

ASHFORD BARBARIANS RFC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: 27th April 2016 **Time:** 7.00PM

Venue: New Chimneys, TN23 3JJ

MINUTED BY: PAUL WRIGHT | **ISSUED:** 30/4/2016

2015/16 COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

CHAIRMAN & FIXTURES SECRETARY: James Hall (JH)

PRESIDENT: Christopher Rabjohns (CR)

SECRETARY & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER: Paul Wright (PW)

TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP OFFICER: Jason Potter (JP)

SPONSORSHIP OFFICER: Matthew Ball (MB)

EVENTS COORDINATOR: Steve Biggs (SB)

ACTING HEAD COACH: Tim Cross (TC)

TEAM CAPTAIN: Ben King (BK)

CLUB MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Barry Ball, Vic Horne, Wayne Cleave, Andy May, Marc Turley, Nic Turley, Tony Finch, Cathy Finch.

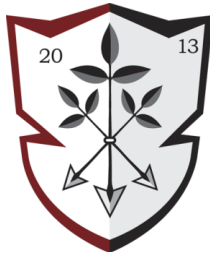
APOLOGIES

Chris Dale, Sam Dale, Ben Gauntlett, Johann Delport, Andrew Morris, Harry Bull, Stephen Blackman, Chris Weatherley, Guy Booker, Jason Drewett, Ken Doggett, Joe Adams, Tony Kendall.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Agreed at the start of the meeting.

Matters arising from the Minutes of last meeting: Tony Finch offered his thanks for all the hard work and effort by ABRFC in the organisation and hosting the 2016 Memorial Rugby Match. The event raised almost £4500 for Cancer Research UK and the British Heart Foundation. It also kick started a campaign at Rugby's grassroots level of clubs wishing to add their support for the Armed Forces Community through the Armed Forces Covenant.



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Christopher Rabjohns

The President relayed his pride in the growth and expansion of the Club – on and off the pitch – despite the loss of the former Clubhouse and the transition to new grounds. **CR** has thoroughly enjoyed the role of Presidency and was sorry that external commitments prevented him from standing for re-election.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jason Potter

- The CLUB has shown a £3,924.00 Loss
Primary reason for which is the loss of the former Clubhouse and attached assets.
- Previous seasons bar turnover £8,928.00
- Current Balance £2,982.73

The Sponsorship Officer asked that the Club's appreciation for the Jason Potter's excellent Book Keeping in the Treasurer's role be reflected in the minutes.

SPONSORSHIP OFFICER – Matthew Ball

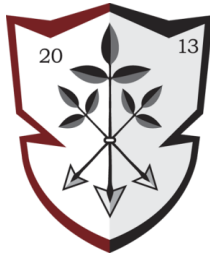
Sponsor French Forest Floors was thanked for becoming the 2015/16 main jersey and club ties sponsors. FFF has been given first refusal for the 2016/17 jerseys but has passed. FFF would still like to contribute, potentially continuing their sponsorship of the club ties.

A Sponsors Presentation box was shown; which included a Club Tie, Fixtures List, Thank You card and Membership Card for those Companies/Individual that become ABRFC sponsors.

The question was raised about Sponsorship contributions/ expenditure; Could there be a greater level of detail regarding Sponsorship in the produced accounts? In the future the Treasurer will produce a more itemised copy of the accounts for AGM/EGMs.

EVENT COORDINATOR – Steve Biggs

The upcoming Awards Night will cost approx £500 (venue hire, awards, disco and food). Ball Contractors have kindly offered to pay for the cost of the Awards (£100). Outgoing President Chris Rabjohns has offered to MC the event.



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HON. SECRETARY & COMMUNICATIONS – Paul Wright

The CLUB looks on course for gaining voting rights for the club.

Hopefully Club Members feel they are better informed regarding club matters via the website and through social media channels. The Club now has an improved public facing presence online and in the local press.

The Chairman asked that the minutes reflect the Club's appreciation for the Paul Wright's contribution and the taking on of the vacated Secretary role.

Fixtures Secretary – James Hall

Ashford Barbarians RFC are now eligible for the Kent Cup. The Fixtures Secretary also informed the club that the current league could be reduced in size for the 2016/17.

All ABRFC Executive & Honorary Committee roles declared vacant.

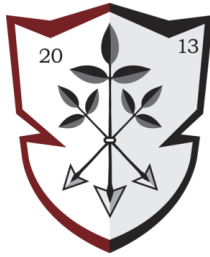
ELECTIONS

All Committee positions were voted in unanimously*

- Club Chairman – Barry Ball
- President – Tony Finch
- Hon. Treasurer / Membership Officer – Jason Potter
- Hon. Secretary – Marc Turley*
- Hon. Fixture Secretary – James Hall
- Communications Officer – Paul Wright
- Sponsorship Officer – Matthew Ball
- Events Coordinator – Steve Biggs
- Club Coach – Tim Cross
- Club Captain – Ben King

Steve Biggs requested assistance in the Events role, Cathy Finch kindly put herself forward.

**The Hon. Secretary role was not filled on the evening. Thursday 28th Marc Turley put himself forward, nominated by Events Coordinator Steve Biggs, seconded by the Treasurer Jason Potter. The position will be formerly voted on at the May Committee Meeting.*



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CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES & CLUB FINES

Proposed Amendment 1: Subscriptions | Section 6 (a) Major financial and voluntary contributors to the Club will be given honorary 2016/17 Non-Playing Membership.

Proposed Amendment 2: Subscriptions | Section 6 (e) THE TEAM is permitted to contribute a voluntary amount to assist Red Carded players liable for the RFU fine. Percentage agreed upon by the Executive Committee based on the circumstances of the Red Card.

Addition: The Constitution will specify that ONLY MEMBERS are permitted to play. Any player that has made themselves available for selection on the day must have signed the ABRFC membership paperwork and paid the required fee before selection.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Player, Non-Playing Membership, Match Day Subs remain the same for 2016/17.

FUTURE CLUB GROUND

Sandyacres will remain ABRFC's home ground for the 2016/17 season.

TC is in pursuit of a possible new club ground and will update the Committee when there are any further developments. MB highlighted one possible Club Ground that was pursued but did not pan out.

TRAINING FACILITIES AND COACHING

TC has recruited Chris Dale as Assistant Coach for the 2016/17 Season. THE CLUB will also be inviting guest coaches throughout the season.

The Coach has requested a greater input from players and what they want in their training sessions. Those players who regularly attend training will be selected ahead of those who do not. Ultimately team selection will come from the Coach with advice from the Captain.

Newly Elected President Tony Finch will approach a number of parties regarding 2016/17 training facilities.

CLUB SPONSORSHIP

Members were asked about potential sponsors. The Sponsorship Officer will provide a Sponsorship Pack to those members who work for possible Sponsors.

MB Requested the production of 20 Presentation Boxes and Sponsorship Packs to help in his pursuit of sponsors for 2016/17.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tour: Ball Contractors have donated an additional vehicle for the ABRFC Tour.

Meetings Close: 9.15pm