

For this and future AGM's, minutes will be posted and available for viewing on the League's Website (at the earliest possible opportunity) after the meeting and will be proposed and seconded at the following monthly meeting whilst still fresh in everyone's mind rather than 12months later at the AGM itself..

III. Chairperson's Report

First of all welcome to our new under 13s who have stepped up from our sister league the 8-12s and to our under 15s who will be leaving to go to the 16s – 18s league - we wish you well.

The season 08/09 seems to have flown by so quickly and in the main ran smoothly. We had our usual troubles with transfers and bad weather fixture cancellations. The second issue we have no control over but the message regarding the transference of players seems to be getting through.

Our relationship with BARLA was a bit of a roller coaster but we as a Board stood firm in our resolve to get the best for our members from the governing bodies and we can promise you that this will not change during the forthcoming season.

I would like to thank the Management Board for the hard work and commitment they have given to this league and I am delighted that they are all offering their services for next season should they get re-elected. I should especially like to thank Sam Armstrong for his dedication to this league and his organisation of the Finals Day and Presentation Nights.

Our Website is a fundamental part of our League; I would like to thank our administrators for being pro-active in keeping it a vibrant and informative mode of communication. I should also like to encourage everyone to use it.

None of us know what the future holds and with the possible introduction of summer rugby there may have to be changes to what has become the norm. Our basic undertaking to always keep you informed will not change and you can all feel safe in the knowledge that we will always have your best interests at heart.

Have a good season

Margaret Byrne

IV. Constitutional Amendments

Jackie Clowes explained the key changes to the League's Constitution and clarified that others, though numerous, were merely grammatical, as we continued to endeavour to provide an easier to understand structure. The changes, proposed by Liverpool Lions & seconded by Blackpool were subsequently voted in en masse and will now be implemented and added to both the website and to the handbooks.

V. Election of Officers

No positions were contested but, with David Lowe's switch to Registrations Secretary there had been additional movement with Brian Edwards taking up a new important role as Child Welfare Officer & Jeff Schofield joining us as Referee Appointments Officer. Jeff was welcomed and 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)
Jeff Schofield (Referee Appointments Officer)
Paul Edwards (U13's Fixtures Sec.)
Lindsay Bissett (U14's Fixtures Sec.)
Jackie Clowes (U15's Fixtures Sec.)
Brian Edwards (Child Welfare Officer)
Paul Mitchell (Transfers Sec.)
David Lowe (Registrations Sec.)

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 £10620

VII. Referees Report

David Lowe said it had been a good year as a whole with the help of the RDOs making David's job easier. Most games have been covered apart from the beginning and end of the playing season when the RFL calls more and more on the services of the Match Officials.

A good throughput of new referees was reported by David and this was aided by the help of our Clubs who have been very supportive of new officials.

David thanked everyone for the support he had enjoyed in his role as Referee Appointments Officer and hoped that the same support would be afforded to Jeff as he, takes up the role.

VII. Any Other Business

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