



17th Annual General Meeting of the North Midlands Rugby Football Union Limited

Wednesday 23rd June 2021 @ 7:00pm

Online Zoom Meeting

In attendance: The list of attendees, of which there were 44 has been filed with the minutes (see Appendix 1). Clubs/Societies/DU's represented of which there were 28 has been filed with the minutes (see Appendix 2)

Chair: President Judith Phelps, (although due to unprecedented online AGM) Charlie Hemmings (CEH) North Midlands Chairman acted as 'Host'

Minutes: Fiona Harris

		Action
	CEH read out the protocol for the online meeting (already circulated with all the papers) for clarification. CEH displayed on the screen a copy of the Agenda (already circulated with all the papers) and ran through items for the meeting.	
1.	FH read out the calling notice convening the 17 th AGM meeting in accordance with Rule 8.	
2.	Apologies: See Appendix 3	
3.	<p>To consider and approve the minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting of the North Midlands Rugby Football Union Limited held on 24th June 2020: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These have been circulated with all the papers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two Amendments, Phil Knowles of Kidderminster RFC and Roger Bateson of Ledbury RFC sent apologies, not minuted. ○ Steve Hindson (Redditch) and Rae Evans (Church Stretton) proposed and seconded. • The minutes of the last AGM were therefore taken as read and accepted and will be signed by Judith Phelps. 	
4.	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FH said a very quiet year with very little correspondence. 	
5.	<p>Annual reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presidents Report: Written report submitted by JP, no further comments • Chairman's Report – Written report submitted by CEH, no further comments • Treasurers report – Written report submitted – RP, please see below for further comments. • Governance – Stuart Potts – written report submitted by SP, no further comments. • Communications – Fiona Harris – written report submitted by FH, no further comments. • Club Support and Development - written report submitted by KS, no further comments. • Playing Development Group – written report submitted by GW, no further comments. • Finance – written report submitted by RP, please see below for further comments. <p>The proposal to dispense with an Audit for the Financial Year ending 30 June 21 was passed</p>	

	<p>RJP informed the meeting that the moratorium on Club subscriptions had ended and invoices for £100 per Club will recommence for the 21/22 season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFU Council Representative – Steve Guy /Paul Kaminski – written report submitted nothing to add. 																																					
6.	<p>Election of Officers:</p> <p>The nominations for each position were addressed individually and an ‘online poll’ was displayed. North Midlands RFU reserve the right for 48hrs to verify these results.</p> <p>JP explained that she had come to an agreement with the Senior and Junior Vice Presidents that she would continue until Christmas 21 and then tender her resignation so the VPs could then take their rightful turn as President of the Union although GW would only serve a 18 month period. She had been disappointed that she had not achieved her goals of visiting all the clubs during her Presidency due to COVID restrictions.</p> <p>CH will confirm that all those who voted had a right to vote.</p> <p>CH also confirmed that he will be standing down at the AGM in 2022 and he is actively seeking a replacement for Chairman.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Officers</th> <th>Nominee</th> <th>Nominated By</th> <th>Online Poll</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>President</td> <td>Judith Phelps</td> <td>Telford RFC</td> <td>83%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chairman</td> <td>Charlie Hemmings</td> <td>Fiona Harris</td> <td>83%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Honorary Secretary</td> <td>Fiona Harris</td> <td>Hereford RFC</td> <td>83%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Honorary Treasurer</td> <td>Roger Parsons</td> <td>Edwardians RFC</td> <td>83%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RFU Council Member</td> <td>Paul Kaminski</td> <td>Elected March 2020</td> <td>83%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RFU Council Member</td> <td>Charlie Hemmings</td> <td>Elected March 2021</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senior Vice President</td> <td>Gordon Wood</td> <td>Newport RFC</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Junior Vice President</td> <td>Bill Worth</td> <td>Yardley & District RFC</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Officers	Nominee	Nominated By	Online Poll	President	Judith Phelps	Telford RFC	83%	Chairman	Charlie Hemmings	Fiona Harris	83%	Honorary Secretary	Fiona Harris	Hereford RFC	83%	Honorary Treasurer	Roger Parsons	Edwardians RFC	83%	RFU Council Member	Paul Kaminski	Elected March 2020	83%	RFU Council Member	Charlie Hemmings	Elected March 2021		Senior Vice President	Gordon Wood	Newport RFC		Junior Vice President	Bill Worth	Yardley & District RFC		
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8.	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CH and SP had submitted a proposal in accordance with Rule 8.5 that Steve Guy to be made a life member. This was passed unanimously by those present JP spoke about SG – What an immense help and support SG has been to Her and North Midlands RFU with his knowledge, and opinions in all the times he has been part of the committee. JP has a huge respect for SG and will miss him hugely as will North Midlands. Everyone agreed and wished him well. • Steve replied thanking everyone for their kind words and said that he would miss everyone too and maybe when he had a break he would be back in some small role. • Patron application made by Clare Foster was agreed. 																																					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PG stated that he had produced a 20 page brochure to be distributed at the Centenary dinner, which unfortunately due to COVID had to be cancelled. It is his intention to turn this into a book within the next playing year. Please if you have storied you would like to add to the book let him know. • Changes to Disciplinary Chair due to the Retirement of Mr Rob Bray. 3 candidates have expressed an interest and RB will be organising interview with them as soon as possible with the help of CH and Becky Morgan from the Legal Department at Twickenham. • Michael Sampson asked if North Midlands RFU can make the role of the Junior Chair in Clubs part of the Senior committee of all North Midlands Club, there was a lengthy debate and CH said it would be impossible to dictate to clubs how we want them to be run, we do not have that authority, although it was agreed by others that it would be beneficial for clubs if they adopted a 'whole Club' approach. It was also suggested that Women and Girls should also be part of the senior committee. • Brian Garrett asked CH if the accreditation had been renewed for 12 months and CH replied that due to the furloughing of RFU staff it had been put on hold for the moment, but as soon as furlough ended, new accreditation would be sought. • Finance was spoken about, and RP said that he had for the last three / four months been seeking legal advice from the RFU. It now turns out the resolution needs to take place every year at the Financial AGM, as it is not a continuous situation. So at the AGM we need again to pass a resolution. PG stated that even if we did not have an external audit the books should be under regular review. • It was stated that the clubs will be charged the normal £100 subs for the coming season as it looks like we can play rugby again. • KR – North Midlands Referees Society – presented a slide show and gave a talk about the problems faced by North Midlands Referees and said that the problems are getting worse. There was a big discussion as to what we as North Midlands committee and the individual clubs could do about this. KR was working on ways of building relationships with club and not looking to cause friction but to encourage support for referees without whom there would be no games. • KS – My Name5 Doddie – there is now a raffle to finish off the fundraising. Please can FH and SW send the information on the latest Newsletter so people can see what wonderful prizes there are. • BW spoke about the North Mids Competitions and also requested that FH and SW send the information on the latest newsletter so clubs can respond. 	
9.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 22nd June 2022 • Meeting closed at 20:17 	

