

# **Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Old Reigatian Rugby Football Club Limited held at the Clubhouse on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

## **Those present;**

David Forsyth, Peter Duff, Peter Tharp, Simon Todd, Norman Horsford, Kate Birinder-Ross, Mandy Kirsten-Foster, Carl Hassan, Mark Mendoza, Dave Hutchinson, Caroline McGuigan, David McGuigan, Dave Tharp, Peter Bakker, Peter Scott, Fhamid Malik, Peter Turnball, Matt Garbett, Lisa-Jane Bostel, Ben Hamps, Bruce Chapman, JD Burton, Carrie Gilbert, Nick Harrison, Dawn Travers, Ralph Travers, Iain Woodhams

## **AGENDA**

### **Introduction from our Chairman , David Forsyth**

David reflected on the two years since the last AGM. He recorded the passing of four stalwart members Ray Hamps, George Crowley, Chris Venn and of course our President Peter Harrison.

Peter has created a lasting legacy that challenges us because the Club is now so much more than simply a rugby Club, it is a small business. His largesse was enormous and we are proud to be appreciative benefactors of his generosity.

These four Club members all bought their own individual and unique attributes and talents to our Club. They had one specific characteristic, they were all true clubmen and we are the poorer for our passing.

A minutes silence was held to remember these absent friends.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Tom Brading, Tim Bostel, Colin Grove, Steve Saunders, Alex Forsyth, Ed Forsyth, Rob Forsyth

### **2. MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

These were approved unanimously.

### **3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

### **4 ANNUAL REPORTS 2020 and 2021**

David Forsyth advised that there has been a common theme that despite the privations and adversities of the pandemic the Club has survived and emerged the stronger.

The effort and commitments of our coaches and managers at all levels is remarkable and the Club owes much to their inspirational hard work. Further appreciation is made to our sponsors and also our members who have stood by us throughout. Our volunteers who are many and varied and without whom the Club could not function.

David recorded out thanks to one such volunteers, Dawn Travers, who for many years has been responsible for first aid and pitch side assistance. Our Committee members are also to be thanked for their many hours they contribute towards the efficient and effective management of the Club.

We should also record out thanks to those holding remunerated roles – Tim Bostel, Sabrina Belaidi, Cathey Haughton and Peter Turnbull. For the positive and constructive way that they have responded to all the challenges of the last two years has been an example to us all.

David wished to particularly mention out Treasurer Peter Duff, by referring to an email from a previous Treasurer, Andrew Smith  
“it is fantastic to see the Club in such strong financial health. Please extend my thanks to Peter Duff.

The figures bear no resemblance to those at the start of my involvement 11 years ago and they are a testament to the sheer hard work and determination of the committee(s) since then. The Club’s journey since the demolition of its original but iconic clubhouse in 2010 has been spectacular.”

Finally, David thanked our retiring Secretary, Peter Tharp for his enormous contribution to the Club over many years as a player, Committee member and Secretary for the last decade. David proposed that Peter is made a Life President, following Geoffery Knight and Don Powell. An accolade that reflects the high esteem in which he is held. This was unanimously approved.

Finally, David, in anticipation, welcomed Nick Harrison to the role of President of the Club. Nick has supported the Club in the purchase of 12 Acres, the provision of Fonthill, and the provision of financial support for student travel costs.

The Annual Reports were proposed by **David Hutchinson and seconded by Peter Bakker** and unanimously approved by the members

## 5. TREASURER’S REPORT

Peter Duff reminded the members that there are two statutory accounts covering the the ORRFC Ltd and ORRFC Trading Company. The latter, required to meet CASC regulations covers most of our non-Rugby activities.

In summary, the Club has survived the Covid restrictions outstandingly well with members continuing, despite an offered discount, to pay the full subscriptions. Our income held up reasonably well with support from the County Council, RFU. Our Trading Company with support from our agreement with Dunottar achieved a surplus of approx. £50K.

Peter aim to be self-sufficient has now been achieved with thanks to the previous support from the Harrison Foundation. However, we arned that our Profit and Loss surpluses will be needed as over the last two years we have kept expenditure e.g. ground and Clubhouse maintenance down to a minimum. Much of our profits will dissipate quickly and Covid is not done yet and may last until next spring.

Peter also explained that the 2021 Club assets have been reduced, from £6m to £3.5m to reflect the true value of our Clubhouse, a reduction that will mean we are now exempt from audit.

## 6. ACCOUNTS

**Proposed by Phil Smith and seconded by Kate Birinder-Ross**, the Club’s accounts for the years ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 and 2021 were approved unanimously.

## 7. SUBSCRIPTION PROPOSAL

The Committee proposed the following subscription levels for 2021/2022.

<b>Alternative Schemes</b>	<b>Annual Cost</b>	<b>Monthly Cost</b>
Social	£54.00	£4.50
Senior	£288.00	£24.00
Youth	£126.00	£10.50
Student (18+)	£90.00	£7.50
<b>Touch</b> (currently paying 'Social')	<b>£90.00</b>	<b>£7.50</b>
Vets	£90.00	£7.50
<b>Walking</b> (currently paying 'Social')	<b>£90.00</b>	<b>£7.50</b>
Women's	£90.00	£7.50
Youth (3rd/4th/5th Child)	£63.00	£5.25

These were proposed by Peter Bakker and seconded by Mark Mendoza and approved unanimously.

## 8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2021/22

The Committee announced they were aware of the following members willing to stand for election.

### Officers of the Club

President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Chairman

### Name

Nick Harrison  
Peter Duff  
Kate Birinder-Ross  
David Forsyth

### Management Committee

Vice-Chairman  
Assistant Secretary  
Senior Playing Committee Chairman  
Junior Playing Committee Chairman  
Minis Playing Committee Chairman  
Women and Girls Section Chairman  
Social Secretary  
Sponsorship and Marketing Officer  
Membership Secretary  
Grounds Manager  
Safeguarding Officer

### Name

Ben Hamps  
Mandy Kirsten-Foster  
Alex Forsyth  
Laurie Kerr  
Tom Brading  
David McGuigan  
Kate Birinder-Ross  
Dave Hutchinson  
Ben Hamps  
Peter Bakker  
Mandy Kirsten-Foster

These positions were proposed by Mark Mendoza and seconded by Norman Hosford and approved unanimously.

## 9. Any Other Business

There was non and the meeting closed at 20.12 hrs