CAMBUSLANG RUGBY AND SPORTS CLUB

MINUTES FROM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON May 9, 2024

WELCOME:

As President John McLaughlin was out of the country on business, Vice President Frank Mulligan welcomed members to the AGM.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Ross Hardie, John McLaughlin, Angus Boland

MINUTES

Minutes from Annual General Meeting 2023 were approved by Alan Jones and seconded by Stewart Barnett

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Frank Mulligan presented a report from President John McLaughlin reviewing events during John's term of office. A copy of the remarks can be accessed in the online AGM documents

TREASURER'S REPORT

G Shepherd talked through the audited accounts for the year. He highlighted the huge increase in electricity and gas prices and steps taken to mitigate the impact. He reported that the rugby section had added £20,000 to their levy to assist with the increased costs. This had helped ensure that the club continued to "wash its face" financially, although money was tight, and spending had to be carefully controlled. Gerry also highlighted the need to collect section levies timeously; the need to increase bar profits … and in response to questions about spending on pitches, he warned that grounds maintenance would have to increase in future years because of problems through increased usage.

A full copy of the audited accounts can be accessed in the online AGM Documents

GROUNDS CONVENOR'S REPORT

F Mulligan reported that the 1st XV pitch had stood up reasonably well, but the second pitch and training area had taken a hammering. A deal had been done with Coach Gavin's work to carry out seeding and other grounds work at a reduced cost, but in response to questions, Frank said more money would need to be allocated in future to maintenance, particularly on the second pitch and training area where compaction was a big problem, and usage would need to be monitored carefully – especially when the new lights were installed. He highlighted the cost of materials, with sand at £40 a tonne and more than £1000 required for seed and fertiliser

HOUSE CONVENOR'S REPORT

B Boland thanked everyone who had helped with work out over the course of the year keeping expenditure down at a time when the clubhouse age meant more maintenance was required and finances were tight.

The priorities he identified going forward were the toilets and lights, and the kitchen ventilation system. Among other jobs were the compartmentalisation of the downstairs corridors to help with alarm issues and access. Good news was that the five-yearly work for the electricity certification had now been completed and a huge amount .of work had been done on the project to renew the heating system throughout the building. Brian added his thanks to the sub-committee (and in particular Frank Mulligan) who were steering this through successfully.

BAR REPORT

Prices had recently been increased to attempt to boost profit margins, and Frank Mulligan thanked Elaine Farry for her sterling work in maintaining staffing levels when the nature of the job meant that there was a high turnover of people in these positions.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Marlyn Latta told the meeting that a complete overhaul of the membership details was underway and while there was still a long way to go, the system in place would be updated to make it more fit for purpose.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following office bearers were all approved without dissent by the meeting.

PRESIDENT –FRANK MULLIGAN

VICE PRESIDENT – DAVID BOAN

TREASURER – MARGARET GREGOR

BAR CONVENOR – GORDON SHANKS

HOUSE CONVENOR – BRIAN BOLAND

GROUNDS CONVENOR –SCOTT HARKINS

SECRETARY – LOGAN TAYLOR

SPONSORSHIP CONVENOR – JOHN McLAUGHLIN

SOCIAL CONVENOR – JOHNNY McGEEHAN

Thanking all committee members old and new for their efforts over the year, Frank Mulligan also reported that Committee Members were endeavouring to find a deputy for their individual posts. When asked if this would not make meetings a bit unwieldy, Frank acknowledged this could be an issue, but the need to ensure all committee meetings were quorate required additions to the committee … and the possible problems of additional numbers could be resolved with careful management of the meetings.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

The final matter raised on the evening was a call from the floor for all sections to become more involved in the club. This was agreed – and Frank Mulligan reported that efforts had recently been stepped up to bring the Harriers and TCH more into the fold and get them to attend committee meetings. There being no other business Frank Mulligan closed the AGM and thanked everyone for attending.