought should be given to appointing additional trustees.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.46 pm

