

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DALZIEL RUGBY CLUB
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE, DALZIEL PARK ON MONDAY, 10th JUNE 2019**

Item	Action
1	Attendance T Hamilton, L Mitchell, D Jamieson, A McGlashan, L Barclay, I Lilly, R Thomson, W Davidson, G Calder, E Ferguson, D Morton, F McKenzie, N McKenzie, D Scott, C Harris, P Morton, H Moon, A Scott, S Clowes, D Stewart, J Mathieson, J Muir, G Doyle, V Doyle D Bartlett, I Johnstone, S Duguid, I Davidson, G Barr, R Mitchell, N Devine, A King, G Jackson, M Henry, R Neilson, E Neilson, S Baillie, S Baird, S Smellie, M Boal, D Moon, K McDonald, B Keith, I McLaren, M Burnett, A Westwood, K Faqir, R Cook (46)
2	Apologies B Robertson, J Patertson, H Morton, J McKenzie, L Arnott, S Johnston K Stewart, A McLaren, S Harris, G Magowan, W Talbot, G Turnbull, P Morton
3	Chairman's Opening Remarks 3.1 D Morton called the meeting to order at 19:00pm welcoming all in attendance and requesting anybody that has not signed in to do so. DM also advised that there were copies of the minutes, agenda, and direct debit forms available at the door.
4	Approval of minutes of previous meeting Proposed: D Jamieson Seconded: H Moon
5	President's Report 5.1 <u>Presidents Report Season 2018/19</u> My reflections on last season. Firstly, the Senior Club. On the playing side of things, it was, at the end of the day, a hugely disappointing year as far as results were concerned with the 1st XV being relegated from division 1 West to division 2 West. We started the league programme poorly. Blighted by injuries and unavailability of some of the fantastic talent we have at Dalziel early results just did not go our way. We were, nevertheless, optimistic, and hoped that post-Christmas we would turn things around and climb up the league to safety but as you all know that just didn't happen. In contrast to our league form we had a great Cup run culminating in a fantastic final at Scotstoun Stadium only to lose narrowly to an extremely strong Greenock Wanderers side. It was a brilliant day for the Club. A tremendous display on the park to be witness by a large Dalziel support in the stands. What of the 2nds and 3rds. Just as the 1 st XV were blighted by injuries the knock-on effect was felt down through the club. The 2nds struggled at times but gentlemen teams far higher up the leagues than us are unable to field a 2 nd XV never mind a 3rds., We should be justifiably proud of our numbers and the commitment to play and fulfil fixtures by the boys. The Dazzlers had of course their usual season with that happy band of warriors putting in some very creditable performances indeed. Can I now take this opportunity to thank our coaching staff. Graham, Clousey, Westy were exemplary in their approach to coaching the players this season. The heads never went down and they know, and I know, we were extremely unlucky at times where the bounce of a ball, hitting the uprights, bizarre refereeing, It could have been so much different but it wasn't to be but their infectious optimism kept us going and I'm sure will drive us to the top of the league next season. So enough of the Senior Club's playing prowess. or perhaps lack of it. Our Midi Section well represented by the redoubtable Amanda faired really well at

U13 and U15 level. In fact, the U15s winning the West Region Shield against Cambuslang here at Dalziel Park in front of a packed crowd was one of my personal highlights of the year.

Unfortunately, however we were unable to field an U16s or U18s this season.

This is a major problem and it is really crucial that we address it as they are the future and life blood of the Club. To this end ladies and gentlemen your committee decided to employ a Development Officer, Darren Moon, to help with this problem of recruitment and retention and hopefully in the next few seasons we will see the fruits of his undoubted enthusiasm and commitment

The Mini section.... What can you say? Hunners of kids having hunners of fun on a Saturday morning playing rugby here at Dalziel Park.

Thanks to Rob and then Michael for corralling them into what is a Mini Section that must be the envy of most Rugby Clubs in Scotland... Again, thanks guys to you and all the coaches involved.

At this point I would also like to record that our annual Youth and School's Festivals were their usual fantastic success. Thanks, due to Graham Scotty Willie and all the boys and ladies who make this one of the highlights of the season.

Moving on from the playing side of things we can now look at the Social/Fundraising /Admin side of the Club.

Events like The Austin, The 50 years Austin, The Sportsman's Dinner, The Ceilidh, The Beer Pong do not happen without a great deal of preparation and hard work and to all of those involved with these events which incidentally were all a roaring success I give you my and the club's thanks for making them possible.

