

Greater Birmingham AGM 2022

Secretary (executive); Mick Lee (temporary stand in for Steve Morris).



NOTICE OF GREATER BIRMINGHAM RFU **ANNUAL** GENERAL MEETING

Date: 13/11/2023

Held: Zoom

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2022-AGENDA

1. Reading of Calling Notice
2. Apologies
3. Acceptance of previous year AGM Minutes
4. President's Report
5. Annual Report/Accounts
 - i. Secretary, Treasurer, Youth Section, Men's Section, Safeguarding,
6. Appointment of Executive Officers
 - i. President, Secretary, Treasurer
7. Appointment of Officers
 - i. Youth Development, Referees Representative, Safeguarding Officer.
8. Nomination of new Vice Presidents.
9. Any Other Business (no resolutions taken) / farewells

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Chairman

Item		Action by
1	Calling Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Greater Birmingham RFU will take place electronically via Zoom on Monday 13th November 2023 at 19.30hrs. Voting Members as defined in Note 1: will be asked to consider and, if thought fit, to pass the resolutions below. 1. To receive the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 30 April 2021-22. 2. To elect a President, Treasurer and Secretary 3. To elect/confirm Officers for Youth Development, Referees Society, Safeguarding and receive reports. 4. To propose and elect Vice-Presidents. 5. In accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act, the Company is not required to obtain an audit. For consideration, a revision of the constitution is proposed in this AGM Calling Notice such that the quorum of 6 clubs is changed to '<i>6 persons from Executive Committee and Vice Presidents from a minimum of 4 GB Clubs</i>' Note 1: Voting Members: Only GBRFU Executive Committee or GBRFU Elected Officers or elected officers of Greater Birmingham Rugby Clubs, as at the date of this calling notice, will be eligible to vote. For the avoidance of doubt GB Vice Presidents come under 'GBRFU Elected Officers' for voting purposes.	
2	Apologies: None reported.	
3	Acceptance of previous year AGM Minutes: Tony McMahon Mick Lee	
4	President's Report: Been a very unpredictable season, following the Covid pandemic. Reports throughout Greater Birmingham clubs stating that player numbers of senior & juniors on an all-time low.	

	Junior: Unfortunately, James Pander (head of youth development) suddenly stepped down, due to living accommodation moving further away. We wish him all the best and thank him for all he has achieved during his time at GB. David Own (ERFU), has stepped in as (head of youth development). Greater Birmingham led by David Own, have concentrated on the junior section this season. We have introduced trials, like the seniors, with a positive effect with BIG numbers and club/school interest & turnout. Including volunteers. Senior: Yet again, senior XV men won 2022-23 Three counties championship making it four in a row. Well done all involved. Birmingham merit League. Unfortunately, due to teams dropping out last minute and not been able to fill a team during that week. The 2022-23 season ended disastrous for the merit league. North Mids to take over & run 2023-24 season. Reports from affiliated GB club: putting out their (2s team) hit and miss this season, working on 2023-24 season recruitment drive. Secretary: Sadley due to ill health, Steve Morris stepped down as treasurer. Thank you for all you have done at GB & we wish you a speedy recovery. Mick Lee as stepped temporary in until the position is filled. We thank Mick Lee for stepping in, knowing his time is stretched & valuable being Old Saltleians chairman. (We need to fill this position). Treasurer: Phil Hanford was appointed as GBRFU Treasurer, but just at the start of the season resigned due to his own club workload is not able to give time for GB. (We need to fill this position). Safeguarding: Position not filled. Touch Rugby: The touch league is now managed by Graham Moy Midland Touch association (MTA). (Into touch) will be the main organisers. The idea is for a GB club to host eight games. GB 1ST XV ladies: We have a GB ladies team ready but I'm still waiting for acknowledgement feedback from W&H/Shrop DU's regarding friendly or even tournament. I will ask North Mids to step-in with their prodding stick regarding this...	
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	Moving on to club finances: We have had some difficulty, regarding access to GB bank account due to the cross over from Rob Cross to Phil Hanford who resigned then to myself. Access to the bank account was only obtain late September 2023. Due to no treasurer I've had to appoint a professional accountant to view and submit the accounts to HMRC. This is still in its process and The GB accounts will be released once I obtain them. I can advise that at the moment the club is in a good financial position over 4.5k but as we expand and broaden the development of GB rugby, finances will begin to dwindle. I am hopeful that any affiliated clubs will continue to support us financially by hosting any GB games/tournaments etc. free of charge. Regarding Affiliated club member fees, there have been inconsistencies with payments. Going forward it would be beneficial for the work that GBRFU do if all fees are paid regularly and on time.	
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Annual Report/Accounts Secretary, Treasurer, Youth Section, Men’s Section, Safeguarding:

i. Accounts:

