**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of**

**Beaconsfield Rugby Union Football Club**

**30th September 2024; 19:30 at the Clubhouse**

43 Members in attendance in person as recorded on the Register of Attendees.

37 Members provided votes by Proxy which were cast by the Chairman.

4 attendees had voted by Proxy and were informed by the Hon Secretary that they could not vote in person. Accordingly, in aggregate 76 votes were permissible.

These Minutes should be read in conjunction with the Notice of Business.

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| Item |  Minute |  Action |
| **Apologies from Committee members** | Apologies were received from Katie Rawlings  |  |
| **Approve Minutes of 2023 AGM**  | Proposed: Francis Kucera; Seconded: Laurence Sargent  | Approved unanimously in the room. Proxy forms were cast.**For: 75; Against 0; Withheld 1.** |
| **Treasurer’s Report****Chairman’s Report**  | Richard Saville presented his report.Richard explained that the overall position, an £88,000 loss, was not as bad as it appeared as this was in the main due to one-off expenses and depreciation of assets. He did, however, raise that the creation of the role of General Manager had increased salary costs and there had not, for several reasons, been a commensurate increae in income. This situation neede to be addressed.Laurence Sargent presented his report. Laurence acknowledged the contribution of outgoing committee members and all other volunteers across the organisation. Laurence gave a counter-view to that expressed in the Treasurer’s report in that the accounting treatment of certain matters had negatively affected the presentation in the financial statements. Laurence mentioned (i) the treatment of the car park resurfacing as an expense as opposed to a capital item had negatively affected the overall fiajncail position. He also mentioned that the allocation of certain costs had negatively affected the financial performance of the ‘clubhouse’ as opposed to other areas of operation.Laurence explained that the committee are addressing the issues with the running of the clubhouse by trialling an outsource arrangement with The Lion of Beaconsfield. |  |
| **Approve the fully Audited Consolidated and Signed Accounts for 2023/24** **Approve the appointment of Auditors for 2023/24** **Approve Committee nominations to Vice president****Approve Committee nominations to Club Officer****Approve Committee nominations to the 2024/25 Committee****Approve the putting of the Member motion to the AGM****Approve the Member motion to create the role of Independent Officer****Approve Peter Tappin to the role of Independent Officer****Meeting ended 21.30** | A debate followed regarding the financial position of the club with views being expressed both in support of the Treasurer’s viewpoint and the Chairman’s. There was clear sentiment that the current financial situation of the Club needed to improve in the coming year and the Committee was tasked with doing that.Proposed: Richard SavilleSeconded: Laurence SargentRichard Saville commended Sterling Grove’s work on the financial statements for 2023/24. Proposed: Richard SavilleSeconded: Laurence SargentMatt Jordan and James TaylorA discussion was had regarding the election of the Chair. Francis Kucera explained that the Rules state that the Chairman is the chairman of the committee elected by the Committee once it is elected by the members at the AGM. Chris Summers pointed out that the AGM had always elected the Chair. Francis Kucera explained that the Committee had proposed a smaller committee for 2024/25. It was felt that a large committee did not work as a decision-making body and it was proposed to have a smaller executive Committee and more day-to-day operations delegated to sub-committeesProposed: Peter Miles; Seconded: Richard Logan.The Rules state that any Member motion must be delivered to the Hon Secretary by 30 June. The relevant motion was put after this date. Accordingly , the Committee put it to the AGM whether to accept it.Proposed: Peter Miles; Seconded: Richard Logan.There was a long debate regarding the role of Independent Officer with views for and against. There was a general sentiment that it could be a positive role if the relevant person was truly independent of the Club and brought in relevant outside knowledge and experience akin to a corporate non-exec role. As a result of the above vote, this Motion was not put to the AGM.Minutes taken by Francis Kucera. |  Both items were approved unanimously in the room.Proxy forms were cast.**For 75; Against 1; Withheld 0.****For 75; Against 0; Withheld 1** Approved unanimously in the room. Proxy forms were cast.**For 75; Against 1; Withheld 0.**It was agreed that the new Committee should propose changes to the Rules to reflect that the AGM votes for the Chair to be implemented before the next AGM.In room votes were cast and Proxy forms were cast.**For 64; Against 5; Withheld 7.**In room votes were cast and Proxy forms were cast.**For 59; Against 5; Withheld 12.**In room votes were cast and Proxy forms were cast.**For 39; Against 13; Withheld 24.**It was agreed that the Committee would look at this in relation to the Rule changes for next season.In room votes were cast and Proxy forms were cast.**For 29; Against 30; Withheld 17.** |

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