

Wetherby RUFC

Grange Park
Old Boston Road
Wetherby LS22 5NB



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 13th May 2022

Item

1.0 Members Present

Honorary Life Members

Ian Arundel	Brian Aston	Mel Jones	Peter Spensley
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Non-Playing Members

Jonathan Hirst	David Hart	Marcus Little	James Marr
Kevin Stappard	Charlie Wetton		

Playing Members

Will Blakey	James Gibson	Stephen Hoather	Bryn Kitching
Sean Lally	Sam Little	Shannon Little	Myles Oates
Elliot Reid	Alice Thorpe	Kathryn Todd	James Ward
Fred Watson	Evan Woodworth	Mike Youlden	

2.0 Apologies for Absence

Geoff Brown	Andy Hewitt	David Hewitt	Nick Oates
Jack Wray			

3.0 Previous Minutes

Minutes approved:

Proposed: Myles Oates

Seconded: James Marr

Matters Arising: there were no matters arising from the Minutes of the previous AGM.

ACTION: Minutes of the Previous AGM to be posted on the Club's website (**Hon Sec**)

4.0 Treasurer's Report [Myles Oates]

See Attachment 1 for draft Report and Accounts.

Notes to Treasurer's Report:

- Year end is 31st May. Hoping to gain more ticket sales for end of season awards but unlikely to be any other material changes.
- Membership up.
- Released grant funding (winter / all schools grants).

General discussion was held around the GP paybacks - no actions arising.

The Treasurer's Report was approved by those present.

Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his support over the Season.

Actions:

- Club Accounts for 2020-21 to be forwarded to Yorkshire RFU Treasurer **(Hon Sec)**
- Club Accounts for 2020-21 to be posted on the Club's website **(Hon Sec)**

5.0 Section Reports

5.a. President [Mel Jones]

It has been an honour to be President of this Club over the last three years. When I came into the post there was no job description or President's precedent to follow as our past President has been absent for some time, and I didn't know what was expected nor did you members.

So, I had to write my own script as it were. I was awarded the honour of President, I believe, in recognition of my 40-years' service to the Club and I hoped to 'sprinkle a little of the wisdom' learned over those years, and to oversee the proper running of the Club.

The past three years have been the most difficult in the lifetime of the Club, and for me. Covid-19 of course took over and I personally suffered some severe medical problems and, of course, a very personal tragedy when Elizabeth and I lost Richard.

I will never forget the tribute paid to Richard when his coffin came to Grange Park to be met by so many people; it was, for me, a very memorable if gut-wrenching event. I shall be eternally grateful for that show of love and appreciation of all those there; it will remain in my heart forever.

Something wonderful happened as a result when the rebuilding/memorial fund topped £50,000, plus £11,000 for Martin House Children's Hospice.

Moving on, I congratulate all those volunteers who have helped to keep the Club going. Rugby comes first, and Geoff [Brown] and Evan [Woodworth] have done a superb job in achieving out long wished for 'promotion to Yorkshire One', aided in no small part by an enthusiastic Captain in Steve [Hoather], although the singing of the Wetherby Anthem should perhaps be limited to the changing room! Very well done the Committee and our diligent Groundsmen, bearing in mind Ian [Arundel] has done this job for years, and now Martin [Henry] has become involved.

Our Junior Section has gone from strength to strength and must be the envy of most Yorkshire clubs; thanks must go to all the coaches and parents who turn out every Sunday on those windswept fields. I could never have imagined 40 years ago when we formed the first junior teams, that this Section would reach such heights with c.300 members. It would be remiss of me not to remember all those Junior Chairmen who have presided over those 40 years in building the Section to where it is today.

What of the future? I hope we will concentrate on what happens on those pitches out there. Perhaps we have spent too much time concentrating on this building [the Clubhouse]. We are the major influence and financial contributor to Grange Park but we should, in my opinion, step back somewhat and allow the other sections do what is required and let us concentrate on coaching the coaches, providing shelter for supporters, improving our PR, and anything else which helps us to continue the progress we are making.

Now, the future looks bright, and I wish the incoming President a happy and productive tenancy.

My toast is to the Club and its absent friends.

