NORTHUMBERLAND RUGBY UNION

Patron: HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND
President: Noel Mather.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 27th June 2024, 7pm at Northern Rugby Club

BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. LUCY ARMSTRONG OPENED THE MEETING WITH A THANK YOU TO ALL HER BOARD MEMBERS TOGETHER WITH MAGNUS LEASK WHO WAS DOR FOR 18 MONTHS BUT STEPPED DOWN. LUCY ALSO THANKED CLAIRE SHARPE FOR HER WORK AND EFFORTS DURING THIS TIME OF THE CURRENT BOARD.

2. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,** HENRY CAVE REQUESTED THIS AND WAS PASSED.

3. **DRAFT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS OF THE COMPANY FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR TO DATE.** BRIAN FERGIE PRESENTED THE ACCOUNTS TO MAY 2024, NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED.

4. **DIRECTORS' REPORT ON THE COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES SINCE THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

4.1 Rugby - Dave Challenger

4.2 Governance – Gary Robson

4.3 Marketing – Dean Gray

4.4 All reports had been submitted Lucy informed the meeting and asked for any questions, there were no questions.

5. **ELECTION OF NCR LTD DIRECTORS**

5.1 Director of Marketing Communications and Sponsorship was contested by current director Dean Gray and was challenged by James Barnett. A vote was carried out with Clubs, Past Presidents in attendance, S, Newcastle falcons, and Referees all allowed to vote. The vote was for dean Gray to continue as Director of Marketing Sponsorship and Communications for the new incoming board.

6. APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTORS

6.1 Appointment of New Chair, **Lee Weatherly, unopposed.**

6.2 Appointment of New Company Secretary, **Graham crozier, unopposed.**

~~6.3 Appointment of Director of Governance~~

6.4 Appointment of Director Club Development, **Keith Atkinson, unopposed.**

6.5 Appointment Director Marketing Comms and Sponsorship, **Dean Gray.**

7. RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR TERM. THIS WAS FORMALISED AND COMPLETED.

8. RESIGNATION OF COMPANY SECRETARY. THIS WAS FORMALISED AND COMPLETED.

NEW CHAIR TAKES CONTROL OF MEETING

LEE WEATHERLY OPENED THE NEW BOARD WITH A THANK YOU TO THE OLD BOARD IN TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONGRATULATED DEAN GRAY ON HIS SUCCESS AND THANKS JAMES FOR STANDING TOO.

9. NEW BOARD PROPOSALS FOR VACANT DIRECTORSHIPS LEE AND GRAHAM DISCUSSED WITH THE MEETING THE VACANT POSITIONS AND INFORMED THE MEETING THAT A DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND RUGBY WERE BEING DISCUSSED WITH 2 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE KEEN TO COME ON BOARD. LEE ALSO INFORMED THE MEETING THAT THE FOCUS OF THIS NEW BOARD AND HOW WE WORK TOGETHER AS PARTNERS, CLUBS, FALCONS, REFEREES, SCHOOLS, ALL STAKE HOLDERS, ALL WORKING TOGETHER WITH A FOCUS ON RUGBY DEVELOPMENT AND DRIVING THE DEVELOPMENT TO GET MORE PEOPLE INTO OUR GAME WITHIN NORTHUMBERLAND.

KINGSLEY HIGHLAND HIGHLIGHTED THAT THE POTENTIAL NEW INCOMING DIRECTORS WOULD NEED TO BE VOTED IN FOR A 1 YEAR TERM AT THE NEXT GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING AND THEN STAND FOR RE-ELECTION AT THE NEXT AGM. THIS WAS ACCEPTED.

ANDY THOMPSON ALSO ASKED THAT ALL MEETINGS BE DIARISED TOGETHER WITH THE VENUE ASAP. AGAIN, THIS WAS ACCEPTED AS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE AND WOULD BE ORGANISED.

LEE ASKED FOR ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS AND THERE WERE NONE SO LEE FINISHED WITH THANKING THE TRUST FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO DATE WITH A WISH FOR THIS SUPPORT TO CONTINUE GOING FORWARDS.

10. CHANGE IN CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

10.1 Alex Littlefair is stepping down, and Jack Pellew will be appointed.

10.2 Andy Thomson is stepping down and Andrew Hogson will be appointed.

10.3 Craig Wrightson is stepping down and Peter Hamil will be appointed.

11. AOB, NONE.

MEETING WAS CLOSED.