

# RABBITS SECTION

56<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at Northwood Golf Club on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009

## MINUTES

**Present:** Stuart Vaux: Rabbits Captain in the Chair  
Bob Baker: Secretary  
Jez Blakeley: Treasurer  
36 Rabbit Members

**Apologies for absence:** Tony Allright, Jeff Clift, Mark Wareham, Bryan Lund, Steve Johnson, Colin Drake, Richard Dean, Phil Thornton, Ian Seely, Gordon Wilson.

### Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> AGM

The Minutes of the 55<sup>th</sup> AGM, having been posted on the Rabbits Notice Board for the members' attention were approved without amendment. Proposed by Arthur Stratton and seconded by Andy Rak.

### Matters Arising

Stuart Vaux raised a couple of points. Firstly under the Treasurer's Report it had been agreed to charge £20 per match for food and wine with any profit going to the Captain's Charity. Subsequently the Officers felt that we were already making too much money, we could well afford to donate money to the Captain's Charity from existing funds and Jez Blakeley will be making proposals later.

Secondly the Captain has stated that he was prepared to arrange an away day if sufficient interest was shown. He did not however do this as he felt that due to the lack of support shown for other clubs' festivals it would probably be a waste of his time.

Hugh Harkness questioned as to whether we should hold our own Rabbits Day, a view that seemed to be favourably received by the members present. Bob Baker has agreed to raise this matter with the office and to check on course availability. This may mean that such an event could not be held until the 2010/2011 season.

### Captain's Report

Stuart Vaux presented his report in which he summarized the results of an average season in our friendly matches and the loss to Sandy Lodge in the first round of the Stanley West. He gave details of our Rabbits internal competition winners and reminded that the new handicap system will be introduced for next year and this will affect team selection. Stuart thanked Bob Baker, Secretary, and Jez Blakeley, Treasurer, for their hard work over the past year and welcomed Alan Garner as the Treasurer elect. Full Captain's Report can be found on the Rabbits notice board.

### Treasurer's Report

The accounts had been made available prior to the meeting via email and Jez Blakeley pointed out a couple of items. The accounts have been run for a twelve-month period starting as at 1<sup>st</sup> October which ties in with our bank statements and he recommended that this be adopted in the future to make the job of the incoming treasurer easier.

The Accounts showed a slight increase in funds over the twelve-month period, meal and wine fees virtually equated to the cost. The only other point of note was that an audit trail had revealed that two ties had been misplaced and these are reflected in the assets. Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Peter Swindells and seconded by David Killick.

The Treasurer then raised the fact that the balance on the account has remained static at or around the £1,000 mark for the last two to three years, March this year showing the lowest level in the last twelve month period of £935 whilst December reflected the highest balance of £1,360. The worst month from a cash flow point of view was a negative outflow of funds of £300. Therefore having referred to the other officers he suggested a donation of £400 be made to be split equally between the outgoing Captain's Charity Stanmore Orthopaedic Hospital and the incoming Club Captain's and new Rabbits Captain's favoured charity, Grangewood Special School. This would leave a working balance of some £600 that would be more than ample for the Rabbit section needs. After further explanation the meeting, by a unanimous show of hands, gave approval to proceed

Finally he announced that greater use would be made of the Rabbits card for meal and wine costs to enable an audit trail to be produced and greatly simplifying current procedures.

### Election of Officers 2009/2010

Captain: Bob Baker  
Secretary: Jez Blakeley  
Treasurer: Alan Garner

The meeting endorsed the appointments.

### Any Other Business

There being no further business the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 7.16 pm.