5.b. **1st XV (W) Captain [Shannon Little]**

Unfortunately, the scoring system is different to the Men's section and so bonus points are not awarded in the same way. This is something that we fell afoul of and an administration error when completing the match card when borrowing players, resulted in us not being awarded 5 points that we should have. This was appealed but the RFU did not relent.

This has resulted in us being effectively relegated to NC 3 North Central in the Provisional League structures released by the RFU but after discussing this with Geoff and the team, we have decided to use the next season to build on our skills, game play and structure ready to prove to the RFU that we deserve to play at this level.

Unfortunately, the season didn't end on quite as much of a high as it started when, after months of trying to set a date for a rearranged COVID fixture, the RFU allowed Hull Ionians to go to a Red Roses game rather than play on this date and with four days' notice we couldn't field a team for the May bank holiday and so a walkover was given.

However, the last time we actually played, we ended up being the undefeated champions of Pocklington 7's so we will focus on ending on that instead!

Away from the number crunching, the season has been really positive for the Women's team. We have recruited really well throughout and now have 32 players registered. Within these 32 players there is a really strong core which has been incredible in terms of bringing in some consistency to the squad and selection.

Having better numbers has also been invaluable due to a number of injuries we have picked up this season, with two broken feet, an MCL rupture, a rotator cuff tear, cracked ribs, a groin tear and four players managing to break the same finger to name but a few - we have definitely kept poor George busy, and we are incredibly grateful for him!

Looking ahead to the next season, we are currently mid recruitment for a new Head Coach as unfortunately Lucy has had to take a back step due to work commitments. We have a taster session with a potential candidate on the 31st of May 2022.

Regardless I am confident that with the squad we have, with time to build on our foundations and skill, a solid pre-season led by our very own Beth as well as the with the unwavering support from the Club, we will only go from strength to strength.

5.c. **1st XV (M) Captain [Stephen Hoather]**

- 1st XV(M) finished second in the League and were promoted to Yorkshire 1 for the first time in the Club's history.
- Connection between 1st and 2nd XV hasn't been better in recent memory and the results reflect that.
- The atmosphere at the Club is outstanding.
- Big thanks to Geoff Brown, although it was noted that the team played three away games on the trot and had to wear a kit five years old because Geoff was away! Not a criticism of Geoff but another indicator of how seriously he takes his role as Director of Rugby to the point that he even washes the kit.

- Big thanks to Evan Woodworth for the quality and structure in the Men's senior training sessions.

5.d. **2nd XV (M) Captain [Jack Wray]**

- 2nd XV(M) finished third in their League and will, hopefully, be restructured into a more competitive league.
- Bryn Kitching commented on how they relish the victories and enjoy winning.
- Reaffirmed the quality of training being provided by Evan.
- A big thanks to Marcus Little for his time and effort in supporting the Team.

5.e. **Junior Section Chair [Andy Hewitt]** (Report delivered by James Marr)

Overview

Wetherby RUFC run one of the most successful Mini Junior sections in Yorkshire. We now have over 300+ children registered from Micros through to Colts age groups. This is due to, in part, the fantastic pool of volunteers we rely upon to provide rugby coaching & support from age 4 and upwards, and the amazing facilities – grounds & clubhouse.

Rugby Section

The focus remains to provide a safe, enjoyable & inclusive environment for all children to enjoy their rugby.

- **Player Numbers:** the Minis (up to 12s) have strong numbers including a few girls in the younger age groups. The Juniors (13s to 17s) have been tight on numbers (excl. 13s) which is unusual for Wetherby. Some of this is Covid related as other clubs experiencing this, however, it is something we need to monitor.
- **Girls' Rugby:** next season needs to be a big focus to establish a girls section to support the Senior Women's' team & ensure we remain inclusive at every age group.
- **Fixtures:** fixtures against most local clubs have been refined over the last 3 years to ensure we play clubs with similar numbers. Although results are not kept for all teams, we win many more than we don't & most of the minis are almost unbeaten if not 100%-win record. Referees can be a challenge at Junior level where society referees are needed but are in short supply.
- **Training:** with all age groups having their own area on Sundays this allows each age group enough space to do the required exercises for their age groups. There has, however, been congestion on Thursday evenings.
- **Coaches:** we have good depth at most age groups; however, we now need a co-ordinated approach to training to continue to drive coach development & skillsets. We have the technology in place to deliver that & should be a target for 2022-3.
- **Equipment:** some new tackle shields were purchased this season. We will need to review the current state of tackle bags/shields/post pads & flags.
- **Grounds:** four full size pitches to use for junior rugby is the envy of most clubs. We must now get the new posts up on the 4th XV pitch to maintain the proud facilities.

