



Annual General Meeting Wednesday 7pm 27/2/2019 @ Blackbrook Royals JRLFC.

Attendees

Graham Roberts (GP) (Chair), Andy Bates (Secretary), C. Parsons (CP) (Treasurer), Emma Springford, Paul Levick (PL), Neil Holliday, Selina Kent, Lesley Shryan, A. Benson, P. Gartland, C. Lyon, L. Davies, J.A. Gibbons, J. Harmon, P. Langley, Y. Hodgkinson, S. Whalley. L. Parsons.

Apologies

G. Palfrey, L. Dean.

GR welcomed all attendees to the meeting. The minutes of the 2018 AGM were approved and this evenings agenda was accepted.

Constitution.

The wording of the constitution was amended and formally approved. This included the acceptance of the Blackbrook Royals Open Age team into the Royals constitution following a recent presentation to the board.

Chairs Report.

GR read the report verbatim. The report will also be shared via the club's social media platforms.

The report referred to recent success on the field at both team and individual level, the Under 18 team collecting a clean sweep of trophies in 2018 and coach Paul Gartland being recognised as Community Coach of the year.

Individual players have been invited to train with the England national team, and players from the club have recently made their Super League debut. The club can also boast numerous scholars at professional clubs across the region.

The clubs U7's festival was referred to as a success and mentioned as a future blueprint. The report also made reference to our aspirations for the future including a Blackbrook pathway scheme improving team strengths across all age groups.

There will continue to be a concerted effort to work with Blackbrook to improve the facilities for all and GR thanked those that have already given up their time to work on improvements, obtained sponsorship or equipment in order to improve pitches, showers and overall facilities.

Standards, respect, humility and positivity remain the club ethos.

Treasurers Report.

The club incurred a small but sustainable loss in the last financial year with approximately 29k being generated through player subscriptions with approximately 30k outgoing through the hire of all-weather training facilities at Ruskin Drive and other expenses including Kitchen costs, Coaching and Courses, Insurance and Transport.

CP expressed some concern that there had appeared to be a significant drop off in the payment of subscriptions and this needed further scrutiny.

ACTION - GR asked for **every team** to ensure that every team representative audit their team subscriptions to ensure those who should be paying subscriptions actually are. It should be explained that we are conducting an audit and any parents who are not paying will have their child's registration card suspended until the situation is rectified.

Introduction of 2019 Executive Board.

The following positions were proposed and approved for the next 12 months.

Graham Roberts Chairman

Chris Parsons Treasurer

Paul Levick Club Secretary

Neil Holliday Transfer Secretary

Selina Kent Child Welfare Officer

Executive Board members Emma Springford, Ste Marsh, Lesley Shryan, Andy Bates, Andy Waddilove.

AOB

GR wished to place on record his thanks to particular members of the Blackbrook community for their commitment and efforts over the past 12 months including outgoing Secretary Andy Bates and Paul Ellison, Chris Hull and Lynne Knowles who has looked after club merchandise.

The Club Legends photo session was seen as a success but not every team could attend. **ACTION** - Paul Levick to contact Sales Manager at Club Legends to see if a mop up session is possible for teams who couldn't attend.

School rugby day will be organised in conjunction with St Helens RLFC for the 1st May between 12.30 and 15.30. **ACTION** - Paul Levick to circulate details to coaches to see who can represent Blackbrook on the day.

First Aiders – Anyone who administers first aid in addition to having attended an approved course must register with League.net so they are able to submit on line accident report documentation and receive educational feedback/advisory forms back.