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BURNHAM-ON-SEA RFC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BASC GROUND, BURNHAM ON SEA, SOMERSET

MONDAY 16 JUNE 2025 at 19:00

President: Mike O'Farrell

Present: Lee Berry; Sam Kelly; Emma O'Regan; Steve Hall; Jim Stanford; Chris Jones; Barry New; Dave McKenna; Mike Long; Charlie Norton; Tim James; Sam Carter; Lyndsey Dyson; Russ Dyson; Archie Clarke; Scott Mills; Ian Mills; Tim Piper; Don Farmer

Apologies Received: Nyree Lancaster; Don Bowerman; Ryan Beard; David Barton

1. Welcome

Steve Hall welcomed those in attendance to the 2025 Burnham-on-Sea RFC AGM. The agenda was then put forward.

Steve asked if there were any questions about the meeting minutes of 2024 and an agreement, they were an accurate reflection of the meeting.

There were no questions and Steve asked for the meeting minutes to be proposed and seconded.

Proposed: S Kelly
Seconded: C Jones

2024 Meeting Minutes passed.

2. Chairman's Opening Statement and Report

Steve then asked Lee Berry for his statement and report.

Lee welcomed everyone to the AGM and remarked it was good to see a high turn out for the AGM as opposed to recent years.

Relegation for the first team was unfortunate especially with a promising finish to the season. To reach the Somerset Cup Final was the first time for this club even though it was by default and a game we narrowly lost to a team who were 2 levels above us at the time.

Our second team did themselves proud throughout the season finishing up in a credible 3rd spot. Big thanks to Sam Carter for taking on the captaincy part way through the season.



The loss of the colts team was also unfortunate after months of dedication from Tim James trying to retain the squad.

Our Junior Section had grown in size throughout the season with over 100 children registered to the club. Credit to Emma O'Regan, the coaches and parents for making our junior section what it is today.

Off the pitch we raised over 2k for our four chosen Charities which is just remarkable and I feel privileged to Chairman of our club for what our supporters have achieved for the charities.

The Bar and kitchen has continued to function very well thanks to Sam Kelly, Barry New and the team of helpers.

As most know we have a new Coaching Team for the forthcoming season which is a great asset and one that will help develop players and other coaches throughout the whole club.

I would like to thank my committee for their hard work, dedication and commitment to the club for the season.

A special thank you for Mike Long and Tim James who will be stepping down from the committee and lastly Chris Jones who is relinquishing his position as Fixture and Referee Secretary and will be remaining as a valued committee member.

3. Treasurer's Statement and Report

Steve then asked Sam Kelly (Honorary Treasurer) to then present the Club's Financial report.

Sam began by explaining this would be the first financial report for the full year which included all accounts so those of the Juniors and Seniors. It was also explained that this would also be the first time where the club was being charged VAT which commenced in November 2024.

The financial highlights for 2024/25 were as follows:

LWTL revenue	£20,000
Room Hire revenue (parties, bookings)	£4000
Bar revenue	£110,000

All of the above has helped to run the club or been reinvested – for example the club house bar being redecorated in off season.

Bar expenditure	£54,000
Bar Utilities (Gas and Electric)	£17.000

All bar and kitchen wages were paid from the bar revenue, and the utilities are seeking to be renegotiated this year to get a better deal.



Member subscriptions were up this year, but this was largely due to the Junior memberships being included. Programmes sales were reduced but this was primarily due to the decision to cease charging on the gate around November. David Barton in his role as Sponsorship Secretary has brought in significant revenue from the advertising boards as well as £1000 from a Tesco fundraising day. Kit expenditure will need to be managed as that currently costs the club significantly for example for Juniors socks used to be £2.50 whereas now, they are £10. The Veo Camera was an additional cost, but the expenditure will be valued going forward.

Overall, for the 2024/25 financial year the club made a modest profit of £3000. Going forward there already has been £7000 of investment in new equipment such as tackle bags and the ground rent for the season has already been paid for 2025/26.

Sam then read the following statement:

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club held on 16/06/2025 the following resolution was passed in relation to the Club's 2024/25 Annual Financial Statement:

“Under the provisions of RFU Rule 21.5 the Club agreed to opt out of a formal audit or examination, by a qualified accountant, of the Club's 2024/25 Annual Financial Statement.”

Steve then asked those in attendance if everyone agreed with the statement and all those in attendance agreed unanimously.

Thus, the statement was passed unanimously and for the purposes of the AGM minutes it is stated:

“Under the provisions of RFU Rule 21.5 the Club agreed to opt out of a formal audit or examination, by a qualified accountant, of the Club's 2024/25 Annual Financial Statement. The resolution was passed unanimously”.