Pitchero & Website: updates to scores for matches has improved, especially for Juniors. Availability is done through Pitchero which is easy, and all age groups now use.

JM commented that there will need to be a push for MJ Section to utilise the Fixtures and Results functionality of GMS as this is directly linked to International Ticket allocation.

Kit & Merch

- **Kit:** need to continue with 2 'approved' kits for the MJ section so there is a choice for age groups, but we maintain a club identity. There has been a request for RED shorts from many

parents. Requirement for next season to display club merchandise & have sizes available for people to try on ahead of purchasing online.

- **Club Merch:** ties, socks, oddballs hats/beanies, coaches jackets/polos, 1st aider jackets – all stocked at the club.
- Boot exchange is available as is an Old kit donations box.

Volunteers

- **Coaches:** there is good coverage of coaches in all age groups, however, the quality of coaching needs assessing. There is not an 'issue' but it would be good practice for us to survey what happens at each age groups & offer support for new coaches.
- **Committee Members:** we are fairly light on MJ committee members from the younger age groups. This needs addressing as it will become an issue. All positions (Chair, Fixtures, Secretary/MJ Vice chair, Events/Socials) are taken up by parents of juniors. There is also a gap in safeguarding & 1st aid co-ordinator.

Clubhouse/Facilities

- Huge improvement with our offering. Still some things to review for next season – payments for food – not working using the bar on busy days.
- Coffee pot at pitch side – many parents have requested this as number 1 desired project.

Socials & Fundraising

- Sportsman Dinner (Nov) had limited support from MJ section
- End of season Ball – Friday 20th May c.100 attendees. This is down on previous years.
- We need more support to help organise & also commitments to attend.

5.f. Grounds [Martin Henry] (Report delivered by Ian Arundel)

- Currently have a project to improve the 1st pitch starting in the next couple of weeks. Contractor coming in to slit, vertidrain, add 60t of sand, fertiliser, and seed (drilled in). When it does happen, we'll need to look after it. Ian explained that he had expressed doubts to the contractor about missing the growing season...might need to be managed closely.
- 2nd pitch is amazing, but the 1st won't stand up to the same intensity of usage.
- All other pitches have been slit.
- There is a feeling that the Grounds staff are taken advantage of, but Chairman stated, "*I can guarantee that you're not*".

Actions:

- All teams across all sections are asked to ensure that they rotate locations around the pitches to reduce the impact (**All**)
- Avoid using the lines – put cones out (**All**)
- Litter remains an issue and all teams across all sections are to have a plan to ensure that this is removed from the sheds as well as pitch side (**All**)

5.h. Social [Elliot Reid]

- Elliot Reid will be stepping down as Senior Men's Social Secretary and will be replaced by Olly Hills.
- Elliot commented that there had been a great number of events and a great atmosphere around the Club.
- Chairman thanked Elliot for his support.

5.i. Sponsorship / Fundraising [Sean Lally]

Sean Lally provided an update on sponsorship and fundraising, commenting:

- Had been an odd year with the pandemic having an impact on some sponsors.
- A new sponsorship book in development.
- 1st pitch sponsor boards coming down and replacing the fence.
- Already have a couple of new sponsors signed up for next season.

Ian Arundel advised of the need to maintain a gap under sponsors board on the fence to allow the grass to be maintained properly.

