

MINUTES OF THE 100th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HILLHEAD HIGH SCHOOL WAR MEMORIAL TRUST HELD WITHIN THE CLUBHOUSE, 32 HUGHENDEN ROAD, GLASGOW G12 9XP AT 1900 HOURS ON THURSDAY 26th MAY 2022.

The Chairman welcomed the members to this, the hundredth Annual General Meeting since the establishment of the Trust and the first in person meeting since 2019.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received in respect of I Campbell, D Frame, D Jordan, J Mackie, I Russell, ARF Scott, A Thomson and D Welsh.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

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

OBITUARIES:

Mr Wilson referred with regret to the passing of June Lockhart and Hamish Locke, both long term members of the Trust, who had represented Scotland in hockey and cricket respectively. The sympathies of the membership were extended to their families.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the previous AGM held on Wednesday 15th September 2021, having been previously circulated to the members on the website, were adopted on the proposal of Mr Mitchell, seconded by Mr Fowler.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Any business arising from the Minutes would be covered in the reports and questions raised regarding these items.

DIRECTORS' REPORT:

The Directors' Report had been circulated in advance. Mr Wilson spoke about the changes over the year, such as addressing the ventilation issues in the clubhouse which had allowed us to reopen the upstairs areas, as well as reflooring the function rooms. There had been extensive work on the grounds, and he thanked the Rugby section and Mr Mitchell for their liaison work with the SRU which had greatly assisted in this. He noted that we are working along with Café Source to return to full operations; a survey of members had been carried out and the resulting comments and suggestions communicated to CST. Various changes have been made so far and a follow up survey will be carried out later in the summer. The changes in Financial Administrator and Membership Secretary which were mentioned last year had been successfully completed. An ongoing programme of refurbishment is being prepared for the clubhouse at suitable stages in the calendar. We have still to resolve issues about access to the roof. Negotiations with Vodafone about the telecommunications mast are continuing, with a measure of success. We are reviewing our requirements for clubhouse maintenance overall, and our cleaning needs now that we are back to more normal use. As we are now into our second century as a club, we are planning various activities to mark particular anniversaries of club events; the first of these is planned for autumn 2022. He finished by saying that membership had held up fairly well, although with some fluctuations – total numbers are at present around 875, with some 250 being under eighteen. This seemed an appropriate moment to move to the Section reports.

SECTION REPORTS:

Reports had been circulated in respect of Cricket, Rugby, Shinty, Tennis, the Gym, the Community Hub and Ultimate Frisbee. Mr Wilson invited all groups to make any updates and congratulated them on maintaining successful participation in all their activities over the last year. He noted the return of indoor activities and commended the work of Ms Ross and Mr Taylor in promoting this. In January we had welcomed the Hillhead Ecosse Cycling Club to our family of sports and thanked Glasgow Life for their continued support in making this possible.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS:

Mr Wilson referred to the accounts which had been pre-circulated. He noted the various items of capital expenditure, such as the refurbishment of the training pitch and the cricket wicket area, the upgrading of the tennis floodlights and the reflooring of the function room and the multi-purpose room in the clubhouse. He noted that as the club moves back into full use, we have been monitoring the changes in matters such as utility costs since we are aware that some fixed term contracts are about to come to an end. We have loans relating to Covid and also the LTA loan which have to be repaid, and we have ensured that we always have certain funds restricted to these specific purposes. We consider that we need a positive operating cash flow of around £30,000 to fund our loan repayments and items such as transfers to the tennis sinking fund. There are a fair number of matters to address, but there are also a good number of positive trends as well.

Mr Mitchell asked about the recording of a grant from the SRU; he suggested that for the future, it would be preferable to record the specific purpose for which such sums were used. This was noted for the future.

There being no further questions about them, the accounts for 2021 were adopted on the proposal of Mr Mitchell, seconded by Mr Fowler.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

There being four nominations for eight places, Ms Ross and Messrs Fowler, Taylor and Wilson were declared duly elected.

A.O.C.B.:

a) Mr Mitchell asked if it would be possible to reinstate the collecting cans for Erskine and the Beatson. It was agreed that we would look into this, although the move away from using cash might mean they would not be so successful.

b) The Board was asked whether any progress had been made on getting better use of the blaes area at the west of the clubhouse. Mr Wilson said that it was being considered in the overall strategy review of the club facilities.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2009 hours with a vote of thanks from Mr Mitchell to the Board for their work over the past difficult year.