Sam then went on to explain the 2025/26 membership structure. Under current VAT regulations Player membership is VAT exempt but social memberships are not VAT exempt. This leads to an issue with the way the current 200 club is set up with social memberships being included in the £30 direct debit. Therefore, there will be a need to split the 200-club membership from the Social memberships so that for VAT and tax purposes there is a clear line drawn. Therefore, for the 205/26 season membership costs will be:

Social Membership (not 200 club)	£50
Walking Rugby Membership	£60
Colts Membership (includes shorts and after match shirt)	£120
Senior Membership (includes 2 pieces of stash)	£150
Junio Membership will remain same	

All memberships will allow 10% reduction on presentation of card for food and drink, access to International Tickets via a club ballot and a reduction on room hire for any member wishing to have an event.

Query from the floor was whether 10% could be applied to the items of merchandise on sale but unfortunately this could not be catered due to VAT reasons.



Query regarding 200 club and how that membership will work. This will be a matter for the current people running the 200 Club as to how it can work or if it will continue in the future. This will be followed up with Don Bowerman and Gilly Hicks as very conscious of the ramifications for the 200 club members and the club as a whole. However, we cannot get away from the fact that there are VAT implications if it remains as is and this is why it has to change.

Finally, the introduction of sponsoring a shirt number as opposed to the player has been implemented and will hopefully mean that anyone who plays for the First XV in the 2025/26 season will not need to pay match fees. Sam singled out Ryan Beard and Sam Carter for the amazing effort they put in to collect all match fees throughout the season.

4. Dissolution of Committee

At this point of the AGM Steve then formally dissolved the Committee in preparation for the election of the 2025/26 Committee.

5. Election Committee (Officers first): (subject to any additions/amendments)

At the time of the AGM announcement through to the AGM none of the Officers wished to step down and there had been no request from anyone else that they wished to step into one of the Officer roles. Therefore, it was proposed that 4 Officers would be elected en bloc. Those present were unanimous with that suggestion and so:

a. Chairman

Lee Berry stated he would like to continue in the role and there was no opposition to this from the floor.

b. Vice Chair

Emma O'Regan stated she would like to continue in the role and there was no opposition to this from the floor.

c. Treasurer

Sam Kelly stated he would like to continue in the role and there was no opposition to this from the floor.

d. Secretary

Steve Hall stated he would like to continue in the role and there was no opposition to this from the floor.

Proposed: M Long

Seconded: D McKenna

Carried

Additional Roles

As with any Committee there are other roles required to be fulfilled either through the management of the club or through RFU regulations:

e. CSO – Child Safeguarding Officer

Tim James stated he would prefer to step away from the role. However, there were no volunteers for the role so this will be discussed at the next committee meeting on 7th July.



f. *Sponsorship Official*

David Barton stated he would like to continue in the role at the time of publishing.

Proposed: S Kelly

Seconded: L Berry

Carried

g. *Fixtures and Referee Official (Senior)*

Chris Jones stated he would like to step down from this particular role. Lyndsey Dyson volunteered to take this role on.

Proposed: M Long

Seconded: R Dyson

Carried

h. *Junior Fixture Secretary*

At the time of publishing the role was vacant and there was no volunteer for the role so Emma O'Regan and Steve Hall will continue managing this for now.

i. *Committee Member*

Chris Jones stated he would like to continue in the role at the time of publishing.

Proposed: L Berry

Seconded: M Long

Carried

j. *Committee Member*

Scott Mills stated he would like to be considered for this role at the time of publishing.

Proposed: E O'Regan

Seconded: L Berry

Carried

k. *Committee Member*

Tim Piper stated he would like to join the Committee; there was no objection from the attendees.

Proposed: M Long

Seconded: D McKenna

Carried

6. Close

Lee reminded the new Committee the first meeting would be Monday July 7th commencing at 7pm. Players return to training commencing on Tuesday 24th which is an exciting time for the club with the Coaching line up that has been assembled. A Ladies team is also being considered with advanced talks on going. The Walking Rugby has grown immensely in the last year and is going from strength to strength.

2024/25 had been a tough season with many lessons learned and many discussions taken place which were heated at times, but everyone pulled through it and got us to the strong position we are in now.



Finally, 2025/26 is shaping up to be a fantastic season both on and off the pitch with many items in place already and many things to come.

Mike Long added that he had enjoyed his time on the committee and thanked the 2024/25 committee and Officers for all of the hard work that had been put in.

AGM officially closed at 19:50