Appendix 1

List of Attendees:

Alice Spillman	Mark Barrett
Andrew Foster	Mark Goodfellow
Bill Worth	Mark Howard
Brian Garrett	M Whateley
Charlie Hemmings	Mick Palmer
Clive Haley	Mike Sampson
Derek Owen	
Fiona Harris	Moira Boot
Giles Alton	Paul Kaminski
Gordon Wood	Peter Grace
Ian Blanche	Rae Evans
John Griffiths	Richard Bragg
John Slim	Richard Brookes
Judith Phelps	Robin Glover
Julian Cotton	Roger Bateson
Karen Gibbons	Roger Parsons
Karen White	Stephen Miskin
Keith Skirving	Steve Guy
Kelvin Roberts	Steve Hindson
Kevin Falvey	Stuart Potts
Malcolm Hall	Trevor Humphreys
Malcolm Harris	Andrew McGrann

Appendix 2

Clubs Represented:

NMRFU	Five Ways Old Edwardian RFC
W & H RFU	Kidderminster RFC
Birmingham Bulls RFC	Kings Norton RFC
Birmingham Civil Service RFC	Ledbury RFC
Birmingham Exiles RFC	Newport (Salop) RFC
Birmingham Moseley (Women) RFC	Redditch RFC
Bournville RFC	Shrewsbury RFC
Bredon Star RFC	Shropshire RFU
Bridgnorth RFC	Stourbridge RFC
Camp Hill RFC	Stourport RFC
Church Stretton RFC	Telford RFC
Dixonians RFC	Whitchurch RFC
Dudley Kingswinford RFC	Yardley & District RFC
Erdington RFC	

Appendix 3

Apologies:

Graham Hitchco	Harborne RFC
Bee Bannister	NMSRFU
Roger Rees	MDOC
Clare Foster	Bromsgrove RFC
Andy Wright	Ludlow RFC
Rachel Baker	Bromyard RFC
Steve Wild	Shrewsbury
Rob Heeley	Upton RFC
Rob Bray	North Midlands RFU
Jim Looney	Greater Birmingham DU Hon VP / Camp Hill
Kevin Falvey	Bredon Star RFC