



Battersea Ironsides RFC Ltd

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Wednesday, 13th July 2022

at Battersea Ironsides Sports Club

The meeting was opened at 7:45pm with Rob Newman welcoming everyone to the meeting, introducing the attending members of the Management Committee [noting the formal apologies of Sam Tucker (Club Treasurer) and Zoe Goodwin (Committee Member & Mini's Secretary)] and pointing out that under Rule 12, the general meetings are chaired by the Chairperson of the Club, that being himself.

There being no objections, the chair noted that under rule 11 a quorum of over 20 members were present and briefed how the AGM would be conducted, including voting, before moving to the business of the AGM.

Receive and Approve the Minutes of Last Year's AGM:

The meeting was reminded that the minutes of the meeting were circulated before the meeting and will be taken as read, before the chair invited comments on the Minutes. There being none raised the meeting moved to a vote and approved the minutes by a majority vote.

As such the chair declared the minutes of the BIRFC AGM 24th November, 2021 approved.

Receive and Approve a Report from the Club's Management Committee:

The report being taken as read, having been circulated before the meeting, the chair invited the following members of the MC to remind the AGM on key highlights from the report:-

- Al Williams [Men's Chair], Tania Nadarajah [Women's Chair], Al Cowie [Youth Chair] and Dave Watson [Mini's Chair] to share playing highlights from the 2021/22 season;
- Ross Lyman-Carter [Club Captain & Committee Member]; on progress to develop facilities at both the Sports Club and the Scout Hut (on Garrett Green), plus get access to additional rugby pitches on the OpenView and Springfield sites;
- Rob Newman [Club Chair] on the experience of running the Club House since Jan'22 and the deteriorating quality of the relationship with Battersea Ironsides Sports Club and its operating arm (BISOL);
- Simon Wardley, on efforts to become a more environmentally aware and responsible Rugby Club.

The floor interjecting within each section to offer opinions and seek clarity on the views and course of direction being proposed by the MC, in the report, before the meeting moved to a vote.

The result being a majority in favour of the report.

As such the chair declared the Battersea Ironsides RFC 2021/2022 Report of the Management Committee approved.

Receive and Approve the Accounts:

In the absence of a Club Treasurer, Alan Wilkins, the Club Secretary, presented the financial performance of BIRFC Ltd, answering questions on both this (Appendix 1) and the pre-circulated accounts.

The meeting then moved to a vote.

The results being a majority in favour of approving the accounts.

As such the chair declared the BIRFC Ltd Accounts for the year ending 31st May, 2022 approved.

Presentation of the new Club Officers: Treasurer:

The chair reminded the meeting that the Chairperson and the Club Secretary were appointed for a 2 year term at the last AGM and that the MC had taken the decision to co-opt Sam Tucker as the Club Treasurer for the 2021/22 season.

The Chair informed the meeting that Sam had decided to stand for election as the Club Treasurer, and there being no other members wishing to stand for this role, declared the appointment of Sam for a 2 year term, running upto the 2024 AGM.

Presentation of the new four elected Committee Members:

The Chair noted that only one nomination had been received for each of the four elected Committee members and declared the appointment of:

- Zoe Goodwin
- Ross Lynam-Carter
- Simon Wardley
- Bobby Hughes

The appointment being for a 1 year term, running upto the 2023 AGM.

Presentation of the Section Chairs:

The chair informed the meeting that the voting members of Management Committee (MC) was completed by the four Section Chairs – Al Williams (Men's), Tania Nadarajah (Women's), Alastair Cowie (Youth) and Dave Watson (Mini's). All of whom were appointed for a 2 year term the previous year.

Presentation of the Club President and Club Captain:

Rob Newman, presented Ross Lynam-Cater as the Club Captain to the meeting before informing those assembled that no candidates had stood for the role of Club President.

As such the newly formed MC had the option to either co-opt a member as Club President or manage the 2022/23 season with a vacancy.

The meeting was reminded that under Rule 23.3 the Club President and the Club Captain may attend the MC meetings but are not included in the quorum and do not have the right to vote. Clarifying

that as an appointed Committee Member, in addition to being Club Captain, Ross Lynam Carter had the right to vote.

The chair then requested members to give their full support during the coming season to the Committee before moving to requesting a vote on the proposed resolution.

Resolution not to have the Accounts Audited:

The members were briefed that the accounts:

- a) are independently examined but that is not as rigorous, or as expensive, as a full audit;
- b) the accounts have never been audited historically and the Committee recommend that this practice continues.

The membership was reminded that the financial year end had moved forward to the 31st May [Rule 25.4] before being invited to vote to disapply the obligation to have the Financial Statements of the Club audited.

The vote being approved by the majority.

As such the chair declared the BIRFC Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 2023 would not be audited.

Chairmans Address by Rob Newman and Questions from the Floor

Rob expressed both his gratitude & thanks to the out-going MC and the volunteers who had worked tirelessly to deliver another successful season at the Rugby Club and ensure we continue to be a flag ship community club within Wandsworth.

He reminded the meeting that the Club had elected a large number of Honorary Members the previous year, it being the first AGM post lock down, and as such the Committee had decided not to propose any additional Honorary Members this year.