Your general committee run, by in large, by my trusty secretary Tom Hamilton had one or two issues to deal with throughout the season but in Tom's safe hands the Club never puts a foot wrong. Other members of the general committee Eddie, Ross, Henry, Amanda, Michael Fraser Willie, the 3 Ian,s ,the 2 Davies and the 2 Les,s ... all played their part in making my year tolerable .. sorry I mean enjoyable.

In closing Ladies and Gentlemen can I thank you all for your support throughout last season and now we should look forward to next season where let's hope Dalziel is once more to the fore and we can have a bloody great time getting them there.

6 Secretary's Report

Tom Hamilton tabled the Secretary's report -:

- The General Committee has met eleven times since the last AGM which has been once per month with the exception of July.
- The club has had two serious injuries this year. Thankfully all have made good recovery and are expected to be fit to play next season
- The SRU AGM is to be held this year on Saturday 10th August 2019. This will be the Presidents Suite at BT Murrayfield and I would be expecting two members of the new Committee to attend, hopefully the President and V/President.
- With regards to discipline the Senior Clubs record shows that this season we have had in total 0 Red cards and 17 Yellow issued. This is broken down as follows 1st XV, 0 Red 13 Yellow 2nd XV 0 Red 4 Yellow and 3rd XV 0 Red 0 Yellow.

This is a significant reduction on last on last year's total of 16 yellow and 3 red cards. It is hoped that this trend will continue into the new season.

2018/2019	17	0
2017/2018	16	3
2016/2017	25	6
2015/2016	21	0
2014/2015	16	1
2013/2014	23	3
2012/2013	38	5
2011/2012	27	2
2010/2011	22	2

- Player user in league games

1st XV 59
 2nd XV 71
 3rd XV 56

Of the 186 players that played this season for the senior Club, 62 played 5 games or less.

Team	Season 2016-17	Season2017-18	Fcast2018-19
Primary 1	8	4	9
Primary 2	9	7	4
Primary 3	14	9	10
Primary 4	12	15	15
Primary 5	27	9	16
Primary 6	17	19	20
Primary 7	19	21	18
Mini Total	106	84	92
S1	16	17	23
S2	17	20	14
Under 15	23	20	21
Under 16	13	16	0
Under 18	20	22	0
Midi Total	89	95	57
Senior	113	111	95
Social	72	62	58
Club Total	380	352	302

The season 2018/2019 is a true reflection of the actual number of Players, Coaches and Social members that have paid a subscription as far as I am aware

Overall numbers have remained reasonably steady which in present times is no small feat when we are in competition with so many other sporting opportunities. Dalziel Youth sections remain strong especially in the Mini section. The Midi section is however light on numbers within the U/15, U/16 and U/18. To resolve this issue and to ensure that Dalziel can continue to field a team at each of the age groups the Club is considering employing its own D. O. to promote the opportunities that being a playing member affords

The forecast for next season indicates that numbers should be maintained at the present level with the hope that we manage to recruit new players to the Club.

Tom Hamilton tabled his report to the member for questions. – None tabled.

7 Treasurer's Report

7.1 Dalziel Treasurers Report – AGM 10 June 2019

Introduction

Over the last few years with rising costs it has become increasingly difficult to raise the funds to support the whole club and the last year has seen some major changes including our appointment of a Development Officer that made the task even more of a challenge.

The following is a summary of the financial status at the end of April 2019.

I may mention a few names of those who contributed towards making up this report. Apologies if I miss anyone and also there will be a request for help in certain areas.

Main account Bank Balance

Amount in main bank account at 30th April this year – £2827.41

Balance Sheet

5 bank accounts contribute to balance sheet –

Main account – Down from last year from £6318 to £2827.41 – breakdown of income and expenditure to follow.

Festival account – Increase from £7093 in 2018 to £7951 (£858 increase) – Not quite the whole picture as due to this being the balance at the end of April, more than a further £1000 donations and sponsorship has since gone into the account. As every year well done Graeme, Scottie and everyone who contributed to another brilliant youth festival.

International Ticket Account – Another great job again done by Alistair McGlashan seeing this account rise through ticket sales commissions and donations. The SRU continue to make it more difficult to administer every year with this year 3 separate ordering methods and Alistair having to attend a SRU briefing and ticket ordering session at Scotstoun.

In his report Alistair advised –

Account increased from £1369 to £1410. This was after paying £926 for tickets for sponsors and Sportsman's dinner prizes.

