

Alcester Rugby Football Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting - 12 July 2006

Mike Edwards, President chaired the meeting accompanied by Andy Miller Chairman, Darren Stanton Secretary and Peter O'Dell Treasurer.

There were 21 members in attendance:

Patrick Lamb	Courtney Wells	Scott Carmichael
Dom Skinner	Laura Bashford	Peter Lewis-Jones
Brett Allard	Carole Lewis-Jones	Nick O'Connor
Brian Wade	Anna Cox	Nigel Birchley
John Jones	Andy Warmington	Andy Flynn
Kim Flynn	Lou Fry	Andy Foster
New Teasdale	Jack Winder	Brad Sellers

1) Apologies

Joe Anthony, Ivan Laughlin & Derek Broughton

2) Minutes of the last AGM

The Minutes of the last AGM were proposed to be accepted as a true record by John Jones and seconded by Brett Allard, the meeting approved the motion.

3) Chairman's Report

Good Evening and thank you to all of you for attending the AGM.

When I took over from John Jones there were a number of items in his Chairman's Report and in the Minutes of the previous year that needed attending to.

These were;

1/ Commence the building project - this as you all know has now been completed and I think you will all agree has improved the club facilities immensely.

2/ Re-Open discussions with John Adams regarding the Field opposite the Kings Court - I took this on-board personally as I felt that lots of people had had a stab at it but never reached a conclusion. After some friendly discussions with John Adams we reached a very amicable arrangement that will benefit the club and now have the use of the field for the foreseeable future. My thanks to John Adams for his help and understanding in this matter.

3/ Training Pitch Lights- from the minutes I learnt that this was a long running saga and that the amount of people training on certain evenings was causing some degree of overcrowding. These lights are now installed and working.

4/Turn out Three Teams every Week- unfortunately we did not field three teams each week and indeed struggled to get two some weeks. Hopefully this year will see an improvement aided by the appointment of Nick O'Connor as Director of Rugby.

5/ Improve the Standard of Rugby- Well the season got off to a bit of a jittery start but ended with a bang as at the end of the season the first team became a force to be reckoned with. This coming season we have appointed Steve Lee as team Coach and look forward to his input and some exciting rugby.

6/ Increase Social Functions- this didn't really happen but I think that the building project knocked a large lump out of the year but we can strive to do this this year.

7/ Continue to Run ARFC on a sound Financial Basis- This Year has seen a great deal of expenditure on the Club and we must now consolidate and actively pursue more business for the club

Finally I would like to thank all of my fellow Committee Members

Secretary Darren Stanton

Treasurer Pete Odell

Nick O'Connor

Brett Allard

Junior Liaison Pete Goddard

Thanks go also to Horace Weaver who is an example to us all and the Team Captains Nick O'Connor, Grant Skidmore and Simon Baugh.

Last but not Least I would like to thank Mike Edwards for his advice and some very lively discussions throughout the season.

Without the support and hard work of all these people ARFC would not be the club that it is.

4) Treasurers Report

Peter O'Dell Treasurer issued copies of the accounts to the members and provided a detailed review of the P+L account.

The key points to come out of the report were:

- In the main it has been a year of change.
- The demographics of the club are changing in that the membership is considerably younger due to the increase in junior membership.
- The club needs to generate more cash, one suggestion being through more social functions.
- Pete highlighted that the club does not pay for itself and often relies heavily on income from non-membership functions i.e. Grammar School.
- The treasurer highlighted the claim that it is important that we reinforce the idea that everybody has to be a member of the club.

5) Captains Reports

1st XV/Nick O'Connor – After a decidedly rocky start to the season our fortunes changed with the help of the newly introduced 20/20 format allowing us the opportunity to give some of the younger players first team experience. This was highlighted in them reaching the semi finals of this tournament.

Unfortunately many of these young players will be lost to University but it does highlight that we are producing a good pedigree of player from our junior section.

Just into the New Year Steve Lee was introduced to the players and it is hoped his massive experience will rub off and give us valuable help when he becomes coach for the next season.

2nd XV/Dom Skinner – Dom first of all thanked Grant Skinner, who due to new work commitments was unable to continue the role of captaincy from the early part of the season, for the excellent group of players he had assembled.

Dom took over the captaincy mantle and despite some early season defeats finished the season strongly with noticeable victories over Redditch & Shipston.

3rd XV – No official report offered but it was noted that 6/7 games were played and the majority were victories.

6) Junior Report

No official junior report was offered but some of the details given were that there were now 180 members and also a number of level 2 coaches.

7) Declaration of President

The Chairman Andy Miller confirmed to the members that the President Mike Edwards would continue as President for a further 12 months.

8) Appointment of Scrutineers

Not required

9) Election of Officers and Captains

The following individuals were nominated unopposed to the Committee.

Chairman	Andy Miller
Secretary	Darren Stanton
Treasurer	Peter O'Dell.
Assistant Secretary	Brett Allard
Director of Rugby	Nick O'Connor
1st XV Captain	Scott Carmichael

10) Any Other Urgent Business.

They're being no further business the meeting closed at 8.03pm.