

# Glasgow Lions Touch Rugby Club

## AGM

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### The Buff Club

**Present:** Keith Moir (Chairperson), Carolyn Bryce (Vice Chairperson), Catherine Bertucelli (Treasurer), Lindsey Dunlop (Secretary), Alexis Donnelly, Frances Campbell, Alex Watson, David Anderson, Stewart Robison, Stuart Dougal, Tommy Shinton, Colby Findlay, Carmen Cree, Matt Graham, John Dunne, Iain Houston, Cynthia Busch, Calum Firth, Megan Guy, Leanne Cooke, Kirsten Dempster, Ewan Campbell, Gavin Byers, Gillian Bond, Maja Gerken, Chas Stockwell, Simone Rawlinson, Karen Pickering, Felix Gilfedder, Douglas Schreiber, Lynda Dunbar

#### 1. Welcome

All members were welcomed to the AGM, and the agenda for the meeting was confirmed.

#### 2. Previous Minutes

The minutes of the AGM held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were accepted.

#### 3. Presentation of Reports

##### a. Coaching (Carolyn Bryce, on behalf of Joanna Campbell)

Through the 2019 season, 13 coaches have delivered training to new and returning members through dedicated beginner's sessions, pre-season training and coaching squads through the Summer League.

The report recognised the achievements of members at all levels, including: players represented Scotland in the World Cup, the STS and the SDS.

The next step for the coaching team is to consider plans for winter training sessions. Details will be communicated with members in due course.

##### b. Treasurer (Catherine Bertucelli)

GLTRC has remained financially sound through the 2019 season. Expenditure has been greater than income due to the purchase of additional kit and subsidising participation in tournaments. As with previous years, the most significant expenditure was pitch hire for training.

Consideration will be given to additional sources of funding in the 2020 season, including applications to the Lottery and Sport Scotland. Sponsorship from Finsbay FF will not be continued and a new sponsor will be sought.

#### **c. Secretary (Lindsey Dunlop)**

The Secretary's report highlighted the work of the committee, and sub-committees, over the 2019 season. Thanks were offered to all committee members, coaches and players for their support of the club.

Lindsey indicated that she would be stepping down from the committee, and the role of Secretary, in the 2020 session.

#### **d. Chairperson (Keith Moir)**

The Chairperson's report recognised the achievements of players, coaches and the committee throughout the season. Thanks were offered to all who have supported the club.

It was noted that the club has had a very successful season in delivering opportunities for touch rugby to players at all levels.

Membership of GLTRC has grown throughout the year to 119 members. The club has experienced a number of successes at tournaments, and worked closely with the GTA to hold the first Scottish Development Series.

Full copies of reports can be found at [www.glasgowlions.com/resources](http://www.glasgowlions.com/resources)

### **4. Election of Officers**

The following members were elected to the Committee for the 2020 season:

| <b>Committee Position</b> | <b>Member Elected</b> | <b>Nominated By</b>   | <b>Seconded By</b>    |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Chair                     | Keith Moir            | Jo Young              | Alexis Donnelly       |
| Vice Chair                | Carolyn Bryce         | Keith Moir            | Carmen Cree           |
| Treasurer                 | Catherine Bertuccelli | Lindsey Dunlop        | Keith Moir            |
| Secretary                 | Lou James             | Catherine Bertuccelli | Lynda Dunbar          |
| Coaching Director         | Brian McCluskey       | Keith Moir            | Carolyn Bryce         |
| Ordinary Member           | Cameron Hart          | Keith Moir            | Catherine Bertuccelli |
| Ordinary Member           | Stuart Dougal         | Stewart Robison       | Keith Moir            |
| Ordinary Member           | Francesca Guarino     | Carolyn Bryce         | Frances Campbell      |
| Ordinary Member           | Dominic Wilde         | Keith Moir            | Carolyn Bryce         |

### **5. STA Membership**

From the beginning of the 2020 season, the Glasgow Lions TRC membership fee for returning players will include affiliate membership of the Scottish Touch Association (STA). As a result, the cost of membership will increase to £35 per year. Membership details will be collated by Glasgow Lions TRC and passed to the STA at the start of the season.

New members will continue to pay £1 for the first year, but will be asked to join the STA if they wish to participate in tournaments.

## **6. Coaching Director**

It was proposed that the club's constitution is amended to include the role of Coaching Director. The Coaching Director will act as a link between the coaching team and committee.

No objections were raised, and the constitution will be amended accordingly.

## **7. Questions**

**Q (Stewart Robinson): What impact will the STA membership fee have for new members?**

**A (Keith Moir):** The membership fee for new members will remain at £1, and will not include affiliate membership of the STA. New members will have the option of joining the STA during their first year if they wish to participate in STA tournaments and events. This will be fully discussed at the first committee meeting.

**Q (Douglas Schreiber): Has the STA considered the possibility of offering a reduced joining fee for the first year?**

**A (Keith Moir):** STA membership is fixed at £10.

**Q (Callum Firth): What changed the club's perspective on STA membership?**

**A (Keith Moir):** The STA are experiencing financial difficulty which could impact on their ability to run tournaments and support the growth of touch rugby in Scotland. The role of clubs in supporting the STA was felt to be important.

**Q (Alex Watson): What is the STA membership fee used for?**

**A (Keith Moir/Cara Bryce/Leeanne Cooke):** The STA supports the growth of touch rugby in across Scotland. The membership fee is used towards resources which benefit all clubs and players. This includes: insurance for events organised by the STA, contributions to tournaments, and funding for players and referees to attend courses relevant to the development of the sport. The STA also provides support in relation to player management, coaching and kit.

**Q (Stewart Robinson): Has there been discussion about how the STA can support the growth and development of clubs?**

**A (Keith Moir):** GLTRC has discussed the benefits of membership with the STA. The benefits to clubs STA support the development and growth of clubs through opportunities for coaches.

**Q (Matt Graham):** Is the increased entry fee for tournaments due to the STA's financial situation? What is the increase likely to be?

**A (Keith Moir/Cathy Bertuccelli):** No, the increased fee for GLTRC members is not related to the STA's position. GLTRC currently asks that members participating in tournaments pay a standard fee of £10, regardless of the entry costs or the number of players in a squad. The money paid by players is typically less than the entry fee, with the remainder paid by the club. However, this is not financially sustainable in the long term. The entry fee for any tournament will now be split equally between the players selected to ensure that costs are covered.

**Q (Stewart Robinson):** Does the GLTRC membership fee cover the costs of tournaments?

**A (Catherine Bertuccelli):** No. Membership fees cover essential costs such as pitch hire, equipment and insurance. The club's expenditure is greater than the income generated from membership fees.

**Q (Matt Graham):** Will training continue to be held at Glasgow Green Football Centre? Where will the Summer League be held?

**A (Keith Moir):** The current plan is for training to continue at Glasgow Green. The location of the Summer League is decided by the GTA and GLTRC has no influence on this decision.

## **8. Kit Design Competition**

Five entries were considered. The winning entry was designed by Chas Stockwell.

## **9. Awards**

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| Most Valuable Player - Men's Force | Calum Firth               |
| MVP - Women's Force                | Carmen Cree               |
| MVP - Men's Hurricanes             | Barry O'Carroll           |
| MVP - Women's Hurricanes           | Leanne Cooke              |
| Coaches Player of the Season       | Jamie Carruth             |
| Player's Player                    | Cameron Hart & Cara Bryce |
| Victor Fransico Suarez             | Megan Guy                 |

## **10. AOB**

No additional matters raised.