Income and Expenditure Account

For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Income		841	30
Expenditure		(2,806)	-
Operating Surplus / (deficit) before taxation		(1,965)	7,181
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	3	-	-
Surplus for the financial year		(1,965)	7,181

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Cash at Bank		5,964	7,929
Creditors			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-	-
Net current assets		5,964	7,929
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities		5,964	7,929
Represented by:			
Share Capital	4	23	23
Income and expenditure account	5	5,941	7,906
Capital and reserves		5,964	7,929

The Financial Statements were approved and authorised for issue by the committee and were signed on their behalf by:

R Cross

Officer

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2022

1. Statement of Committee's responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires the Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the North Midlands Rugby Football Union Limited and of its income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make the necessary adjustments and estimates which are both reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that Greater Birmingham Rugby Football Union Limited will continue in business.

The Committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records with respect to its transactions and its assets and liabilities. Such records must enable a true and fair view of its affairs to be given and explain its transactions. The Committee has a general responsibility for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the Union and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

2. Accounting Policies

2.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

2.2. Turnover

Income comprises amounts received by the union in respect of sponsorships, club subscriptions and training sessions.

2.3. Expenditure

These are the costs associated with the running of the representational teams, union initiatives and administrative functions of the Union.

3. Taxation

No liability to UK corporation tax arose on ordinary activities for the year ended 30 June 2022 nor for the year ended 30 June 2021.

4. Share Capital

Share capital comprises fully paid shares of £1 allocated to the member clubs. Member clubs at the beginning and end of the year were 23. There were no additions or cessations in the year.

5. Reserves

	Income and Expenditure Account £
As at 30 June 2020	7,876
Surplus for the year	<u>30</u>
As at 30 June 2021	7,906
Deficit for the year	<u>(1,965)</u>
As at 30 June 2022	5,941

	ii. Secretary's Report None ----- iii. Youth Teams: Under 18's GBs U18 side had a significant number of U17s in this year. October saw 11 lads get into the NM U18 regional programme, 3 of whom ended up with Midlands representation. The Spring saw a spirited, if unsuccessful, Houghton Harries campaign with narrow defeats at home to Shropshire and away to H+W. Both fixtures were played in terrible conditions and several of the squad will have another bite of the cherry next term. Under 17's On the back of the experience in the U18 squad, several of our U17 made it through to the matchday squad of a successful NM team. Bizarrely a couple of lads who made the U18 NM squad, did not make the U17 squad in May. It does however show the strength in this current U18 cohort. Touch Rugby: All affiliated clubs to be notified of league change and structure. Future Plans/Proposals: Junior Rugby: Boys U16 – Aspiring players squad was run for the first time in 2023. Culminating in a Friday night fixture at Bromsgrove, it gave lads on the edge of DPP programmes the chance to experience a rep/pro-environment. It has also helped identify players for future U17/18 squads. Women's Team: • Attended some GB games. Spoke to team players & coaches and captains to get their general opinions of where they are now & going forward. Requirements: • Budget Under 18's and Under 17's & seniors hosting pitch/club • Under 18s & 17s coaches tops/bottoms Proposals: • More committee representation for Greater Birmingham.	
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	1. Secretary 2. Treasurer 3. Safeguarding: If anyone, is interested in fulfilling this role please let us know. Likewise, if you know of anyone who may be interested, please pass this information on.	
6	Appointment of Executive Officers: Officers Nominee President Tony McMahon Secretary Treasurer	
7	Appointment of Officers Officers Nominee Youth Development David Owen Referees Representative Jim Looney Safeguarding Officer tbc	
8	Nomination of new Vice Presidents Nominee tbc	
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