5.j. **Grange Park [Nick Oates]** (Report delivered by Jonathan Hirst)

- Having Ben Rider working full-time at the Club has been a great asset.
- Catering didn't get fully 'in house' – loss of revenue?
- The Coffee Box is now operational. We will need to monitor its use and develop to suit requirements.
- GPSC's website has been improved. Looking at implementing a Google Ads campaign on a trial basis.
- A new, higher specification CCTV and fire/intruder alarm will be fitter. The alarm can be operated by a phone/tablet application (authorised users only).
- Will be changing the front door lock. The Club is to provide a list of those needing access codes.
- A different bar price structure for Members/non-Members will be implemented.
- Bar prices will need to rise as a result of increasing costs; anticipate a significant increase for non-Member prices.
- Final tenders for the provision of solar panels are awaiting. Also considering EV chargers but will be dependent upon funding.

JH commented – when we refer to GP, we are GP (we are 80% of the funding).

6.0 **Chairman's Report [Jonathan Hirst]**

This season has been incredibly successful for Wetherby RUFC as a whole. From 1^{sts}, to 2^{nds}, to the Women's team and the whole Mini & Junior section. I couldn't be prouder to be associated with this Club.

For the Men's 1st team, we have achieved a historic result in our promotion to Yorkshire 1. Twelve seasons ago we were in Yorkshire 5 and struggling to pull a full team together. This club has been transformed. It was a stated goal of the Club at the start of the 2020/21 season that we were going to be promoted at the end of the season; this was only delayed because of Covid-19. In my view there are three main factors that made us achieve our goal.

- **Coaching:** *Evan Woodworth has provided the direction for our sessions and, supported by Geoff and Joe, they have made a formidable team. This season we have had a unique blend of youth and experience and Evan's understanding of the pressures that younger rugby players experience has meant that we've had a more consistent team than in many previous seasons.*
- **The Players:** *this season I have experienced greater cohesion and a closer relationship with players than ever before. The teamwork and camaraderie have been admirable and we have shown every other team in the Division what it's like to be a Wetherby player; regardless of if we win or lose on the pitch, we always win off it.*
- **New Players:** *it has been a brilliant year for new, young players, who previously played or Wetherby Juniors, to return to the Club and make a massive difference. This is the lifeblood of*

a successful club like ours and we should do everything we can to integrate the Seniors and Colts teams.

- **Marcus Little's Barmy Army Unbeaten in the League:** *pulling a team together every week from such a wide range of players, most of whom have come through our junior set up and who have that special bond with the Club.*
- **The Women's Team:** *have created a fantastic team ethos, and whilst all results might not have gone their way, they have been putting 100% in to every performance. The season was topped off brilliantly though with a win at the Pocklington 7's. Next season should be immensely positive for them.*
- **Mini/Junior Section:** *our Minis, Junior, and Micros continue to be the envy of many clubs in the region. I would also like to acknowledge the commitment shown by the parents and volunteers who week-on-week give up their time to support our youngest players.*
- **The Committee:** *the team off the pitch that gets things done. I would like to make special mention of the following for their contributions:*
 - *The President – Mel Jones*
 - *Club captain - Stephen Hoather*
 - *Groundsmen – Martin Henry and Ian Arundel*
 - *Grange Park – Ben Rider*
- **Fundraising to Transform our Club:** *one that we choose to spend time at and one that is the envy of pretty much every other club that comes here. We are all truly grateful for the support of every single person that has helped us to get where we are now.*

Finally, I am pleased to announce that Brian Aston has agreed to take on the role of President for next two years. Welcome, we're here to help.

7.0 Membership Subscriptions [James Marr]

See Annex A below for breakdown of fees and associated Membership benefits.

Proposed: Shannon Little

Seconded: Charlie Wetton

The proposed fees for Season 2022-23 were fully endorsed by the Members present with a unanimous vote.

Notes to Membership Fees Season 2022-23:

In order to reduce the administrative burden, membership fees will only be available to purchase from the RFU's Game Management System (GMS) site. As all senior players, and the parents/carers of Mini/Junior Section players are required to re-affiliate to the Club at the beginning of each season on GMS, purchasing memberships is simply a few clicks away.

All membership subscriptions will be available to purchase from 1st August 2022. Senior teams need to confirm whether or not they will be adding a kit bundle and, if so, what it is and total cost (incl. membership fees).

