

Minutes of the Twentieth Annual General Meeting of The Bradford and Bingley Sports Club Ltd, held in the Clubhouse 21 January 2010

Present: Richard Smith (RS) (Chair), Barry Bland (BB) (Minutes), Alan Wintersgill (AW) (Auditor), Alison Whalley (AWH) (Auditor), together with 31 Full Members and 1 Social Member.

RS opened the meeting and introduced himself as Chair of the Sports Club Board. He apologised to members who had received late notification of the meeting.

Apologies for absence

By Notification of Proxy Voting Forms received :-

Mr D C A Barr, Mrs J Bentley, Mr L W Bentley, Mr J M Holdsworth, Mrs J Lawton, Mrs M Sharp, Mr K J Turley and Mr A D Worger all nominating The Chair to act as their proxy, and Mrs J B Bairstow nominating Mr T A Bairstow to act as her proxy.

From the floor :-

Mr G Atkinson, Mr G Brewster, Mr A Dean, Mr N Hartley, Mr G Phillips, Mr R Robinson, Mr N Saldanha, Mr G Shaw, Mr S Waites, Mr M Waterhouse and Mr A Whitwham.

Minutes of the Nineteenth Annual General Meeting

RS asked if the Minutes of the previous AGM, held on 9 December, 2008 and circulated to members were a true record. It was proposed Steve Oddy (SO) and seconded Scott Bailey (SB) that they were. All in favour.

Presentation of Accounts for the year ended 30 April 2009

RS introduced AW who said that he would give a brief résumé of the Revenue Account circulated to members. He added that there were no figures for bar sales, as Romall Ltd now operate the bar.

- Total income from the clubhouse was £62,603
- Total expenditure was £28,371
- Net income was £34,232
- Rugby had a deficit of £148
- Cricket had a deficit of £6,057
- Hockey had net income of £864, which resulted in a net deficit from sport of £5,341
- The operating profit for the period was £28,891, but then from that had to be deducted :-
- Depreciation of £26,219
- Restricted VAT of £10,225

- £2,494 of received grant income reduced the net operating deficit to £5,059
- Interest paid was £12,692
- Interest received was £1,010
- Corporation Tax paid was £9,054 which resulted in :-
- A retained deficit of £25,795 for the period.

Tim Robinson (TR) asked why there was nothing in the Revenue Account for Canoeing, the Chess Club or Bingley Harriers. Sports Club Director, Steve Crossley-Smith, said that they were included in 'Other Income', which was confirmed by AWh.

David Morley (DM) asked where his Subscription, as a Social Member, and other Social Members' Subscriptions appeared in the Revenue Account. AW replied that they were included in 'Other Income'.

DM said that he understood that Business Rates, Electricity, etc were recharged to the various Sections. AW confirmed that they were but not detailed in the Revenue Account.

DM asked why there was no Balance Sheet included in the Accounts circulated to members. AW replied that the Balance Sheet was included in the Full Accounts, copies of which were available to the meeting.

DM asked if the amount shown on the Balance Sheet as 'Cash in hand and at the bank' included all sections of the Club. RS replied that it did, which was confirmed by AW.

Cath Gallimore (CG) asked if Club insurance covered 'Third Party', i.e. players if they get injured. RS said that Rugby have to take out that kind of insurance through the Rugby Football Union. He added that as far as he knew, but couldn't confirm in the absence of Board member, Neil Hartley (NH) the Club's insurance advisor, Rugby was excluded from such Club cover. CG asked if the Club insurance covered Cricket. RS said that he was not sure, but would check with NH. Peter Whitehead, Cricket Chairman, said that it didn't and that Cricket players have to take out their own insurance when they agree to play.

There were no further questions, so RS asked that the Accounts be accepted. It was proposed DM, seconded TR that the accounts be accepted. All in favour.

Appointment of Accountants

It was proposed by Steve Oddy (SO), seconded by John Gray (JG) that Naylor Wintersgill be reappointed the Club's Accountants. All in favour.

Appointment of Directors

RS said that there had been no additional nominations so it was agreed that the current Board be re-elected en bloc.

Chairman's Report

RS said that he would go through certain items within his report, a copy of which was circulated to members prior to the meeting. He said that the Board had allocated £2.5k to appoint an expert in fund raising. We had been advised that as the Club is set up at the moment, as a Members Club, we are unable to claim certain public funds. All credit should go to Cricket for gaining access to £150k for new outdoor nets. Rugby and Canoeing have also received funding from their national bodies, but the Harriers would like a running track and Hockey an 'all weather' pitch which could be used by other sports. There's a need to get access to funds to establish these facilities which is why the sub committee was formed.

Romall Ltd, the company formed by Club members Ian Morrall and Bill Crawford to take over the running of the bar, is likely to hand back the facilities to the Sports Club before the lease is due to expire. Consequently, RS asked that any member with the time and knowledge, assist in the handover in any way that they could.

Any other business

Brian Chippindale asked why the electronic Rugby Scoreboard was not working, and how much it would cost to repair. RS answered that flooding and weather damage had proven too much for various DIY attempts to repair it, and estimates varied between about £500 and £3000 to have it repaired professionally.

CG asked about the storage containers at the rear of the Clubhouse as the one used by Hockey leaked and was very damp. She said that she had been told, by Alastair King (AK) (Rugby Ground Manager) that the Sports Club were going to revamp them. RS replied that the Club were looking at revamping them and then possibly letting them as an income stream. Once the mobile phone mast is demolished and removed there is likely to be another container placed on that site. The Club would look into making the roof of the Hockey container waterproof.

JG asked if there was anything in the Sports Club budget to pay for the creation of new Junior Rugby pitches, to compensate for the area of the Cabbage Patch that had been lost to the building of the new Cricket Nets. RS replied that there was nothing in the Club budget, but AK and Mark Heap (MH) (Groundwork sub contractor) were liaising to ensure that the area behind the Cricket Scorebox is prepared to accommodate Junior games. TR added that forty youngsters used the Cabbage Patch on Sunday mornings and that an alternative site was needed. RS said that AK and MH were aware and he was sure that they would come up with some plans.

Bill Crawford suggested that if the canoe Club and Bingley Harriers came into the organisation with zero VAT rating it may assist in reducing the Sports Club's overall VAT liability.

There were no further questions from the floor.

SO thanked RS for Chairing the meeting efficiently and answering so well all the questions. He added that having done it himself on five previous occasions, he knew only too well the pressure and stress that goes with the job. Tom Bairstow seconded SO's words and added two plugs for Cricket in their Centenary Year as members of the Bradford Cricket League. Firstly, Yorkshire County are sending a team to play the Cricket section in a day / night match under floodlights on 12 August 2010 and secondly, on the evening of 11 September 2010, there is to be a Centenary Dinner in the Marquee at which former Bingley, Yorkshire, England and MCC player, Mike Cowan will be the Speaker and AW will be Master of Ceremonies.

Hockey also plugged their forthcoming Race Night to which everyone was invited.

RS closed the meeting at 19.20 by thanking his fellow Directors, the Committee Members of all Sections, and all other helpers of all Sections who work all hours, unpaid, for the benefit of the Club.