

Minutes of OLSC AGM held in Old Belvedere RFC on 3 July 2010

Welcome and Introduction

Killian Byrne, President of the OLSC, opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance at this, the third OLSC AGM. The minutes from the second OLSC AGM held in Old Belvedere RFC on 29 July 2009 were approved.

Killian Byrne invited Keira Kennedy of Leinster Rugby to say a few words on behalf of the branch. Keira thanked the OLSC Committee and volunteers for their hard work throughout the season. Keira presented outgoing President Killian Byrne with a gift as a token of appreciation.

President's Annual Report – 2009/2010 Season

Killian Byrne, outgoing President, presented his report of his tenure noting a number of points:

The President acknowledged the contribution made by Michael Cheika and his coaching staff on behalf of the supporters as a whole and offered incoming coach Joe Schmidt best wishes for the season ahead.

It was noted that a number of high profile players called time on their respective careers at the end of the season and that the OLSC had planned formal presentations to all the players, but circumstances dictated this never went ahead at the time. It is hoped that something will happen early next season to recognise their contributions to Leinster Rugby.

The President noted that the "Supporters Hub" initiative, regional reps, flag drop bins, banners, pub packs, RDS flags, Ladies Night and other OLSC events, away guides, travel advice, t-shirts & merchandise, were just some of the things the committee had worked on throughout the season with the help of many volunteers. It was also noted that the work of the volunteers was invaluable.

The President thanked his committee, Leinster Rugby and family on the occasion of him ending his Presidency.

Outgoing president Killian Byrne presented the volunteer of the year award to joint winners Irene Enright and Yvonne Kelly. Both of whom gave many hours of their time to assist the OLSC over the season. They were each presented with €150 credit on their Leinster Rugby Ticketmaster accounts and a €50 voucher for the Leinster Store.

The President's Report was adopted and passed with a majority show of hands.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Jarrold Bromley presented members with the financial report for 2009/10 noting the following...

Income has increased during the past season, this was primarily due to new sponsorship of the away guides by Bank of Ireland and a larger number of supporters buses that raised more money for the club. It was noted that a balance had been bought forward from last season, Jarrold Bromley explained that this was the club's intention so that funds were in place for any early season activity (buses etc).

During the season the club spent more money than ever before on blue material, notably flags, banners, santa hats and caps for the semi final in Toulouse. Ladies Night is now the Club's flagship annual event and the club allocated just over €1800 towards its running costs.

The team gift for the professional team was a coffee machine, something that had been requested when discussions were held with Chris Whitaker. This is located in the teams room at Riverview. Killian Byrne sourced the machine through trade contacts at a competitive price.

It was noted that the Club is now required to pay bank charges although a discount of 50% has been negotiated with the Donnybrook branch of Bank of Ireland.

Jarrold Bromley reported a surplus for the season of €3941.13

The Treasurer's Report was passed by a majority show of hands.

Motions

Three motions were passed by way of a show of hands at the AGM to amend the Club's constitution as follows:

That any candidate that serves as President may do so for a maximum of two consecutive terms, after that time they may remain on the committee however not as its President until at least one committee term has passed. This will ensure that 'freshness' remains within the committee.

The Club shall have the ability to borrow, specifically by way of a credit card facility to allow for the payment of good and services abroad in a more transparent manner. An amount equal to the facility limit will be held in a bank account to ensure full repayment is possible at any time in the future.

The Club's financial year-end shall now be 31 May. This will allow the AGM to be held as close to the end of season as possible allowing the committee ample to time to prepare for the following season.

Election of President for the 2010/2011 Season

For the first time in the OLSC's history, an election was held for the office of President between current committee member and Club Treasurer Jarrod Bromley and past committee member David Cahill.

After a secret ballot, outgoing President Killian Byrne announced that Jarrod Bromley had been elected as President for the 2010/2011 season.

Jarrold Bromley accepted his election and thanked the floor.

Election of OLSC Committee for 2010/2011 Season

As only six nominations from a possible seven were received for the committee, the following six candidates were collectively elected by a show of hands at the AGM:

Jarrold Bromley

David Cahill

Frank Gallen

Myriam McQuinn

Alison Moore

Aisling O'Connor

The committee has the option to co-opt another member during its term in office.

AOB

A question was put to the Committee about fundraising for the upcoming season and whether there were any ideas in relation to raising more funds for the Club. The committee took this question and comments from the floor on board and will work towards putting something in place during the season.

A request was put forward to hold a 'Meet the Referees' night and the committee has noted this.

Killian Byrne thanked Paul and Yvonne Kelly for the leinsterfans.com message board and the contribution this has given to supporter activity.

Close

Killian Byrne thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.