**Minutes of Grove RFC Annual General Board meeting held 4/6/2014.**

Present: - See Appendix 1 below

Apologies: - See Appendix 2 below

1. Minutes.

**Minutes of previous AGM** discussed (29th May 2013)

Earl Ashford proposed changes to previous minutes reference 3 legal documents:

* Incorporation
* Licensing
* Lease

These changes were accepted

**Previous EGM meeting** (30th April 2014) minutes discussed and accepted as correct

**Chairman’s Report**

The Senior Teams have shown steady progress this season

The Junior and youth teams have had a good season with the only down spot being the U14’s. There have not been enough players in this age group to put out a side so they existing players have been pulled up to the U15 team.

The colts have had a great season and it is expected that many will start playing senior rugby next season.

Girls U13 team had a great season, thanks to Helen Price and the sponsorship secured by Paul Harpwood.

Club premises. The club failed to get the showers sorted during the season and another big push will be made next season to complete the work over the summer break.

Other works to upgrade the premises were completed during the year: This includes a new Patio, Doors and Windows. This work was paid for with the help of grants

A discussion followed with regard to the installation of solar power on the club house.

 It was agreed that this was no longer a workable idea due to government cutbacks.

Strategy and development has been steady during the year, but more work is needed in the coming year

**Finance**

Profit slightly up on the year

Subs slightly down

Sponsorship well down

Donations up due to the number of grants applied for.

Transportation costs up a lot due to the number of coaches put on for the first team to travel to away games.

Income has been static on the year.

£1500 promised from sponsors has been written off as there is very little chance of recovering this money

Friends of Grove has been disbanded

A discussion took place regarding the charity donations that the Club President organises . Agreement was reached that these should proceed as before.

The accounts for the preceding year were conditionally signed.

 Simon Humberston proposed as reviewer for the coming year.

Vote – 20 for and 0 against. Vote carried and Simon will carry on as reviewer.

The Treasurer reported issues with membership and the difficulty in collecting membership fees.

The paying out of incidental expenses has proved to be a problem, however, it was confirmed that there is an approval process for sundry expenses and this must be complied with.

Any payment to club members must be proceeded by an approved invoice to the club Treasurer.

**Club Captain’s Report**

The plan to stay up and consolidate during the 13/14 season has been successful with the first team achieving a 6th place position.

2nd and 3rd teams were relegated due to the small squad sizes and injuries.

A 2nd team manager is planned for the upcoming season.

Hopes are high for a bigger 3rds team with new players coming in from the colts.

We must keep ambition high. A new two year plan is to be implemented. This is to aim for promotion to the next league for the 15/16 season.

Training has been poor during the year, needs more attention but will be hard to enforce.

It was suggested that when weather is poor and training not possible under the floodlights we could provide portable floodlights to move the training to Wasborough Field. This idea will be explored by the new Board.

Subscriptions for the Year 2014/2015

It was agreed that the majority of membership subscription fees for the coming season would stay the same as for the previous season.

The exceptions to this were:-

The temporary membership (Non-members fee for playing) would increase from £10 to £20.

A new voting membership category would be introduced. This would be a Parent/guardian membership category and would be offered to a parent who had a youth/junior paid up member. The conditions were that only one membership would be allowable for each family irrespective of the number of children in the family who were paid up members.

There would a £0 fee for this membership category.

Due to the difficulties expressed earlier in collecting membership fees it was suggested that a direct debit system be introduced.

It was agreed that the new board would look at the Pitchero system as one possible option.

Life Members.

Lee Marsden was proposed for Honorary Life Membership.

20 Votes for with 2 abstentions.

Lee was accepted as an Honorary Life Member.

New Board.

Following the EGM it was agreed that the new board would consist of a limited number members .

There followed some discussion over the position of chairman. CM offered to resign and stand down but with due this offer stating that he still had 2 years to run as Chairman and some continuity was need on the Board.

Paul Walsh was appointed Treasurer.

Martin Stalder was appointed Company Secretary

Niki Dinsy, John Sevier, Craig Burrows and Adi Amies were also appointed as members of the board.

All the above were appointed unopposed on a unanimous vote.

 No other business

**Date of next Board Meeting –Wednesday 20th May 2015**

**Time – 7.30pm** Location -Grove Rugby club

Appendix 1

Attendance

* Sam Marsden
* Niki Dinsey
* S Dexter
* J potter
* Paul Walsh
* M Stalder
* E Ashford
* Ady Aimes
* M Mcintyre
* Simon Peel
* P J Hall
* Tom McCarthy
* Paul Miles
* Craig Burrows
* Jon North
* Helen Price
* Simon Humberstone
* Nigel Dixey

Appendix 2

Apologies

* JW Jimmy Wells
* KH Karen
* DN Duncan
* LM Lee
* JS John Stalder
* JE James Eghart