

# SUSSEX RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

## **Minutes of the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Sussex Rugby Football Union, held at Brighton FC (RFU) on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.30pm**

**09/168 Present** – R. Edmondson, President, P. Silk Secretary, G. Thompson, A.Parker, B. Lewis, R. Rogers, G. Howorth, P. Bailey, P. Atthis, M. Chumbley, Mr. L Newcombe (by invitation), Ms. J. Coleman, F. Edmonds, G. Jones, P. Sealey (Minutes), and representatives from 21 Clubs -Bognor, Brighton, Burgess Hill, Cinque Ports, Crawley, Eastbourne, East Grinstead, Haywards Heath, Heathfield & Waldron, Hastings & Bexhill, Holbrook, Horsham, Hove, Lewes, Midhurst, Newick, Norfolk Arms, O. Brightonians, Pulborough, Sussex Police, Uckfield & Worthing.

**09/169 Apologies** – Chichester RFC, Crowborough RFC, Seaford RFC, Messrs. R. Hopkins, M. Doyle, A. Croucher, N. Silk, A. Jenkins, A. Steele, C. Keeley, D. Fisher, A. Bradford and M. Walker

**09/170 Minutes** of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 June 2009. Prop P. Bailey, Sec P. Harding, they were approved and were signed by the President.

**09/171 Matters Arising** – There were no matters arising.

**09/172** The President's report for 2009-10 had been circulated. He believed that the County was in better shape than when he took over. 18 players had represented their Country at appropriate levels, the new reorganization of the Executive Committee had taken place and he had been well supported by all the Executive and Chairmen of the respective Committees. He had seen every 1<sup>st</sup> XV play at Senior Level and was pleased by the Youth and School Activities. Areas of concern included County XV performances from U14 to Seniors and the Women & Girls Activities.

**09/173 Presentations** - The President presented Mr. Mike Richardson with the 'Walrus Trophy', the County's premier award, in recognition of the immense amount of effort put into organising the Sussex Team Leagues, Sussex Team Knockouts, and Colts Leagues and Cup. The President then presented engraved tankards to Messrs. P. Atthis and P. Sealey, who were each retiring from the Executive Committee after over 25 years service to the CB in many roles, including that of President. All three recipients thanked the County for the honours bestowed.

**09/174 Election of CB Officers** - Before the election took place, the nominee for Executive Chairman, Mr. A. Butcher, gave a short address, outlining his hopes for the coming year, and confirming his readiness to work with all Clubs, and the RFU staff. He noted that in future, it would be advisable to make this appointment earlier in the year, at the same time as the RFU Representative, in order that the successful candidate has time to familiarise themselves with current issues and problems before assuming responsibility.

**President:** Peter Bailey

**Chairman:** Allan Butcher

**Secretary:** Peter Silk

**Treasurer:** Richard Hopkins

**Community Rugby :** Gary Howorth

**CBRDP Chairman:** Alan Croucher

Proposed: P. Mercer Seconded: R. Thoms Carried.

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**09/175 Election of Life Member** - In proposing the election of Dr. RCE Edmondson to Life membership, P. Sealey said that Roger had served the CB for many years as Discipline Secretary, County Secretary and as President for the last two years, and had been a mainstay of the Sussex Schools RFU, and the Daily Mail Cup. He had devoted an enormous amount of time and involved himself in every aspect of Sussex Rugby, supported by his wife Beryl. Sec. by P. Silk, the motion was carried nem con.

*Meeting closed at 7.50pm.*