

**MINUTES OF THE 98<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HILLHEAD HIGH SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL TRUST HELD AS A VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM AT 1900 HOURS ON WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2020**

**APOLOGIES:**

Apologies for absence were received in respect of P Brunton, H Deas, J Ferguson, C Lauder, I Russell, A Scott, A Syme, S Trotter, J Williams and F Wilson.

**NOTICE OF MEETING:**

The Notice of the Meeting, having been duly circulated to the members, was taken as read, on the proposal of Mr Tervet, seconded by Mr Kitchener.

**OBITUARIES:**

The Chairman referred with regret to the deaths during the year of Walter Steedman, Lachie McKinnon and Ali Romanis, all long time members of the club. The sympathies of the membership were extended to their families.

**MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, having been previously circulated to the members on the website, were adopted on the proposal of Mr Kitchener, seconded by Mr Green.

**BUSINESS ARISING:**

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT:**

The Directors' Report had been circulated in advance. The Chairman outlined to the membership the actions which had been taken since March – the club had closed on 20 March and membership payments had been frozen; since then there has been a gradual reintroduction of activities, and we have restarted membership payments as the different sports became active. We have also received support from Glasgow City Council and the SRU through Covid hardship grants. We are very grateful to all members who have made donations in place of their regular subscriptions, even if their particular sport has not yet been able to restart. Our Virus Impact Group has been working on plans for reopening the club in a way which is safe for everybody, while keeping the club stable financially.

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:**

The Chairman referred to the financial reports and accounts which had been circulated and handed over to Ms Lawton.

Ms Lawton referred to the GCC and SRU grants which had already been mentioned, and said that we were looking at applying for a government bounce back loan. We need to be able to reopen in a manner which is safe for everybody, so planning involves risk assessments as each area reopens. Initial expenditures had been on matters such as provision of hand sanitiser stations and signage to ensure social distancing. Each aspect of reopening is being considered step by step, and we are hoping that Café Source Too will be reopening towards the end of the month, albeit with limited hours at first. Mr Mitchell commended the group on their crystal ball gazing so far, and said that the Cricket and Rugby sections would be happy to help with any applications which were appropriate. Mr Soden asked whether membership numbers had been changing before the pandemic and was told that they had held fairly steady; since March there had been a few resignations but also a number of new applications particularly for Tennis. And as the Chairman had said, we are very grateful for the many

donations from members. Mr Bond referred to the gym and said that plans were being made to reopen as soon as government guidelines allow this to happen safely. Everything is being planned in a phased way to ensure we reopen safely while ensuring the longterm financial stability of the club.

There being no further questions about them, the accounts for 2019 were adopted on the proposal of Mr Taylor, seconded by Mr Wilson.

**SECTION REPORTS:**

Reports were given in respect of Cricket, Rugby, Shinty, Tennis and the Community Hub. The Chairman thanked them all for their efforts to maintain some sort of activity while the club was closed and for their efforts to keep all participants safe during the gradual return to active play.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:**

There being four nominations for eight places, Ms Blair, Mr Bond, Mr Kitchener and Mrs Ross were declared duly elected.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1950 hours.