



MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OLD RUTLISHIANS' ASSOCIATION

(Charity Registered in England & Wales no. 1184886)

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FRIDAY 9th JULY 2021 at 8pm.

1 In Attendance

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|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Kevin Wilde (Chair) | Graham Terrell |
| Neil Caton (Treasurer) | Perry Keene |
| Sandy Pfeifer | Peter Day |
| James Morris Oakes | Graham Mills |
| John Young | Jason Beasant |
| Peter Smith | Paul Cecil |
| Simon Payne | Andrea Atkins |
| Lucy Trevelyan | Stuart Atkins |
| Brian Foster | Victoria Baird |
| Shoshana Foster | Zak Dowdall |
| Gavin Lennard | Sam El Jouzi |
| Geoff Aldis | Natalie Hodgson-Wilde |
| Nigel Aldis | Tanya Cahill |
| David Doer | Bob Ford |
| Rick Stubbing | Paul Riches |

2 Apologies for Absence

Mike Stallard
Simon Hunt
Gary Forge

3 Chair

The chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained we had discovered there had been an issue with the online proxy voting and that a number of fake votes had been placed late in the afternoon immediately prior to the AGM. The Chair explained that these votes would not be counted and that we would be asking our IT Support team to investigate the matter.

4 Minutes of Last AGM 1st May 2021

The minutes of the last AGM are available for all to view on the club website.

At the last meeting Graham Mills asked that we consider documenting either in the Rules or Constitution, the process for appointing Trustees and Proxies. We have now created a formal Trustee Recruitment Policy which complies with Charity Commission Guidance, the formal policy is available for anyone who wants to see it.

This year we allowed specified proxies and not discretionary proxies. It is common in UK charities to have only specified proxies.

Questions were raised as to the robustness of the proxy voting system. It was explained that the pattern of voting had been consistent with other information and that given there were no resolutions likely to be contentious, it had not been considered necessary to implement a highly secure voting system, however this would be reviewed and systems continually improved,

Graham Mills thanked the Chair and Trustees for all their hard work and for answering the points he raised.

The 2020 AGM minutes were agreed unanimously.

5 Trustees Report & Accounts for year ended 31st March

The treasurer explained the Accounts and Reports were all available on the ORA Website and that the charity accounts had been lodged with the Charity Commission, and the subsidiary accounts with Companies House.

The ORA are in a good financial position with various grants from the UK Government, RFU and well as the generosity of our members.

Bar Profits have been healthy considering the bar has only been open for 18 weeks of the year.

House & Grounds (including Utilities) have been well managed. An enormous amount of credit was given to Bob Ford for all his hard work in this area.

The treasurer explained that due to the age of the building a lot of work is required on the Clubhouse. The trustees have now put in place a procurement system to ensure we allocate works done by external companies fairly and more importantly work to a budget.

The level of reserves was raised. It was explained that reserves built up by sporting sections before the conversion to charity status, had been designated for reinvestment in the section, however the Trustees would review this part of the reserves policy.

The reports & Accounts were independently examined by Hartley Fowler LLP as our external examiners and no issues were raised.

Geoff Aldis gave a special thanks to Sandy Pfeifer for all his hard work in helping the ORA achieve Charity status.

The charity accounts for year ending 31 March 2021 were agreed unanimously received by members.

6 Re-appointment of New Trustees

In accordance with clause 13.6 of the Club Constitution, there were 7 new trustees to be voted in since the last AGM.

| # | Name | Proxy Votes (For-against – abstain) | Meeting Votes (For – against – abstain) | Total Votes (For – against – abstain) |
|---|--------------|--|--|--|
| 1 | Simon Payne | 16 – 0 | 21 – 0 – 2 | 38 – 0 – 2 |
| 2 | Stuart Mills | 15 – 1 | 22 – 0 – 2 | 37 – 1 – 2 |
| 3 | Simon Hunt | 16 – 0 | 22 – 0 – 2 | 38 – 0 – 2 |
| 4 | Paul Cecil | 16 – 0 | 22 – 0 – 1 | 39 – 0 – 1 |
| 5 | James Oakes | 16 – 0 | 20 – 0 – 3 | 37 – 0 – 3 |
| 6 | Sam El-Jouzi | 16 – 0 | 21 – 0 – 2 | 38 – 0 – 2 |
| 7 | Neil Caton | 16 – 0 | 20 – 0 – 3 | 37 – 0 – 3 |

7 Re-appointment of existing Trustees

The Club's constitution requires that the longest serving 1/3 of the Board are approved by members at each AGM. As we had 12 members of the Board, this means 4 must be approved.

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|---|----------------|--|--|--|
| 1 | Kevin Wilde | 16 - 0 | 21 – 1 – 1 | 37 – 1 - 1 |
| 2 | David Doerr | 16 - 0 | 21 – 1 – 1 | 37 – 1 - 1 |
| 3 | Mike Stallard | 16 - 0 | 21 – 1 – 1 | 37 – 1 - 1 |
| 4 | Lucy Trevelyan | 16 - 0 | 21 – 1 – 1 | 37 – 1 - 1 |

8 **Other Business**

President – in the Annual Report it was noted that the trustees had appointed Pete Day to a second term as President. Pete has decided he was unable to continue for a second term, and the trustees have therefore invited Gary Forge to be President. Sadly, Gary could not attend the meeting evening due to work commitments. Peter Day read a speech on his behalf.

The Chair thanked Pete Day for all his service to the ORA.

Gavin Lennard confirmed that staying with the ORA tradition a tankard would be presented to Gary Forge in due course.

It was discussed and agreed that in keeping with CIO rules and maintaining a link to the ORA Tradition, the President nomination will be put the members for agreement.

Watson Trophy – The Chair explained that the Watson Trophy was given to members who had gone above and beyond in their support for the ORA.

It was agreed unanimously by the trustees that Sandy Pfeifer was to receive the trophy for his outstanding services to the ORA. There were too many to mention individually but he will be remembered for his hard work in ensuring the ORA gained charitable status. Sandy received a standing ovation from the audience and graciously accepted the award from the chair.

Rules – it was noted that no amendments had been made to the Club Rules.

Football – there was a discussion if the Euro 2020 Cup Final would be shown outside on Sunday 11th July. It was agreed there would be a discussion to be held outside the AGM.