



Southgate HC AGM Meeting 2021

Minutes

Present:

Richard Beechener (RB), Kim Bishop-Laggett (KBL), Neil Murphy (NM), Neil Prior (NP), Elizabeth Moss (EM), Michelle Joubert (MJ), Simon Parker (SP), Jo Berndes, Will Hargrove (WH), Howard Clayden (HC), Robin Tullo (RT), Adrian Scott Knight (ASK), Justin Edwards (JE)

Present via Zoom:

Charles Hamilton (CH), Mark Thomsett (MT), Mark Langley (ML), Jo Price (JP), Jo Berndes (JB), Milly Berndes Cade (MBC), Will Hargrove (WH), Michelle Joubert (MJ), John Willmott (JW)

Apologies for absence received from:

ANDREW MORTENSON, ROMANA LE PAGE, BRIAN HIBBERT, SONIA DE MARTIN, BRIAN WOOLCOTT

RB opened the meeting with a minute's silence for Past president Rowley Charlton who passed away recently.

Welcome and thanks from RB to the committee especially to ML and Lyn Bryden who are stepping down from the committee after many years, to KBL, JB for their work taking on the role of ladies co chair of selectors, and to all who had made the summer at the club so successful. RB also expressed his thanks to captains, to parents and those who "do their bit" for the club. RB said the club felt the most open and inclusive as it has ever done

Confirm and sign minutes of AGM 7 July, 2019

Proposed by NP, seconded by AW. Signed by RB.

Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising

Report from Chairman of the Management Committee

Report from Neil Murphy, chairman (attached)

Receive and adopt Treasurer's report and accounts year ended April 30, 2020

NP gave his thanks to HC for auditing the accounts. NP highlighted the following points:

Income

- Every year there is a shortfall of some 20-30% between the income from members' subscriptions and funds required to run the club.
- The shortfall is made up by donations, sponsorship and fundraising.
- In 2019-20 the club cut back expenditure partly by design and partly as a result of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Income from subscriptions rose year on year as did the number of members: men up to 165 plus 20 boys (143 and 29 in 18/19) and ladies up to 72 plus 20 girls (58 and 31 in 18/19). A total of 277 adult members compared to 201 in 18/19.
- Sponsorship/Donations/Fundraising income increased largely due to generous donations to the president's fund rather than any significant sponsorship or fundraising.
- Income from Southgate Sixes and tours relates to events in the 2018-19 season with outlay in the previous financial year and some income coming through in 2019-20.

Expenditure

- A conscious cutback on 2019-20 coaching expenditure apart from M1 and L1. This masks the fact that several coaches are coaching free of charge. This is not sustainable.
- Expenditure on teas was lower because the season was curtailed due to Covid-19.
- Pitch hire expense was slightly lower for the same reason. Discussions are ongoing with the centre.
- Significant saving on kit expenditure as no free shirts were given away with subs in 19/20.
- Other expenses are higher than previous season due a large bills for umpire affiliation for two seasons falling into a single financial year at the club.

Junior expenditure

- Lower coaching expenditure is due to the impact of Covid-19 as no summer term of training. Ways of compensating juniors for this are being considered.
- Increase league entries due to a strengthening in junior numbers and teams with more entries into competitions.
- ◆ NP highlighted the overall £55,000 swing from £37,000 deficit to £18,000 surplus for the club as a significant achievement.
- ◆ He indicated that the club runs "a tight ship" with the surplus over the past six seasons since 2014-15 standing at £3,758 making the need for sponsorship, donations and fundraising increasingly important.

RB thanked NP and HC and emphasised that without a large sponsor, survival relies on generosity of friends of the club.

Election of the President and other officers

President - Richard Beechener - proposed by NM seconded by NP (voted in unanimously).

Vice-Presidents - RB proposed the election of JB and Matt McDonnell. Seconded by AW.

Chairman of the Management Committee Neil Murphy - Proposed by RB, seconded by ASK.

Honorary Secretary - NM proposed AW seconded by JE.

Honorary Assistant Secretary - Lynn Bryden - stepped down, position vacant.

Honorary Treasurer - Neil Prior - proposed by AW, seconded by NM.

Honorary Assistant Treasurer - no proposal. Role vacant. Committee seeks a volunteer.

Chair of Selection Committee (Men) - Neil Prior - proposed by JE, seconded by NM.

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Chair of Selection Committee (Ladies) - KBL- proposed RB, seconded by NP.

Honorary Fixtures Secretary (Men) - Mark Thomsett - proposed by NM, seconded by KBL.

Honorary Fixtures Secretary (Ladies) - Mark Thomsett - proposed by AW, seconded by SP.

Membership Secretary - Michelle Joubert - proposed by NP, seconded by AW.

Honorary Secretary for past and non-playing members - Kim Bishop-Laggett - proposed by RB, seconded by JE.

Junior Section Manager - Elizabeth Moss - proposed by RB, seconded by HC.

Assistant Junior Section Manager - no proposal. Role vacant.

Umpires 'Secretary - Justin Edwards - proposed by RB, seconded by WH.

Committee member without portfolio - Mark Langley stands down, Simon Parker, proposed by RB, seconded by HC.

Any other business

Vice-president RW told the meeting it is essential to get as much publicity as possible into the local press for the season ahead. RB agreed, highlighting player recruitment and indicating that part of the process will include promotion in the local community. The meeting closed at 19.19pm.