Further challenges next year include – no Autumn Tests (although 2 Summer Test.) Only two Six Nations Matches with low commission %. Next season also last commission through Season pass sales (another SRU change.)

With ticket purchases of almost £20K Alistair has intimated that he would like further help from all sections buying tickets and also an assistant to learn the systems.

100 Club Account – Although showing a reduction in the account from £6813 to £5875 this does not show a large sum of cash transferred into the main account and this continues to be what could be a potentially large source of income. Again, help is needed to continue to administer and promote to Club and non-Club Members.

Membership account – This year showing a reduction from £18180 to £16078 however although membership payments are up this doesn't show the money paid into the main account which we will cover next.

Overall, we have £27692 in the bank an overall deficit from last year of almost £5631.

Income and Expenditure

This sheet shows the income and expenditure breakdown in the main club account and I'll just mention a few items to let everyone know what's included.

Income

Membership Subscriptions – great work again by Henry with almost £21500 raised in subscriptions. Comments were that this sum is reduced by late changes to membership payment amounts, late and sometime non-payment which needs addressed.

HLM Donations (£560) – Thanks to all. Hard to follow last year where donations raised funds for a new Ultrasound. This is a fantastic way for a lasting contribution to the club.

Club sponsor – Sponsorship is key to raising funds. Thanks to Ian Johnston and team sponsorship up from £2500 to £8900. Thanks go to Leaker Direct, Parks of Hamilton, Whyte and Barrie and several others for continued support.

Merchandise – £1510 – Well done Fraser – sales of ties, caps etc. and still stock so money will continue to be raised.

Catering Raffle and programs – Income of £2423 this year. Over £1000 profit added to accounts provided by Les, Tom and the team on match days and clubhouse hospitality,

with another £311 added in May. Comments are that this is down for last year due to a number of factors – less events in clubhouse, less money raised from match day raffles and down nearly £500 from lost gate money and program sales.

Match Fees – Increase from £1881 to £2255 from mainly 1st and 2nd XVs.

Other Sponsorship – £3352 to £762 – this year mainly player sponsorship.

Then we come to the income from the social events this year organised by a number of the social event team and others–

In the last year we have had - The Sportsman's dinner, the Ceilidh, 2 Austin dinners, Ladies Day's and, the cup final Curry and the Fill the Stand Raffle –

All together more than £8252 (up from £8069) last year – Well done.

SRU Income – This year a figure of £12695 (less than last year due to no Orkney trip) – this includes money from the SRU for participations for all league and cup participation including seniors and Midi , rugby force event , coaching standards, governance and also this year a contribution towards our new DO.

Expenditure

Physiotherapy – This covers physiotherapy, some training courses and first aid kit and materials for the majority of the club – Significant saving from £6759 to £3434

Travel Costs – Another area of saving was travelling cost. Mainly due to no Orkney trip and only 9 buses required this year was down from £6759 to £3770

Equipment – £1423 – mainly rugby balls and midi training items

Pitch/Barn Hire – Mainly for 3G hire and other various winter indoor facilities this also has increased year on year with now at £12701

Trust Donation – Along with the £13500 annual donation to the War Memorial Trust for the use of pitches and facilities at Dalziel Park it is seldom appreciated that the amount that we have to pay for hosting matches and training at all levels is over £26K.

Hopefully the new flood lights installed will reduce the need to pay for alternate training facilities.

Miscellaneous – Various items including, insurance, raffle licenses, bits and pieces for clubhouse.

Coaching & Player Costs (up to £21918) – Obviously this is one area that will continue to increase over the next few years but will be money well spent for improved player development, recruitment and continuity. We have also seen a good return from courses provided by Darren, and this will continue.

Conclusion

A challenging year and in the next few weeks we will set a budget to try and reduce this deficit for next year.

As per last year the challenge remains the same to everyone. Look for more opportunities for sponsorship, increase membership and continue the great work in money raised in social activities across the club.

Ian Lilly tabled the Treasurers report for any questions – none tabled

8 **Captain's Report**

8.1

SEASON 2018/19 – CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Good evening ladies and gentlemen.

It's been a great privilege to be Club Captain for a second season. When I look at the names over there on the honours board, who have gone before me, I'm humbled to count myself amongst them. I'd like to thank all of the committee for their support, especially, Tom and Duncan.

