

Glasgow Lions Touch Rugby Club
Secretary's Report: 10 October 2015

I would like to welcome everyone here tonight to our Annual General Meeting. I would especially like to thank those volunteers who have sat on the committee, sub-committees, coaches who have helped organise training, tournaments and events throughout the year.

The Committee:

In the last year, the committee has met on a monthly- six weekly basis. The committee are made up of Adrian O'Sullivan (Chair), Brian McCluskey (Vice Chair), Cathy Bertuccelli (Treasurer), Ann-Marie Wall (Secretary), Denis Donoghue (Club Development Officer), Mungo Ferguson (Membership Officer), Lindsey Dunlop (Tournament Manager), Felix Gilfeddar (Chair social sub-committee), Gillian Bond (Coaching Co-ordinator) and Lesley Mulgrew and Alan Donaldson (Ordinary Members).

Sub-Committees:

The following sub-committees met on a regular basis throughout the year.

1. *Club Development + Grants.*
 2. *Social Committee / Sponsorship.*
 3. *Tournaments.*
 4. *Club Coaching Management and Co-ordinating.*
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Thank you to all the volunteers in these sub-committees.

Progress in 2015:

I would add my thanks to the rest of the Committee and particularly to Adrian, our chairperson whose efforts have been essential in keeping the club moving forward. Our Treasurer Cathy has continued to generate highly organised accounts.

I would also like to mention the hard work of the coaches this year. They have reviewed the feedback from the previous season and worked hard to provide quality training throughout the year. Thank you to Gillian for her hard work as coaching co-ordinator and introducing coaching plans to the club. This year has been a big success and we have the highest ever numbers of players that have attended right up to the end of the season. The introduction of the Internal Mini League has been a great success. Thank you to Brian for all his hard work in co-ordinating this.

A particular mention goes to the social committee who have introduced a social calendar this year which has worked well to promote the ethos of a inclusive, social and support club and which has helped contribute to the highest ever retention of new players for the season. Thank you also to Lindsey Dunlop and Brian Mc Cluskey who have continued to promote attendance at all tournaments and Lions Events via social media, emails and surveys.

Related to this I would like to re-emphasise that this is a club made up of its individual members and we all have a stake in it. We need all the support that we can get in order to carry out all the many functions required to run a club of this size. In the past year, the club has continued to grow and we now over 100 members. In order to improve what we do and keep people happy we need a huge amount of voluntary effort. So please think about helping your club in any small way that you can over the coming year.

To conclude – I would like to thank everybody that has helped me throughout the year in order for me to fulfil the job as Club Secretary. I will be stepping down from the committee this year and I would like to say it has been a very rewarding experience.

I would like to leave you with the following paraphrased reflection by Mitch Albom.

...."The way you get meaning into your life is to..... devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."

Indeed, it is a privilege to be part of a club that promotes community, friendship and inclusion and I encourage anyone to avail of the great opportunity to volunteer to help Glasgow Lions to continue to develop as a leading club in Scotland in Touch Rugby

Ann-Marie Wall
Club Secretary