

Subject	Annual General Meeting
Date	13 June 2016
Attendees	Lloyd Burnell, Sarah Rupprecht, Justin Ogilvie, Rich Chaplin, Andrew White, Steve Price, Nathalie Haines, Carlie Smith, Martin Lewis, Dave Morrell, Kathryn Dickens, Ruth Boxall, Adrian Saunders, Ian McNally, Fran Kendall
Apologies	Sandra Freke, Rich Cowley, Sian Morrell, Peter Hawkes
Prepared By	Sarah Rupprecht

1 Chair's Welcome and Report

DM presented the following report:

We are now at end of 8th season with some 200 players, making it one of the largest, best established and respected clubs in the region.

All Junior teams done creditably well and notable highlights of the year include:

- At least one team at every year group in Bristol Girls League
- The new under 10's have made a good start to their time with BLU playing some great football with huge enthusiasm.
- U14's, U15's and Under 18's won their league
- U18's also won the GFA Cup
- Several players have represented the GFA County Squad
- Another large influx of new girls at U7/8/9 and looking forward to having another u10 team and we are awaiting the name of the new u10 coach
- There is an established pathway for Girls to play football and progress into the adult game
- However there have been significant challenges within the adult section. Both the 1st Team and the Dev team have suffered from a lack of commitment from the players. This has led to numerous matches been cancelled, both teams being relegated and the club incurring a bad reputation within the adult game
- As a result the club has decided to disband the 1st and Dev teams including letting Javier know that he will no longer be required to manage the first team next season.
- The under 16's will not continue to form an under 18 team which means that Pete Hawkes will no longer be coaching a team at the club. I'd like to thank Pete for his hard work and dedication over the years.
- The first team next season will be this year's under 18's and remaining under 16's who will participate in the GCWL Division 1 with Martin as the manager. It is hoped that the success of this team will enhance our reputation next season.
- There will be no Under 18 team this season

Focus from a playing perspective for next season is to continue to attract new players and to develop coaching skills in the club and player development as well as reestablish ourselves within the adult game

I would like to thank all the officers and volunteers for their time and dedication given to club. I would particularly like to thank Carlie for her tenacity and dedication in ensuring that that we maintained our Chartered Standard status. I'd also like to thank Martin for taking on the Kit Manager role and in particular his efforts in establishing a new kit supplier. This is a major step forward for the club. Additionally, Andy White has picked up the coordination of referees.

Sarah Rupprecht will be stepping down at this AGM and I'd like to record my thanks to Sarah for her work and support not just for me this year but over the years. I'm looking forward to working with Fran in the future and I'm sure she will continue Sarah's great work.

Julie Allison is stepping down from the CWO role and Sian Morrell is in the process of taking over

Rich Cowley will be asked as part of the meeting today to take on a new role of Club Development Officer and Deputy Vice Chair.

We have two serious challenges as a club.

Firstly, the club is desperately short of volunteers. It has been incredibly disappointing to see so few of our parents willing to put their hands up to support the club with some of their time. Events like the presentation night have been organized and supported by such a small number of people and I am extremely disappointed in the lack of engagement. It is incumbent on all coaches to spell out the importance of volunteers to keep the club going. I believe it is a real threat that within a couple of years the club will not be able to function if volunteers are not identified to participate significantly in the running of the club. At the very least it inhibits the type of activity that the club is able to undertake with regards to social and fund raising activities.

Secondly the club just about breaks even and if the club is to be able to thrive it will need to identify significant sources of income either from sponsorship or fundraising. Again without the buy in from coaches and parents this income will not be identified and the club will not be able to continue to thrive.

In order not to finish on a negative there are several exciting opportunities that have been identified with regards to sponsorship with the Mall and also with regards to assistance with reestablishing ourselves in the adult game. I will give more details as these become more material.

2 Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 2015 AGM were approved as a true and record and duly signed off by the Chairman.

3 Annual Accounts

The accounts for the period 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2016 were unanimously accepted and signed off by the Chairman

The final budget for next season was presented, forecasting a marginal profit. There was discussion around launching some much needed fundraising initiatives including seeking further sponsorship.

4 Appointment of Club Officers

It was agreed that a post of Club Development Officer/Deputy Vice Chair be created. Also it was proposed that a Club Officer representing the player/parent body be appointed along with the Senior Secretary to make up the three annual Club Officer posts on the Management Committee. Appointment to these posts would take place at the first committee meeting next season.

Dave Morrell (Chair), Justin Ogilvie (Vice Chair), Nathalie Haines (Treasurer) and Carlie Smith (Volunteer Coordinator) are all remaining in post.

Sian Morrell was proposed as Child Welfare Officer and Fran Kendall was proposed as Junior Club Secretary. Both nominations were unanimously agreed with immediate effect.

5 Subscriptions Policy

The proposed subscriptions policy for the 2016/17 season was agreed. The annual subscription for Juniors and the Seniors was set again at £96.

There was discussion as to whether there should be a different model for Seniors as they don't get a kit. It was agreed to monitor this season and if necessary adjust the Seniors model next season with an adjustment to the annual subs/match fee mix.

6 Special Resolutions

There were no special resolutions