



Alcester RFC annual general meeting 13/6/2007

Held at Alcester RFC clubhouse

Attendees:

P O'Dell, A Miller, T Darby, N O'Connor, A Warmington, P Goddard, L Bashford, M Edwards, S Carmichael, D Grey, S Lunn, M Sanders, B Allard, A Flynn, K Flynn, C Wells, D Billingsley, R Thompson, D Marriott

Apologies:

J Anthony, M Gwynn, D Stanton, P L Jones, P Sanders, I Laughlin, J Winder

1. M Edwards welcomed all to the AGM and prompted the chairman's report

2. Chairman's report (Andy Miller):

A Miller praised the contribution of coach S Lea with the advancement of the club and wished for further progress with the formation of a 3rd XV and continuing progress of the junior section. Also, the progress with the addition of a 3rd pitch was noted. He stated that the improvements wished for at the last AGM in playing standard have been met. Also, improvements in the standard of the facilities have meant the club has held a greatly increased number of functions over the past 12 months. We have continued to run the club on a sound financial footing, an aim for the forthcoming season also. Communications to the membership have improved greatly, but are e-biased in format, and the membership database requires updating. A committee has been formed in preparation for the Golden Jubilee 2 years hence and the recent fun run to raise funds toward this was a great success and start to the campaign. A world cup dinner is to be held on 12th October at the Greig Hall, Alcester. Andy added that the recent addition of decking has further enhanced the appearance of the club, and the bar is to be remodelled in time for the beginning of next season.

It was announced that Darren Stanton is to stand down as Secretary, and Andy Flynn as Vice Chair, both due to work commitments.

Andy also thanked the committee for the season's efforts, as well as all captains, Coach Steve Lea and Horace Weaver for his continued commitment to the cause.



3. Treasurers report (Pete O'Dell):

Pete opened by announcing that the club has changed accountant this season due to locality and cost savings. Income this season has increased by £13k and has been further enhanced by lower staff costs due to having no full time steward currently. The introduction of the EPOS facility has enabled increased revenue but is chargeable at a %. The tangible assets of the club have decreased due to active depreciation of the clubs assets. Membership revenue has increased, mainly as a result of increased numbers within the junior section. The collection of match fees has improved greatly and bar profits are well up on last year also. We have also seen a greatly increased revenue from donations to the club. The increase in energy and utility costs have, as expected given cause for concern and have increased by approximately 50%, this is a focus for the incoming committee to concentrate on, as efficiency improvements are essential. The current value of the club and assets stands at £159,903, down from the previous year's figure of £168,159 due to depreciation. The accounts were approved as a true reflection by the membership.

4. 1st XV Captains report (Scott Carmichael) :

Scott stated he was happy with the progress made this season, meeting some of the pre season aims, also noting the general improvement of the standard of Rugby played at Alcester RFC. 3rd place was a creditable finish, and an improvement upon the top 4 aim. League season review was:

P18 W11 D1 L6

This was enhanced with 5 clean sheets and 3 doubles – a great achievement. Andy Smith finished top scorer with 118 points. Highlights included the 15-0 league win over Woodrush, and the 41-0 demolition of Shipston in the Warwickshire Shield.

Next years aims include a lengthy cup run and a top 2 finish. Scott finished by offering thanks to the bar staff, Kitchen Staff, Director of Rugby Nick O'Connor, the committee, coach Steve Lea and fixture Secretaries Kim Flynn and Laura Bashford.

5. Director of Rugby (Nick O'Connor) :

The 2nd XV had an up and down season, Steve Wade, followed by Neil O'Dell were thanked, with the ongoing improvement demonstrated by the number of wins at the end of the season as well as the good atmosphere shown by the squad. It was hoped that the outgoing U17's would make the step up to senior Rugby next year to further enhance playing development.



6. Junior Section (Pete Goddard) :

See supplied report

7. Presidential declaration:

Mike Edwards was confirmed as continuing as President for the 2007/08 season

8. The committee for the 2007/08 season will be made up as follows:

Chairman	Andy Miller
Vice Chairman	Martin Sanders
Treasurer	Pete O'Dell
Secretary	Steve Lunn
Assistant Secretary	Brett Allard
Director of Rugby	Nick O'Connor
Junior Chairman	Pete Goddard
Committee member	Tony Darby
Committee member	Darren Stanton

Any other business:

D Billingsley noted that no minutes from last years AGM were available. It was agreed that the incoming committee would ratify these at the first available opportunity

Captains for the forthcoming season are:

1 st XV	Scott Carmichael
2 nd XV	Neil O'Dell
3 rd XV	Derek Simons (Provisional)

Mike Edwards thanked the outgoing committee for all of their efforts and hard work over the course of the previous season

Pete O'Dell announced the order of 2 x 1st XV and 1 x 2nd XV playing kits, as well as 1st and 2nd XV warm up tops, both paid for by generous sponsors of the club

Meeting closed at 20-15