



Glasgow Lions Touch Rugby Club

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting.

Date: Saturday 09th November 2013

Venue: The Griffin Bar, Bath Street, Glasgow.

In attendance:

Adrian O'Sullivan
Jo Campbell
Chris Luscombe
Ryan Shearer
Victor Francisco Suarez
Kelly Maguire
Ann-Marie Wall
Maeve O'Neil
Elaine Clark
Laura O'Reilly
Julie Clarke
John Dunne
Catherine Bertuccelli
Sinead O'Loughlin
Louise Heritage
Terry Bauld
Heather Rawcliffe
Rebecca Skuce
Alex Matheson
Jennifer Kiernan
Mungo Ferguson
Peter Benson
Ian Gallagher
Ian Simms
Felix Gilfedder
Diana Rix
Lindsey Dunlop
Lizzie Willis
Nikki Whelan
Laura Thomson
Lesley Mulgrew
Stephen Bennett

1. Chair's Report

The Chair presented his report highlighting the club's achievements over the past year.

He reported that there were 40+ players that came to this year's beginners Academy; however retention of players was not as good as previous years. Therefore, the focus of 2014 will be on retaining more players following the Academy. Suggestions for this were to change to name of the academy to attract players from previous sporting backgrounds and allocating players to groups to suit their ability.

The Chairperson congratulated the Lions on finishing joint 6 out of 36 teams in the STSS, which was an improvement from 8th place last year. He also highlighted the achievements of the team in various tournaments throughout the year and to players who played at National levels for Scotland this year.

In terms of Club Development, the Chair highlighted the need for regular attendance at training and the need for volunteers. In addition, he reported that Terry Bauld is now club coaching co-ordinator



and will assist with administration of coaching and mentoring the new coaches. He also praised the work of Head Coach Victor Francisco Suarez and First Team coach Terry Bauld.

The Chair also spoke about Youth Development and that in the past year the goals identified for youth development were achieved. He particularly praised the hard work of Jenny Johnson and Victor Suarez. He also thanked staff from Glasgow Life and St Mungo's school. He emphasised that in order for Youth Development to continue more volunteers and coaches are needed.

The chair also reported on the finances of the club and thanked Denis Donoghue for securing the Big Lottery Funding and Sean Batty for raising funds and organising the Pub quiz and auction.

The chair spoke about the Committee and Management. He thanked the committee for all their hard work over the past year. He praised the work of Brian Mc Cluskey for monitoring and maintains the website, booking the Christmas night out and the venue for AGM. He also thanked the work of Elaine Clark and Laura Thomson over the last year who will now be stepping down from the committee.

The chair made a special thank you and presentation to Louise Heritage who has stepped down as Club Captain this year following a successful 4 years as captain.

The chair emphasised the importance of recruiting new players and spreading the word about Glasgow Lions. He also stressed the importance of attending training regularly and that the new structure of having allocated training groups to match players' ability, along with new coaches will continue to allow the club to develop.

2. Head Coach's report

The Head Coach summarised the club's performance over the year in terms of tournaments and the summer league. The First team finished in 6th position and second team in 12th position in the STS series. He also highlighted the commitment of others teams to training and praised the female team. He emphasised that overall performance was good, however result could improve if improved attendance at training.

The head coach also reported on the success of the youth development programme which offered 5 after school sessions and 5 Saturday sessions and reached approximately 300-400 pupils. He emphasised the need for more volunteers for this to continue.

3. Treasurers Report

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts for the club which showed a profit of £2193. The club benefited from a Lottery Grant for and funds raised from Pub Quiz and auction. £750 is still to be paid for equipment. The treasurer thanks Louise Heritage, Lindsey Dunlop and Brian McCluskey for helping source bills due and invoices. **The treasurer requested that all players change the reference voice for payments paid into Glasgow Lions account.**

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported an increased membership (88 members) which is the biggest membership to date. He thanked the Chair, the Treasurer for their hardwork, Laura Thomson for developing the Club Strategy and the rest of the committee. He emphasised the need to more volunteers to continue to help the club develop.

6. Election of the Management Committee

The following were elected to serve on the Committee:

Chair: Adrian O'Sullivan

Vice Chair: Brian Mc Cluskey

Treasurer: Catherine Bertuccelli

Secretary: Ann-Marie Wall

Club Development Officer: Denis Donoghue

Youth Development Officer: Jenny Johnson



Membership and Player Liaison Officer (Adult Section) Mungo Ferguson
Ordinary Member (Head Coach) Victor Suarez
Ordinary Member (Coaching co-ordinator) Terry Bauld
Ordinary Member: Alan Donaldson

7. AOB / Presentation of Player Awards

Louise reported the Victor Suarez, Head Coach was nominated for Community Championship award which is to be held on 5th December at Glasgow City Chambers. She asked if people are interested in attending, to please email her by the 19th of November.

Louise also reported that Victor has been nominated to be a baton bearer for the Common Wealth games.

Terry Bauld reported the this year Glasgow Lions were informed from STSS that they would not be guaranteed place in tournament for 2014 if they did not finish in top 8th of tournaments. Therefore, there was emphasis this year on results and standing. She reported that the club also appreciated that some players are involved as social players and that all are welcome in the Club.

Presentation to Players:

MIP male Ryan Searer

MIP female Ann-Marie Wall

Overall MIP Heather Rawcliff

MVP male: Felix Gilfedder

MVP Female: Rachel Facer

MVP Overall: James Bandle

Players Player: Rachel Facer

Most Committed Player Female: Cathy Bertuccelli

Most Committed Player Male: Brian Mc Cluskey