



Minutes of Annual General Meeting & Financial AGM 2020

Wednesday 14th October 2020 at 7.00pm, Priory Park Clubhouse & Zoom Virtual Meeting

1. Introduction & Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the members, both present in person and virtually on Zoom, and declared the meeting quorate (**Appendix 1**)

Before the meeting was formally opened the Chairman proposed the motion that the combined AGM and FAGM could proceed despite not being held strictly in accordance with the Rules of Macclesfield Rugby Football Club Limited.

The motion was seconded by: Clive Hammond, and passed unanimously by the meeting.

Apologies for absence: **Appendix 2**

2. Remembrance of members deceased this year – Peter Harper, President MRUFC

A minutes silence was held in remembrance of:-

- George Lewis Founder of our Mini & Junior Section
- Zane Gills Player
- Barry Blythe Former player & referee
- Kenny Morgan Former player & raconteur
- Alan Cooke Former 1st XV captain
- Bob Barrett Former player
- Liz Halliday Benefactor
- Claire Smith Member & wife of Nick

During these unprecedented times we also remembered those members of the Macclesfield community who have lost their lives to Covid-19.

We also paid our respects to Patryk Milner, Sandbach U8's player and Sergeant Matt Ratana, both members of the rugby family who recently lost their lives.

3. Approval of the minutes of AGM held 30th May 2019

The minutes of last years meeting were formally presented. There were no questions arising from members and the minutes were approved as an accurate and complete record of the meeting.

Proposed: John Webster

Seconded: Peter Harper

Vote: unanimous

4. Chairman's Report

The Chairman presented his report for the season (**Appendix 3**).

Peter Harper asked a question in relation to costs and levels of subscriptions. The chairman referred him to his update recently sent to the membership on subscriptions.

Peter Harper, President, also expressed his thanks to Peter White, standing down as Finance Director.

5. Finance Report

The minutes of the FAGM held on 26th September 2019 were formally presented to the meeting. There were no questions from members arising and they were approved as an accurate and complete record of the meeting.

Proposed: Clive Hammond

Seconded: John Webster

Vote: unanimous

Peter White, Finance Director, presented his report and the accounts for the financial year ending 30th June 2020. (**Appendix 4**).

David Wilkinson asked about the items in the accounts in relation to advertising and sponsorship. Peter White explained that this was currently shown as a consolidated figure. There were general comments about the prospective level of sponsorship for the season 2020/2021.

Clive Hammond raised the question of action taken against those players not paying their subscriptions. The Chairman replied that despite robust efforts by the Committee and team captains to collect outstanding subscriptions it had proven difficult to take enforcement action as this may have adversely affected the club's ability to field 4 full XV's. A process has been developed for 2020/2021 season.

6. Rugby Reports

Tom Davenport presented the reports for the season for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th XV's (Appendix 5).

Kirsty Wallis presented a report on behalf of the Ladies XV. Kirsty explained that the Ladies XV are in a Development League but aspire to move to the league above. During the season the Ladies played 5 games. They have attracted new players across an age range of 17 – 37. In response to a question from Clive Hammond Kirsty confirmed a current squad of approximately 32, with 8 – 12 regular players. The Ladies squad has been coached by Simon Dempsey, Dom McCarthy and Tony King.

Phil Mason, M& J Chairman, presented his report (Appendix 6). Phil expressed his thanks to Vicki Brierley who has done sterling work as the Fixture Secretary who is stepping down from the role.

The Chairman spoke of his pride in the M&J section and the development pathway from the M&J to the Colts and on to Senior Rugby. The Chairman thanked Phil Mason, M&J Chairman, for the improved movement between M&J

and the senior club. Thanks were also given to all coaches and parents for their support. The Chairman also expressed his thanks to Phil Mason, M&J Chairman and Tristan Wood, Safeguarding Officer for their work during the year.

Jim Curtis also commented that he had been impressed on Sunday 11th October with the M&J section clapping for Matt Ratana and Patryk Milner.

7. Election of Executive Committee & 2nd, 3rd, 4th and Ladies XV Captains

There being no other nominations, the Executive team were elected unanimously for the following season.

Election of Executive Officers

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Second
Chairman	Stephen Branch	Clive Hammond	Peter Harper
Secretary	Bob Cooke	Mike Keeling	Clive Kirkham
Rugby Director	Tom Davenport	Clive Hammond	Franky Barker
M&J Chairman	Phil Mason	Andy McClean	Tristan Wood

Team Captains

There being no other nominations the following were appointed captains for the 2020/2021 season

2nd XV	Sam Jones
3rd XV	Simon Grant
4th XV	Jeremy Bostock
Ladies XV	Kirsty Wallis

Proposed: Bob Jenner

Seconded: Liz Jarratt

8. Confirmation of election of honorary members

There are no honorary members elected this year

9. Any other business

Bob Jenner asked if there were special arrangements for Remembrance Sunday this year. The Chairman responded that there were, and would be announced shortly.

Liz Jarratt asked about the Oddballs towels previously available. Andy Appleyard, General Manager, will investigate.

Liz Jarratt commented on the fact that MRUFC has 4 mental health first aiders available to all members. The club is a partner club with Looseheads and members are entitled to discounted merchandise. Thanks were offered to all the volunteer mental health first aiders on behalf of the club.

David Wilkinson thanked all those members who have helped fill pages in the Macclesfield Express during the last 30 weeks since there has been no formal rugby.

Rugby is currently one of the only areas where more than 6 people may meet in a Covid-19 safe environment.

Peter Harper, President, thanked the Executive Committee for their work on behalf of the club.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance (in person and virtually) and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

Appendix 1

Members present:

Bob Jenner
Bob Cooke
Charles Halle
Clive Hammond
David Mair
Frances Mair
David Holden
David Wilkinson
Debbie Harper
Derek Laidlaw
Jeremy Bostock
John Webster
Keith Dobson
Liz Jarratt
Louis Smith
Jim Curtis
Peter Harper
Peter White
Phil Mason
Rick Connor
Stephen Branch
Terry Robson
Tom Davenport
Kirsty Wallis

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Appendix 2

Apologies for absence were received from:

Alan Cope
Giles Dempsey
Christopher Dempsey
Brian Clarke
Reg Davenport

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