

Minutes of AGM – Laurentian Sports and Social Club – 18th April 2010

Held at the Clubhouse – 11.00am

Present: David Longrigg, Lionel Gardner, Bill Wallis, Reiner Ferguson, Steve Pike, Paul Simpson, Kevin Cossar, Grantley Jenkins, Arwel Jones, Terry Wootton, Keith Baxter, Peter Jenkins.

Apologies: Peter Higgs

Previous minutes were not available; Jon Bass had resigned as Hon Sec. We had a new Hon Sec and that was Richard Wootton. He was out on the field coaching the minis, but sent his apologies. PJ to take the minutes.

Chairman's report: PJ reported that we had not had too many expensive surprises as far as repairs to the building. New bar manager was doing a sterling job. All our beers now come from The Merchants – working very well. Problems with the “hockey” and their food, but sorted in the end. The OLRFC thanked for support in keeping the place tidy. Simmo also thanked for his supreme efforts. There were no questions from the floor for the Chairman.

Treasurer's report: DL presented audited accounts to end of August 2009. These showed a modest profit of £4,600 (equates to approx 6% of gross turnover). Figures showed maintenance costs were down. GTJ asked for further breakdown which DL will provide. Thanks to DL for his efforts. August 2010 figures will be available end of December.

Election of officers: RW added as Hon Sec, Chairman and Treasurer to continue.

AOB: RF asked about beer prices. These will be maintained at the same or lower than The Merchants.

Capitation discussed. Hockey slow to pay. They pay same rate as OLRFC, but do not use the facilities. However they rarely join any working party. Capitation rate will be reviewed for start of next season.

AJ said drains from the kitchen were causing a problem. Needs thorough investigation. Levels/falls are minimal. Options are to pump away, or to store in a tank.

PJ wanted usage and costs for floodlights to be more carefully monitored, and a charge per hour levied if possible?

The drive is in a state after the winter. Cost to re-lay is prohibitive, so can only do repairs. Sainsbury's are having an extension, and OLRFC have had an enquiry re storage of plant. This might lead to some low cost black stuff?

Hydrex are filling in drainage ditches over the summer – perhaps they can get involved in drive and kitchen drains?

KC asked where we were with new clubhouse. PJ explained that it had been “parked” due to some negative feedback. Reason for new club was that the old one was falling apart, and expensive to heat etc. Agreed that LS&SC need to get all the details down and report to back to the Society, who should either manage repairs or build a new CH.

The Mini rugger section was thriving. They had produced a risk assessment for the LSSC. This will be implemented during the summer, but funds/grants may well be needed. Minis were self sufficient, and were using facilities FOC. This to continue for the time being.

Ladies day had proved a huge success, helped by beautiful weather. Complaints about ladies toilets – DO need regular inspections to ensure cleanliness & repairs to leaking pipe.

Cricket square is not being used by LSS this year. This will cause a problem with pitch maintenance. We have the usual arrangements for the outfield, with the mowing contractor requested to attend as required. School enjoy use of fields for rugger FOC in the winter, can that be used as leverage for them to continue maintenance of cricket outfield?

AJ asked if whole field could be cut, not just a ring around the square. But this won't suit the Rugby Club as grass maybe too short at the start of the rugby season.

AJ thanked for his hard work marking pitches out etc.

We have mid – week cricket teams booked to use the pitch during the Summer. An artificial pitch is to be installed – time scales to be agreed. Need to get costs etc, and see if grants are available.

OLRFC now have a new sign – can LSSC arrange to have it installed.

Meeting closed at 12:15pm. Adjourned to the bar where the LSSC provided FOC refreshments for those gathered.