

Autumn General Meeting

Wednesday 3rd Dec 2025 @ 20:00

Function Room

Minutes

1. Apologies: Anthony Fernihough; Lawrence Quested; Gerry Yadoo; Garry Jones
2. Minutes of Spring General Meeting May 2025; Approved.
3. Matters arising
 - Priest Hill: the Club is continuing its engagement with the Landlord and E&EBC (with regard to the Local Plan process) and reinforcing the Club's position that the continued use of our playing facilities at Priest Hill is an integral aspect of the Club's operations as a Community Rugby Club.
 - The intention remains to ensure that the 2025/2026 AGM for the presentation of the 2025/2026 Accounts to the Club will occur no later than December 2026.
4. Chairman's report in relation to the Club Accounts 2025 (reflected in the Report of the Committee and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2025)
 - The Officers and GC have expressed sincere thanks to the Chair for continuing to assume responsibility for the Hon Treasurer role (and for the House element of the H&G role; the Ground element being undertaken by our DoR). A potential candidate for the Hon Treasurer position has had to withdraw because of a promotion in work.
 - Chair noted that the financial pressures on the Club are of a similar nature and theme to previous years: inflationary cost pressures and the need to manage and repair various elements of the Clubhouse are consistent features; additional professional fees are necessarily incurred in relation to Priest Hill (further appreciation expressed regarding Club Member Kate Bowen's professional expertise and support).
 - Margins and sales in relation to the Bar remain an important focus and the Assistant Secretary continues to help generate additional support from the Brewery
 - The DoR continues to manage the Rugby Budget and the Grounds element of H&G prudently and carefully
 - Sponsorship income is steady and our Chair of Marketing and Sponsorship continues to generate and maintain positive relationships with our various sponsors including our headline sponsor
 - There will need to be increased focus on driving events related income opportunities and Nick Corby and the Events committee are putting in significant work in this regard

- The Club will continue to seek to focus on the provision of playing opportunities for all male and female players and to attract and retain as many of the Minis and Juniors membership as possible,
5. Adoption of Accounts for year to 30 April 2025
- The 2024/2025 Financial Statements were approved
6. AOB
- Concern was expressed with regard to certain of the fireworks used at the recent Fireworks event and the impact on two of our neighbours. Confirmed that the concerns would be relayed to the Events organisers; the Club very much appreciates the support of our neighbours.

End.