Actions:

- All Sections to confirm kit bundles and associated costs at the next GCM to be held on 13th June 2022 (**GCM**)
- Memberships to be set up on GMS and to be available from 1st August 2022 (**Hon Sec**)
- All Memberships on Pitchero to be archived (**Hon Sec**)
- GCM to discuss and agree hosting platform for non-membership items i.e., Club Merch etc. at the next GCM to be held on 13th June 2022 (**GCM**)

8.0 Club Governing Documents [James Marr]**8.a. Charity / Club Constitution**

- JM provided a brief overview of the new governance hierarchy to be utilised in the management of the Charity/Club.
- JM provided an overview of recommended changes to the Club's Constitution in order to be fully compliant with Charities Act 2011 and Charities Commission Policy

Proposed: James Marr

Seconded: Jonathan Hirst

In accordance with Section 7(1)(d) of the Club Constitution, a vote of more than two-thirds of those Members present was provided for the proposed changes to Part One of the Constitution.

In accordance with Section 7(2) of the Club Constitution, a majority vote of those Members present was provided for the proposed changes to Part Two of the Constitution.

Actions:

- In accordance with Section 7(3) of the Club Constitution, the revised Constitution is to be sent to the Charities Commission within 21-days of the resolution(s) being passed [by 7th June 2022] (**Hon Sec**)
- Details of the newly elected Trustees are to be provided to the Charities Commission (**Hon Sec**)

8.b. Board of Trustees Terms of Reference (ToR)

- JM provided a brief overview of the purpose of the Board's ToR and its links back to the Constitution

Proposed: James Marr

Seconded: Jonathan Hirst

The Board of Trustees' ToR were fully endorsed by the Members present with a unanimous vote.

Actions:

- A copy of the Board of Trustees' ToR to be uploaded to the Club's website (**Hon Sec**)
- The Trustees' Welcome Pack to be finalised and issued to all Trustees, along with the ToR prior to the new season (**Hon Sec**)

8.c. General Committee Terms of Reference (ToR)

- JM provided a brief overview of the purpose of the General Committee's ToR, and its links back to the Board's ToR and Club Constitution.

Proposed: James Marr

Seconded: Jonathan Hirst

The General Committee's ToR were fully endorsed by the Members present with a unanimous vote.

Actions:

- A copy of the General Committee's ToR to be uploaded to the Club's website (**Hon Sec**)
- All Officers and non-Trustee key role holders to be provided with a copy of the General Committee's ToR prior to their next meeting [13th June 2022] (**Hon Sec**)

8.d. Club Rules

- JM provided a brief overview of the recommended changes to the Club Rules.
- IA requested that an additional Section on non-payment of players be added to reflect the ethos and culture of the Club.

Proposed: James Marr

Seconded: Shannon Little

All proposed changes to the Club's Rules were fully endorsed by the Members present with a unanimous vote.

Actions:

- Add a section on non-payment of players to the revised Club Rules (**Hon Sec**)
- A copy of the Club's Rules is to be uploaded to the Club's website prior to 1st August 2022 (**Hon Sec**)
- A copy of the Club's Rules is to be provided to all new members at the beginning of Season 2022-23 (**GCM**)
- A copy of the Club's Rules is to be held behind the Clubhouse Bar (**Hon Sec**)

9.0 Elections [James Marr]

9.a. Club Trustees/Officers Roles

Position	Nominee	Nominated By	Seconded By
Chairman	Jonathan Hirst	Andrew Hewitt	James Marr
Vice Chairman	Stephen Hoather	Jonathan Hirst	James Marr
Honorary Secretary	James Marr	Jonathan Hirst	Andrew Hewitt
Honorary Treasurer	Myles Oates	Shannon Little	Laura Buss
Junior Chairman	Andrew Hewitt	Jonathan Hirst	James Marr
Junior Secretary	Louise Dutton	Andrew Hewitt	James Marr

All Club Trustee/Officer nominations received the approval of those members present by unanimous vote.

