

# **WEST OF SCOTLAND FOOTBALL CLUB**

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held at Burnbrae on Wednesday 24 April 2019 at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT : Rose Barr (Chair), Willie Barr, Niamh Breakey, Robin Burnet, Gordon Cairns, John Cameron, Susan Cameron, Mike Craig, Colin Gemmill, Andrew Love, Craig McCall, Anthony MacFarlane, Ian McDiarmid, Alex Marshall, Donald Malone, Chris Marriott, Peter Nicoll, Alan Paterson, Andrew Primrose, Eric Smith, Iain Stark, Angus Steel, Iain Stewart, Neil Stobie, Paul Wilson, David Young,**

### **AGM Procedure.**

Hon. Secretary Rose Barr reminded members to sign in. She confirmed that only full members were eligible to vote on resolutions.

### **Apologies.**

The Hon. Sec. read the apologies: - Janice Hawton, Tom Hawton, Harry Lloyd, Ainsley McIntyre, Inez McIntyre, Colin Mair, Calum Morrison, John Prentice, Allan Snedden, Sue Spence, Alex Watson, Ross Wilson.

### **Deceased Members.**

The Hon. Sec. made reference to members who had sadly died during the preceding year – Frankie Hogarth and Paddy Thomson. No other deaths were advised.

### **Notice of AGM.**

The Secretary welcomed everyone to the Meeting and outlined the format to be adopted. She proposed that the Notice calling the meeting be taken as read. Proposed by Gordon Cairns and seconded by Eric Smith. Approved unanimously.

### **Minutes of 2018 AGM**

Proposed by Donald Malone and seconded by Angus Steel.

Approved unanimously.

## **1. Annual Reports - President and Playing.**

### **e) Presentation of Trophies.**

It was decided at this point to bring the prize giving forward. The trophies were awarded as follows:-

- (a) **Doug Little Trophy** (best club team of the year) **S2.**
- (b) **Gordon Brown Memorial Quaich** (Junior team of the year) **P4.**
- (c) **Friends of Scottish Rugby Trophy** (Most improved young player) – **Ronan McLaren.**
- (d) **Eric Sutherland Trophy for Endeavour** – **Drew Reddie.**

**a) President's Report.**

As there was no President in the preceding year – there was no President's report. All relevant business was covered in the other individual reports included in the AGM notice.

**b) Senior Playing Report – Ian McDiarmid**

Members were advised that the details of this report were printed in full in the AGM notice – copy of report attached for information.

**c) Junior Playing Report – Paul Wilson**

Members were advised that the details of this report were printed in full in the AGM notice – copy of report attached for information.

There were no questions from the floor on the foregoing reports.

**d) Estates Report – Donald Malone**

Members were advised that the details of this report were printed in full in the AGM notice – copy of report attached for information.

There were no questions from the floor regarding these reports.

Proposed by Gordon Cairns and Seconded by Chris Marriot,

**2. Annual Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**

At the request of the Secretary club treasurer, Iain Stewart referred to the printed Accounts and the report in the AGM Notice Booklet.

Iain thanked Eric Smith for his assistance over the past year.

The following questions/observations were raised:-

- Peter Nicoll – questioned the need for a part time bar employee. Suggested bar/pumps be closed and bottles only should be sold – by volunteers. He also stated that £100k for playing costs – which amounts to 50% of income. Finally he queried the need for a Rugby Development officer when the club appears to be settled in 3<sup>rd</sup> tier rugby. Ian McDiarmid responded and reminded everyone of the increased number of players at the club – many from schools and many of whom have been attracted to the club by the rugby development programme.
- Neil Stobie commented by saying the work done in the development of rugby at the club was commendable and is the future of the club.
- Chris Marriot asked about the sinking fund to replace the 4G pitch. Between £10,000 - £12,000 is put in this fund each year to ensure the future upkeep and replacement of the pitch overtime. Cost of new pitch surface not yet known.
- Andrew Primrose asked about the escrow fund – it was explained this relates to the rental deal with TCS and will soon be coming to an end. At which point the contents of the escrow account will be returned to TCS.

- Chris Marriot asked about the return on our investment fund which is around £40,000 – less than initially anticipated. The latest report from end of March 2019 put the value of the fund at £1.638m.
- Allan Paterson commented on the dreadful investment conditions in the last 6 months and thought the return was reasonable.
- Chris Marriot also asked for an explanation on the Professional Fees itemised in the accounts. Iain Stewart explained these covered a legal issue with TCS.

The Secretary thanked the club's auditor Blair Johnston, C.A.

The Secretary proposed re-appointment of the auditors for this year. Seconded by Iain Stewart and approved by all.

At this stage, Rose Barr asked for acceptance of the Accounts. Proposed by Andrew Primrose and seconded by Chris Marriot. Unanimously agreed.

### **3. Membership Report.**

Willie Barr referred to his printed report published in the AGM notice - copy of report attached for information.

#### **Fees Motion.**

There will be an increase to the current fees for season 2019/2020 in line with the published resolution.

- Senior Playing Members - £210
- Non-Playing Members - £110
- Country Members - £85
- Family Membership - £250 (2 adults & 2 children; £50 per additional child)
- Family Membership - £200 (2 adults & 1 child)
- Overseas Members - £55
- Junior Playing Members - ££135 (under 16 as at 30/9/19)

Proposed by Donald Malone and seconded by Angus Steel.

Unanimously agreed.

#### **Election of Office Bearers and Committee for 2019/2020**

The following elections were made:-

Office Bearers

**a) President** Donald Malone

Proposed by Willie Barr. Seconded by Gordon Cairns.

Elected Unopposed

Donald Malone assumed Chair of the meeting at this point and proceeded to conduct the elections of the rest of the Office bearers and Members of the General Committee for 2019/2020.

**b) Vice Presidents** Ian McDiarmid (Senior Playing)  
Iain Stewart (Finance & Development)  
Paul Wilson (Junior Playing)

**c) Hon Treasurer** John Prentice

**d) Hon Secretary** Rose Barr

**e) Other Committee Members** - Willie Barr, Eric Smith, Sue Spence, Allan Snedden and Alex Watson.

All under (b) to (e) proposed by Andrew Primrose, Seconded by Gordon Cairns.

All above approved unanimously

Donald Malone asked if there were any more proposals for committee members from the floor – there were no proposals.

### **Vote of Thanks**

Andrew Primrose thanked the General Committee for their hard work, and said it was a bit of a miracle they kept things going - particularly covering in the absence of a President. He also urged people to volunteer to help run the club and not to leave it to the few.

### **AOCB - None**

Meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.