Our club flourishes from the outstanding efforts of many people working quietly in the background and we don't sing their praises often enough. There are too many individuals to name, but please know that your efforts are valued.

The players greatly appreciate our supporters at the side-lines, everyone knows that it is

far easier to be a supporter when the team is successful and at times over the last few years it has been difficult. But we at Dalziel stick together, continuing to nurture home-grown players and play an entertaining style of rugby. Be assured that everyone pulling on that Black and Blue jersey is determined to do the club proud.

The league doesn't lie – and over the course of the season we haven't done well enough at 1st and 2nd fifteen level. The firsts have been relegated and the general malaise around reserve league rugby means that it's not yet clear where the 3^{rds} or 2^{nds} will play next season. But in amongst the poor league results there's been a few stand out performances and wins for the supporters to cheer about.

The club had a great run in the West Shield securing hard earned victories at Wigtownshire and Oban Lorne and then winning comprehensively at home against Kilmarnock. This secured our place in the final and gave our supporters a great day out at Scotstoun. We succumbed to Greenock Wanderers that day but gave them a great run for their money and showed real mettle.

It's important to note the efforts and enthusiasm of our senior club coaches. Coaches Calder and Clowes have been tireless in their preparation and in their attention to detail. Their commitment has been unwavering all season. They've kept believing, driving the players forwards throughout a long and difficult campaign. They've entrusted the players with a positive and entertaining style of rugby that is fun to play and entertaining for supporters. Plans are already underway for next season and we will all savour the challenge of a new league and look to do well again in knock-out rugby.

The 1XV have called on 59 players this season which is a very high number with last minute changes through injury and unavailability being difficult to manage.

The firsts had a very difficult season and although competing better with some close games later in the season and having an arithmetical chance of surviving relegation, we were ultimately unable to get the points we needed and were relegated. The 1XV played 26 competitive matches, winning 6 of these, losing 19 and drawing 1. Scored 469 points and conceded 853. Scoring 68 tries and securing 7 try bonus points and 3 losing bonus points.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to acknowledge and praise the great work done by Roddy Thomson and Andrew Westwood in their roles with the thirds and seconds to get teams on the park this season.

The 2nd team struggled this season, finishing bottom of West Reserve League 1. They used 71 players to fulfil their fixtures and battled on in every game they played. They played 22 competitive matches, won 2 and lost 20. Scored 211 points and conceded 1152. Scored 27 tries and secured 3 try bonus points.

The third team also had a very bitty season and only had 6 fixtures. They secured victories from 2 matches in West Reserve League 3. In official league stats they scored 76 points and conceded 122 and secured 2 try bonus points. Some games were conceded (by us or our opponents) and then played as friendlies, during all matches 25 tries were scored.

There have been many negatives and challenges to face in the season that has just past, but there are always reasons to be cheerful.

The club's playing membership remains very high. In total 145 players have played for the 3 senior 15s – with many having represented all three.

6 players made their 1XV debuts.

The club welcomed a cohort of Frenchmen who will be returning home with fond memories of their time at Dalziel.

We have been active this season in our Community Work with this season's focus around mental health. Through the efforts of our Vice-Captain, Ross Mitchell, we've forged links with Chris's House a suicide prevention charity. The squad have also championed SANE as part of efforts to promote good mental health among club members and beyond.

The commitment of players has been excellent all season and they are all sticking around next year to help us bounce back. Even late on when there were only first fifteen fixtures to fulfil, we had good numbers training to ensure that everyone involved was well prepared.

I'd like to thank the players for everything they've done this year! Many guys have moved heaven and earth to represent the club: using up annual leave, swapping shifts, driving all over the country and playing through niggling injuries. All because it means so much to them. Despite everything we have pulled together and that alone makes me confident that we will have success in the coming years.

The youth section is the life blood of our club. It produces a great number of senior players and gives many young boys and girls an introduction to our fine sport. The club have employed Darren Moon in the role of Development Officer. His work is already beginning to bear fruit and the committee has set ambitious but achievable targets for Darren over the coming years. His support will help us to get our youth section back to full strength and ensure a production line of high-quality players. My thanks go to all our youth coaches, Darren and all the other volunteers who are helping to ensure the future of our club is bright.