Action: Names of Trustees to be updated on the Charities Commission website (**Hon Sec**)

9.b. Non-Trustee/Officer Roles

Position	Nominee	Nominated By	Seconded By
Director of Rugby	Geoff Brown	Jonathan Hirst	James Marr
1 st XV (W) Captain	Shannon Little	Laura Buss	Myles Oates
1 st XV (M) Captain	Stephen Hoather	Geoff Brown	Jonathan Hirst
2 nd XV (M) Captain	For review at the next GCM meeting to be held on 13 th June 2022 (GCM)		

Safeguarding Officer	Megan Green	James Marr	Andrew Hewitt
Head of Grounds	Martin Henry	Jonathan Hirst	Andrew Hewitt
Fixtures Sec Women	Ruth Pearson	Shannon Little	Laura Buss
Fixtures Sec Men	Richard Watts	Jonathan Hirst	James Marr
Fixtures Sec Juniors	Kris Sokolowski	James Marr	Andrew Hewitt
Social Sec Women	Jess Baker	Shannon Little	Laura Buss
Social Sec Men	Ollie Hills	Stephen Hoather	Myles Oates
Social Sec Mini/Junior	To be co-opted		
Rugby Safe Officer	To be co-opted		
Grange Park Rep	Jonathan Hirst		
Committee Member 1	Sean Lally	James Marr	Jonathan Hirst
Committee Member 2	Georgina Lewis	Shannon Little	James Marr

All other positions to be co-opted

All non-Trustee/Officer positions received the approval of those members present by unanimous vote.

10 **Any Other Business [James Marr]** **Welcome to the new Club President**

- JH introduced Brian Aston (BA) as the Club's new President.
- BA expressed his surprise, shock, but more importantly, his pleasure at having been asked.
- BA commented that he has been with the Club for 50 years, and that this role will provide him with a "last shot to do something for the Club in particular, a new stand, which will hopefully be ready for the start of the season.

Gate Fees for Season 2022-23

- MJ asked whether or not we intend increasing the admission price on the gate?
- SH stated that we need to improve our infrastructure for capturing gate fees. No objections to charging £5. Committee need to take this forward.
- IA asked whether or not gate monies get paid into Club funds; JH confirmed that they do.

Action: GCM to discuss and agree gate fees for next season at meeting to be held on 13th June 2022 (**GCM**)

Communication with 'Old & Bold'

- Discussion was held regarding maintaining communications with the 'old & bold' former players, noting that not all are necessarily going to use internet/email.

Action: Hon Sec to work with Brian Aston and Peter Spensley to confirm list and contact details, as well as options for communication.



Wetherby RUFC Membership Fees

Season 2022-23

Membership Category	Fee	Membership Benefits ⁱ
Hon Life Member ⁱⁱ	£0	Full voting rights, free admission to all home fixtures, invitation to President's Lunch(s), Members' bar prices, and the right to apply for international tickets.
Vice President	£80	Full voting rights, free admission to all home fixtures, invitation to President's Lunch(s), Members' bar prices, and the right to apply for international tickets
Social Member	£40	Full voting rights, Members' bar prices, and the right to apply for international tickets
Senior Player ⁱⁱⁱ	£66	RFU Player Membership (includes Death and Disability Insurance), full voting rights, and the right to apply for international tickets
Senior Player Concession ^{iv}	£33	RFU Player Membership (includes Death and Disability Insurance), full voting rights, and the right to apply for international tickets
Mini-Junior Player x 1	£100	RFU Player Membership (includes Death and Disability Insurance), free admission to home games, one parent is entitled to one vote at the WRUFC AGM
Mini-Junior Player x 2	£150	RFU Player Membership (includes Death and Disability Insurance), free admission to home games, one parent is entitled to one vote at the WRUFC AGM
Mini-Junior Player x3+	£160	RFU Player Membership (includes Death and Disability Insurance), free admission to home games, one parent is entitled to one vote at the WRUFC AGM
Micro Player x 1	£50	RFU Player Membership (includes Death and Disability Insurance), free admission to home games, one parent is entitled to one vote at the WRUFC AGM
Micro Player x 2	£75	RFU Player Membership (includes Death and Disability Insurance), free admission to home games, one parent is entitled to one vote at the WRUFC and AGM
Micro Player x 3+	£80	RFU Player Membership (includes Death and Disability Insurance), free admission to home games, one parent is entitled to one vote at the WRUFC AGM

ⁱ All WRUFC Club Membership categories include membership of the Grange Park Sports & Social Club (GPSSC) including full voting rights at the GPSSC AGM (for those aged 18 years old or over).