Rob then wished the newly appointed MC the best of luck for the future and the next stages in the club's development.

He thanked the membership for the questions submitted to the MC prior to AGM, for which answers were circulated prior to the meeting, and opened the meeting to questions from the floor.

The MC agreed that it was in the best interest of the future running of Club to encourage "new faces" to become both members of the Committee and to help in the organisation and running of Rugby Club events.

In addition, the MC recognised the pressing need to provide better facilities, both pitch and club house/changing rooms, to support its playing ambitions.

There being no further questions the chair declared the meeting closed.

BATTERSEA IRONSIDES RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB JULY"22 AGM

The Club House, Openview
13th July, 2022

RUGBY CLUB: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

BIRFC Ltd:

a) Income & expenditure to run the club are returning to pre-COVID 19 levels

b) Loans: includes new loan £90k to BIRFC Operations Ltd

BIRFC Operations Ltd:

a) 100% owned by BIRFC Ltd

b) Accounts, reflect trading period from Jan"22 to May"22.

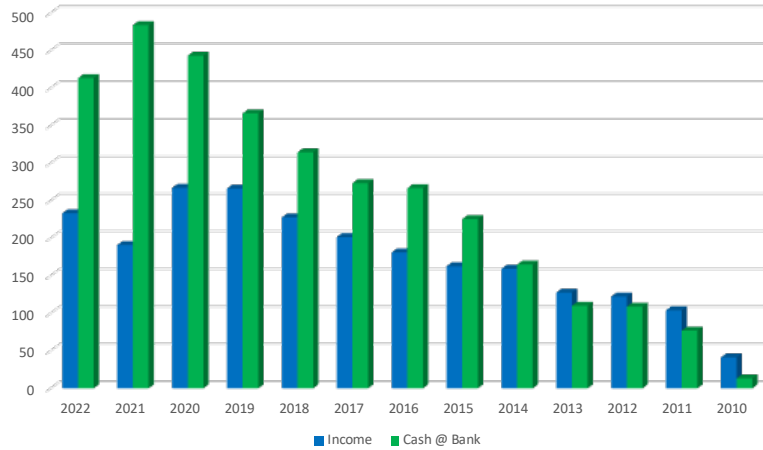
Battersea Ironsides Rugby Football Club (BIRFC) Ltd		
	2022	2021
Income	233.3	190.9
Expenditure	(209.1)	(166.2)
Surplus	24.2	24.7
Net Assets	591.2	567.1
Cash	413.3	483.9
Loans	175.8	90.8

BIRFC Operations Ltd		
	2022	2021
Income	49.7	
Expenditure	(41.9)	
Surplus	7.8	
Net Assets	7.8	
Cash	11.2	
Loans	(90.0)	

BIRFC: ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Club Continues to maintain a healthy financial position; with reserves of £591k and Cash at Bank £413k; Historically the Club has grown at CAGR: +8% p.a from '11 to '20; Getting close to max. capacity for current facilities & putting strain on Operational Capabilities

BIRFC Financial Performance:
2010 to 2022



(1) Reserves and Cash are net £15k Trust Fund, set up in 2021

BIRFC Ltd: KEY NUMBERS FROM THE ACCOUNTS

The Club has submitted Draft Accounts for review by the independently appointed auditors.

Subs Recovered to £193k

Membership Subs: £(000)			
	2022	2021	%
Juniors	156	130	20%
Seniors	37	36	3%
Total	193	166	16%

Membership Subs: #'s			
	2022	2021	%
Minis	794	706	12%
Youth	400	395	1%
Total	1,194	1,101	8%

of which	2022	2021	%
u5	67	30	123%
u6	104	75	39%
u7	117	103	14%
Total	288	208	38%

Costs Increased to £209k

Costs			
	2022	2021	+/-
Club Rent	(13.2)	(6.7)	(6.6)
Rugby Costs	(165.5)	(76.7)	(88.8)
General Exp	(26.8)	(79.7)	52.9
Depreciation	(3.6)	(3.1)	(0.5)
Total	(209.1)	(166.2)	(43.0)

Drivers Cost Increases:

Legal Expenses	28.8
PY Club House Costs	32.7
Return2Play	(18.2)
Coaching & Coaches Training	(16.8)
1st Aid; Defib; Physios	(15.9)
Match Catering & Food	(13.6)
Festival Fees	(10.5)
Travel	(8.3)
Other	(21.2)
Total Cost	(43.0)

Loans

Loan Book			
	2022	2021	+/-
Property	(25.0)	(30.0)	5.0
Sports Club	(60.8)	(60.8)	0.0
# BISOL	(85.8)	(90.8)	5.0
Total	(175.8)	(90.8)	(85.0)

Property	(85.0)	(85.0)	
Sports Club	(5.0)	(5.0)	
# BIRFC Ops	(90.0)	0.0	(90.0)
Total	(175.8)	(90.8)	(85.0)

BIRFC: CAPEX: FUTURE INVESTMENT PROJECTS

The Rugby Club is facing investment choices and the relative priorities in investment between

