



Aldwinians RUFC Minutes of the General Meeting 14th October 2020

The General Meeting of 14th October 2020 was called in relation to the Club's constitution, clause 16. Retirement and removal of charity trustees:

Members present (56): Adam Howes, Alan Whalley, Alex Hughes, Alex Lyons, Andrew Gidman, Andrew Ormrod, Andy Coxhill, Barbara Coxhill, Barry Rigby, Ben Singleton, Chris Rushworth, Chris Young, Colin Gidman, Colin Shields, Connor Prendergast, Courtney Bardsley-Hodgkiess, Damian McMahon, Dan Hardy, Daniel Cawley, Danny Robinson, Dawn Bradley, Gina Hardy, Howard Palmer, Ian Wilson, James Green, Janine Conway, Jonathan Lea, Joseph Martin, Joshua Oldland, Katy Davies, Kevin Turner-Hague, Kris Andrews, Lee Bradley, Mark Grimley, Mark Whalley, Matt Davies, Michael Singleton, Michael Spence, Nathan Webb, Paul Lyons, Peter Ormrod, Rachael Wilson, Rhys Glover, Richard Hyde, Richard Mooney, Richard Tilston, Rick Thorpe, Rob Taylor, Robert Palmer, Ryan Jennings, Sarah Mitchell, Sophie Faulkner, Steve Crutchley, William Thorpe, Yvonne McGuire & Zoe Conway.

Apologies and proxy votes assigned according to the constitution clauses 12(6) Voting at general meetings, and 12(7) Proxy Voting were received from (17): Andrew Rigby, Ben Hilton, Chris Peters, David Crowther, David Nolan, Dean Benson, Ian Coxhill, Jack Gleeson, Kieran Power, Michael Banks, Ken Brown, Peter Doherty, Phil Leigh, Philip Knowles, Simon Hurdley, Stephen Marrow & Stephen Murray.

The meeting was due to start at 7:30pm, but the start was delayed due to several members being held up in traffic due to an incident on the M60.

The meeting was started at 7:45pm

Robert Palmer called the meeting to order, and outlined the procedure of the meeting as follows:

- 1 – election of a chair for this meeting
- 2 – statement of the proposal of the meeting, and outline of reasons for having put the proposal forward
- 3 – a vote, by show of hands and proxy votes received in writing prior to the start of the meeting, to be counted by 3 people; Gina Hardy (Membership Secretary), Jayne Ganley (Bar Steward) and the Chair of the meeting.
- 4 – announcement by the chair of the outcome of the vote; to be passed on to the Trustees verbally and in writing

It was also stated that in line with the constitution that there would be no other business at this meeting.

It was offered to the floor that unless there were any constitutional reasons why the meeting should not continue the meeting should proceed to step 1. There were no comments from anyone at the meeting to this offer.

In line with the constitution clause 12(4) Chairing of general meetings, the trustees having not nominated a chair, nominations were received for Robert Palmer to chair the meeting. As there were no other nominations, it was carried that RP would chair the meeting.

RP outlined the proposal, and reasons for the proposal. For the purposes of the minutes this is quoted below:

The single proposal for this meeting is, "To remove the Treasurer from his current position".

As you have all been already informed prior to this meeting, this proposal was brought forward after a significant amount of verbal and written discussion amongst a very significant number of members, expressing anger and fear, based around the actions, and inaction, of the Treasurer over a long period of time. This has been brought to a head very specifically over the recent lack of representation at committee meetings and poor response rate to questions, requests, and emails; along with a resistance to make the club bank accounts more transparent which it was felt identified limitations in his skill-set that do not meet the future needs of the Aldwinians Rugby Club Treasurer. Probably most significantly, however, many members identified that they have lost faith in his ability to act in their best interests and those of the club.

The members have also indicated in these discussions that they appreciate his hard work & commitment over the previous 40 years, but that they now believe it is time to elect a new Trustee to the position of Treasurer who will take the club forward into the future. Over recent months the members are aware that COVID-19 has had significant effects on the way the world operates, and the members need to ensure that the future of the club is secured. This means the club needs a more responsive Treasurer that can adapt and meet the challenging needs of the club and its members as we move forward into the post-Covid era, and beyond.

Members were then asked to vote by a show of hands in favour of the proposal, and this was counted by the 3 people outlined above. All 3 independently counted that 56 people present voted for the proposal.

Members were then asked to vote by a show of hands against the proposal, and this was counted by the 3 people outlined above. All 3 independently counted that 0 people present voted against the proposal.

Members were then asked if there were any abstentions by a show of hands, and this was counted by the 3 people outlined above. All 3 independently counted that 0 people abstained.

The 15 proxy votes for, and the 2 against, were given to the chairman.

The total votes thus counted were:

71, 97%, in favour of carrying the proposal.
2, 3%, against carrying the proposal.

The Chair informed the room of the count, and announced that in accordance with the constitution, as more than 2/3 of members present had voted in favour of the proposal, the proposal is carried.

He also announced that the Trustees would be informed of this outcome verbally and in writing.

The meeting was then formally closed at 8:10 pm.