ⁱⁱ Nominations for individuals to be conferred Honorary Life Membership are identified by the Club's General Committee and put to the vote at the AGM.

ⁱⁱⁱ Match fees are paid separately and managed by the Senior Team Managers and accounted for by the Hon Treasurer.

^{iv} This concession only applies to players who are 21 years of age or under and/or those in full-time education (evidence of full-time education will be required – i.e., Student Union card).

Wetherby RUFC AGM 2021/22 Season – Treasurer's Report

1. Income and Expenditure Commentary

N.B. Year end is 31st May 2022, numbers are as of 15th May 2022. Values in brackets relate to previous season (2020/21)

The club made a profit for the season of £22,608 (£269 loss), with the following items of note:

Membership income increased 32.5% to £27,617 (£20,838), with COVID impacting membership in PY

Clubhouse development costs: £20,892 (£11,933)

Rental expense: £16,000 expense in current year, in PY no rent was payable due to COVID support grants to GP

Grant funding: Released the remainder of the 'Winter Grant Funding' of £28,949 (£6,277) and the 'All Schools Grant' (£2,975)

Excluding grant funding and clubhouse development costs, the club made a profit of £11,576 (£5,437)

Description	2022 Income	2022 Expense	2022 Net income/ (expense)	2021 Net income/ (expense)
	£	£	£	£
Membership	27,617	0	27,617	20,838
Match Day Gate and Raffle	998	0	998	0
Kit	2,512	(6,763)	(4,251)	(443)
Kit Sponsorship	1,700	0	1,700	0
Advertising Boards and Match Day Programme	1,898	(708)	1,190	1,250
Marketing	0	0	0	(25)
International Tickets	7,212	(5,202)	2,010	0
Travel	480	(1,585)	(1,105)	0
Bags	0	0	0	0
General fund raising / Other Income	1,790	(600)	1,190	569
Equipment	0	(820)	(820)	(1,457)
Coaching for teams	0	(4,410)	(4,410)	(1,200)
Coaching for coaches	0	(180)	(180)	0
Physio	0	(2,344)	(2,344)	(390)
Cleaning / Laundry	0	(345)	(345)	0
Gift Aid	6,484	0	6,484	0
Go Cardless	0	(1,082)	(1,082)	0
Rent	0	(16,000)	(16,000)	2,142
Training Facilities	0	(240)	(240)	0
Ground Works	0	(3,305)	(3,305)	347
Tournaments & refs	0	(810)	(810)	(871)
Floodlighting Project	0	0	0	(14,727)
Other events and dinners	9,045	(4,666)	4,379	245
Mini Junior End of Season	3,757	(2,720)	1,038	0
End of Season Dinner	1,342	(400)	942	0
Trophies	0	(716)	(716)	(440)
RFU Grant Funding	31,924	0	31,924	6,227
Clubhouse Development	0	(20,892)	(20,892)	(11,933)
Miscellaneous	378	(739)	(361)	(402)
Total	97,136	(74,528)	22,608	(269)

2. Cash position commentary

The club has an absolute cash balance of £61,481 (£113,769). The underlying cash position (after ring-fenced monies) is £36,910 (£12,773)

Tours that were postponed due to COVID went ahead this year, reducing the amount ringfenced for tours

Of the £51,705 raised during the COVID pandemic, £15,396 remains to be spent

The club has repaid loans given to it by members during the COVID pandemic of £3,500

Grant funding that was previously ringfenced (Winter Grant and All Schools Programme) has now been released

Payments received for Mayfest that was postponed have been released as the event has now gone ahead

	2022	2021
	£	£
Closing cash position	61,481	113,769
Tour Related	- 9,175	- 12,417
Clubhouse Refurb	- 15,396	- 51,705
RFU Winter Grant	-	- 28,949
Loans From Members	-	- 3,500
All Schools Programme	-	- 2,975
End of Season Mayfest postponed	-	- 1,450
Underlying Cash Position	36,910	12,773