

We had our usual set backs with wet weather mid season, but after a push we managed to get back on schedule, culminating in some good play offs and a great Cup Finals Day. For those who'd attended this year's finals I am sure you would agree that it was a day to remember."

She continued "I believe that this league sets the standard to which other leagues seek to aspire. The end of season presentation night was also a thoroughly enjoyable night. Special thanks must go to Sam and Jackie for the additional work they put into both these events.

The Management Board worked well together providing a very competitive structure for the season.

The League's new identity became established during the season and the new modern logo was to be seen everywhere identifying us an ever changing and dynamic organisation.

Our association with BARLA was and no doubt will continue to be a controversial one, but we will work with both them and the RFL to the benefit of this League.

It was a pleasure to work with your clubs and I, and I am sure the rest of the committee are looking forward to continuing to do next season."

IV. Constitutional Amendments

Jackie Clowes explained the minor changes to the League's Constitution as we continued to endeavour to provide an easier to understand structure. The changes, proposed by Orrell St James & seconded by Shevington Sharks were subsequently voted in en masse, will now be implemented and added to both the website and to the handbooks.

V. Election of Officers

No positions were contested but, with Paul Mitchell's switch to Transfers Secretary there had been some movement relating to the Fixture Secretaries whereby Paul Edwards and Jackie Clowes have both moved up with their previous age group and we have been joined by Lindsay Bissett who has kindly offered to take on the role of U13's Fixture Secretary and was voted on to the Committee unanimously by the room.

This year's Management Committee therefore is as follows:

Margaret Byrne (Chair)
Sam Armstrong (League Sec. /Discipline Chair/BARLA Representative)
Jayne Bissett (Treasurer)
Lindsay Bissett (U13's Fixtures Sec.) Prop Haydock Sec St Pats
Paul Edwards (U14's Fixtures Sec.)
Jackie Clowes (U15's Fixtures Sec.)
Brian Edwards (Registrations Sec.)
Paul Mitchell (Transfers Sec.)
David Lowe (Vice Chair/Ref. Appointments)

VI. Treasurers Report

The Chair paid special credit to the Treasurer who had, as ever, done a magnificent job in providing monthly and annual reports for the meetings.

At the time of the meeting, the closing balance was reported as £12901.12

VII. Referees Report

There was no Referee's report in the absence of David Lowe

VII. Any Other Business

There was confusion over what time the AGM started with many delegates turning up after the initial start time of 8pm which had been notified and minuted at the previous meeting. It was felt that the earlier start time was maybe confusing and therefore agreed that future AGMs will start at the normal 8.30pm.

Sam Armstrong explained to the room that, as a way of supporting the League's Cup & Divisional Competitions and the overall work of the League, we had actively sought external sponsorship and this was now coming to fruition with an offer of sponsorship on the table from Kukri Sports.

Recognised as one of the most pro-active Leagues they have been keen to show their support for the work we are doing by previously sponsoring prizes for the NW Counties Cup Final Winners and also by donating items for the Presentation Nights.

They would now like to take this offer a stage further by actually sponsoring the League itself for a period of 3 years. In turn, they are offering to continue supporting our Finals Day & Presentation Evenings, offering the League £1000 per year towards clothing & equipment for when the League is being represented and additional heavily discounted rates for additional equipment/clothing for all the League's clubs as well as an annual award of £1000 over 3 years .. the format for which is yet to be decided on.

Further details will be notified to all clubs over the next few weeks.

There being no further business the AGM was formally closed by Margaret Byrne.