There have always been senior players involved in helping our Midis and Minis, often having the privilege of coaching their own sons and daughters and this great Dalziel tradition continues. Allan King has been proudly involved with a successful under 15s team who recently won the West Regional Plate defeating Cambuslang in the final. Allan Lynch has worked wonders right across the midi section and I get to witness first-hand the drive and enthusiasm of the Burnett's, the Doyle's, Ross Hamilton, Dougal Stewart, Russell Crammond and the Nelson's working with the minis. Come rain or shine these guys are out there nurturing the talent of the future. On a personal level I'd like to thank Julie McCall and all her team who do such a great job herding cats with the primary 1s and 2s where my son Angus plays.

To supplement all of this effort, I arranged for senior players and ex-players to deliver masterclasses in our midi section covering each of the positions. This has been really well received by the young players. I'd like to thank everyone who helped to make this possible. Well done to everyone involved in youth rugby at Dalziel.

The senior club remains a vibrant place with 3 XV's turning out. And the calendar of social events helps to pull everyone together. We held a well-attended and successful ceilidh this year. The social side of things is something that we must keep supporting in the coming years. And I'd urge everyone to come to as many events as they can.

I'd like to finish by wishing everyone every success in the season to come. We are a wonderful rugby club and should cherish and nurture all that make us great.

Enjoy what is left of your summer break and please return with a renewed enthusiasm for all things Dalziel. Thank you.

9 Fixture Secretary's Report

9.1 David Jamieson presented the Fixture Secretary Report: -

DJ advised that the 2nd / 3rd reserve leagues are being re-organised to reflect geographical areas - - consultation ongoing. Details and fixtures to follow

Full participation monies will be paid to the Club.

DJ advised that he is in the process of organising the pre-season fixtures and will post them when concluded.

DJ advised that the 3rd xv fixtures did not go to plane as a result of injuries and opposition not fulfilling fixtures

Family Fun Day date tbc but possibly August.

DJ advised that he will convene a meeting to establish the match and training requirements of all sections of the Club before submitting to the WMT.

D Jamieson tabled his report to the members and requested any questions. – none tabled

10 Honour Recipients

10.1 This year's honours awarded by the Club were as follows: -

- a) Austin Memorial Award K Faqir
- b) Player of the Year – G Sloan
- c) U/21 Player of the Year – Ally McKune
- d) Top Points Scorer – Club A Glover, 1st XV –A Glover, 2nd XV – Tristan Gerber, 3rd XV – D Cuthbert
- e) Top Try scorer – Club A Glover, 1st XV – A Glover, 2nd XV – N McKenzie, A Lynch, A Kearney, S McLelland, J Burrell (all 2 Try's)
3rd XV – D Cuthbert
- f) Team of the Year – U/13's
- g) 2nd XV Player of the Year –Ryan Cairns
- h) 3rd XV Player of the Year – Keith MacDonald
- i) President's Award – Rob and Elaine Neilson

11 Honorary Life Memberships

11.1 Tom Hamilton advised that Honorary Life Membership had been awarded this year to Two hard working and well deserving Club members Alan Lynch and Stephen Baird.

12 AOCB

12.1 MM Burnett raised concerns re access to the pitches and requested a review to try and alleviate this issue. DM requested costs for obtaining additional training facilities following discussions with the Fixture Secretary

13 Election of Office Bearers

13.1 President D Morton – Re-elected unopposed
Vice President - D Scott Re-elected unopposed
Club Captain – R Mitchell elected following a vote prop E Ferguson sec F McKenzie.
A Scott prop J Mathieson sec H Moon
1st XV Vice-Captain – Andy Scott elected following a vote prop. D Morton sec
Secretary – T Hamilton, -re-elected unopposed
Treasurer –I Lilly re-elected unopposed
1st XV Coach – G Calder

Fixture Secretary D Jamieson – re-elected unopposed

Social Convener – J Muir elected prop L Barclay sec N McKenzie.

Corporate Convener Ian Johnstone. Re-elected unopposed

Equipment Convener – F McKenzie re-elected unopposed

U/21 Reps – Danny Bartlett Elected prop. D Scott sec. I McLaren

Midi Convener. A King elected unopposed

Mini Convener – M Burnett elected unopposed

WMT Reps -, Ian McLaren re-elected

House Convenor. L Mitchell – to be ratified at the first committee meeting

Hon. President – W Talbot- re-elected unopposed

Hon. Vice President – Rector Dalziel H.S. re-elected unopposed

Club Coaching Convener – W Davidson. Re-elected unopposed

Membership Secretary. H Moon –re-elected unopposed
Communications Convenor Elaine Neilson prop R Neilson sec D Morton.

Meeting closed at 20:00p.m.