

MINUTES OF THE 67th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

USRFR

Kingspan, 11th May 2017

42 members were recorded as being present.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

The outgoing Society President, Scott Rankin, reflected on the honour he felt having been chosen for the role and he thanked the membership for electing him to the position. He remarked upon the events he had attended on behalf of the membership.

He rejoiced in the success of the society dinner and the charity collection on the night of the dinner. He further spoke on the nomination of Jonny Erskine as ref of the year and the work of David Wilkinson jr in support of the society.

The President thanked all those who had helped and supported him throughout his year in office.

Apologies for absence

Apologies were received on behalf of 44 society members.

Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting 2016

Accepted by general proclaim.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

Graduation of trial member

The graduation of Kris Curran of Cavan RFC was acknowledged

Nomination of Honorary Life Memebrships of the society

Council where pleased to ask John Crothers to recount his nomination, being seconded by Derek Henderson, of a nomination of Alan Sturgeon. Accepted by general acclaim.

Honorary Secretary's Report

The Honorary Secretary's Report was read and accepted unanimously on the proposal of S Croke, seconded by Neil Robertson.

Honorary Treasurer's Report

The Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2017 were presented by the Hon. Treasurer. The report was accepted unanimously, on the proposal of the hon treas, seconded by George Reid.

The Chairman Declared All Offices Vacant

Election of the Honorary Officers of the Society for 2016/17

PRESIDENT	Shane Toolan	Pro Scot Rankin	Sec. B Stirling
SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT	Adrian Millar	Pro Shane Toolan	Sec. John Devlin
JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT	David Napier	Pro Adrian Millar	Sec. Jophn Crothers
HONORARY SECRETARY	STEPHEN CROOKE	Pro D Wilkinson	Sec M Cairnduff
HONORARY TREASURER	NEIL STEWART	Pro D Napier	Sec D Templeton

Election of the Honorary Office Bearers of the Society for 2017/18

The following were elected:

Membership Secretary for 2017/18

HAROLD JACOBS	Proposed N Stewart	Seconded F Picton.
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Representative to the Ulster Branch for 2017/18

MARK ORR	Proposed M Cairnduff	Seconded P Baxter
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Representative at the Clubs Committee of the Branch for 2017/18

Teddy Hall	Proposed R Weir	Seconded N Robertson.
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Representative at the Youth Sub-Committee of the Branch for 2017/18

MICHAEL CAIRNDUFF	Proposed A Ward	Seconded M Orr
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Representative at the Domestic Game Committee of the Branch for 2017/18

RAB WEIR	Proposed M Orr	Seconded M Cairnduff
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Election of Chairman of the USRFR Management Committee for 2017/18

SIMON McDOWELL	Proposed R Cleave	Seconded M Cairnduff
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Election of Chairman of the USRFR Operations Sub-Committee for 2017/18

Roger Cleave	Proposed D Wilkinson	Seconded J Young
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Election of Chairman of the USRFR Activities Sub-Committee for 2017/18

Adrian Reavey	Proposed J Erskine	Seconded B Stirling
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Notice was given that if any Society members would be willing to serve on any of our Society sub-committees, then they are encouraged to speak to the respective Sub-Committee Chairmen directly themselves.

Election of Four Members, Three of Whom are Active Referees to Serve on the Council of the Society

The following was re-elected for the 1st year:

Eamonn Whealan	Proposed M Orr	Seconded R Cleave
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The following was re-elected for their 3rd year:

David Wilson	Proposed A Millar	Seconded R Cleave
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Jonny Erskine

Proposed

N Robertson

Seconded S Rankin

The following was elected:

Rab Weir

Proposed

D Napier

Seconded A Millar

Appoint Society's Delegation to the Council of the Ulster Branch

The following were selected to represent the Society:

President, Hon Sec, Hon Treas.

Appointment of the Honorary Auditor

TREVOR SALMON.

Proposed N Stewart

Seconded S Rankin

Annual Subscription

The Hon Sec spoke on the proposal that the subs remained at the current level of £40 for the 18/19 season. This was passed unanimously.

Any Other Business

Ken Spence spoke on the autumn series international ticketing and some wording on the letter from the branch. David Wilkinson clarified the matter. In short tickets needed to be ordered in good time. The august course was to be 20th August 2017.

The President highlighted some of the opportunities in the coming season including the world cup. He has yet to choose his nominated charity but will advise all shortly. He further encouraged the membership to actively seek potential members for the society.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

Stephen Crooke
USRFR Hon Sec