

MINUTES OF THE 66th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

USRFR

Shaws Bridge SA, 19th May 2016

58 members were recorded as being present.

Chairman's Opening Remarks

The outgoing Society President, Brian Stirling, 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 further spoke on the nomination of Dan Carson as ref of the year and the TMO undertakings of our chairman Simon McDowell.

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 35 society members.

Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting 2015

H Jacobs proposed and J Crothers seconded the motion that the Minutes of the 64th Meeting be accepted. Passed unanimously.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

Honorary Secretary's Report

The Honorary Secretary's Report was read and accepted unanimously on the proposal of S Crooke, seconded by E Russell.

Honorary Treasurer's Report

The Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March 2016 were presented by the Hon. Treasurer After brief discussion. The report was accepted unanimously, on the proposal of the hon treas, seconded by S Mc Dowell.

The Chairman Declared All Offices Vacant

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

PRESIDENT	Scot Rankin	Pro BRAIN STIRLING	Sec. H Jacobs
SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT	Shane Toolan	Pro S Rankin	Sec. G Wright
JUNIOR VICE-PRESIDENT	Adrian Millar	Pro S Toolan	Sec. T Mercer
HONORARY SECRETARY	STEPHEN CROOKE	Pro G Wright	Sec W Halliday
HONORARY TREASURER	NEIL STEWART	Pro A Millar	Sec H Jacobs

Election of the Honorary Office Bearers of the Society for 2016/17

The following were elected:

Membership Secretary for 2016/17

HAROLD JACOBS	Proposed N Stewart	Seconded M Orr.
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Representative to the Ulster Branch for 2016/17

MARK ORR	Proposed Simon McDowell	Seconded P Eakin
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Representative at the Clubs Committee of the Branch for 2016/17

Teddy Hall	Proposed M Cairnduff	Seconded M Orr.
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Representative at the Youth Sub-Committee of the Branch for 2016/17

MICHAEL CAIRNDUFF	Proposed T Hall	Seconded J Crothers
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Representative at the Domestic Game Committee of the Branch for 2016/17

RAB WEIR	Proposed M Orr	Seconded E Russell
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Election of Chairman of the USRFR Management Committee for 2016/17

SIMON McDOWELL	Proposed R Cleave	Seconded B Stirling
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Election of Chairman of the USRFR Operations Sub-Committee for 2016/17

Roger Cleave	Proposed Jack Young	Seconded G Forman
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Election of Chairman of the USRFR Activities Sub-Committee for 2016/17

Adrian Reavey	Proposed O Quinn	Seconded S Toolan
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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 3rd year:

MARK ORR	Proposed	M Cairnduff	Seconded by acclaim
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The following was re-elected for their 2nd year:

David Wilson	Proposed	P Baxter	Seconded
Jonny Erskine	Proposed	A reavey	Seconded

The following was elected:

David Napier	Proposed	J Crothers	Seconded
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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 S McDowell Seconded R Hogg

Annual Subscription

The Hon Treas spoke on the financial argument around a rise in the subs of the society and after significant debate with input from amongst others Oisinn Quinn, Ian Montgomery, Stanley McFaul, Mark Orr, Paul Eakin, Paul Baxter, Harold Jacobs, Geoff Shanks, and Glenda Mellon a rise for the 16/17 season set at £20 was agreed with an alteration of the effective date being 4pm 21 August 2016 being the date of the conference. Also put in place for 17/18 season by reason being due to way we collect the majority of the subs was a rise to £40. Business and finance committee tasked to look at the possibility of a discount point for those members who are not entitled to kit subsidy.

This was passed unanimously.

Proposed G Trainor Seconded M Cairnduff

Any Other Business

Messer's Russel, Mercer and Irvine spoke on the pleasure of receiving their honorary life membership.

The august course was to be 21st August 2016

The society golf outing is June 4th

The President spoke on the principles of valuing the volunteer, enjoying the membership and to encourage participation.

He highlighted some of the opportunities in the coming season

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Stephen Crooke
USRFR Hon Sec