

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DALZIEL RUGBY CLUB  
HELD AT THE MAIN STAND, DALZIEL PARK ON MONDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022**

Item	Action
<b>1 Attendance</b> T Hamilton, L Mitchell, D Stewart, W Davidson, G Calder, D Morton, F McKenzie, N McKenzie, D Scott, C Harris, H Moon, A Scott, J Mathieson, V Doyle, J Muir, R Thomson, B Martin, K Faqir D Bartlett, S Smellie, D Moon, M Burnett, I Johnstone, I Munro, P Warnock, E Neilson. A McGlashan, C Jamieson, K MacDonald, B Keith, M Prentice R Duguid, S Baillie, E Ferguson, L Penman, N Richardson (36)	
<b>2 Apologies</b> D Jamieson, L Barclay, W Aitken, D Davis, R Mitchell, N Devine, A Miller, R Neilson, John McKenzie, J Paterson, G Barr, K Stewart, W Talbot, D Cuthbert, S Rowe.	
<b>3 Chairman's Opening Remarks</b> 3.1 D Scott called the meeting to order at 19:00pm welcoming all-in attendance and requesting anybody that has not signed in to do so.	
<b>4 Approval of minutes of previous meeting</b>  <b>Proposed:</b> N McKenzie <b>Seconded:</b> C Harris	
<b>5. Constitution Amendments – Approval</b>  Club constitution to take account of various changes within the Club and within the game itself. this notice was tabled at the AGM and was approved by members present	
<b>6 President's Report</b>  6.1 D Scott tabled the secretary's report  It is good to be able to report on a season which actually featured the club getting back to playing Rugby again.  Last season's proposal to have club head coach take on the task of coordinating the way we want the club to play and how we coach the different age groups to achieve this. Both senior and youth coaches have worked closely together to develop this strategy, and this will be an ongoing project to get the club back to the standard of rugby that we all want to see us playing.  We have also moved on in our desire to develop the opportunities for girl to continue playing for the club at Midi level and in conjuncture with Dalziel high school started training in the latter part of last season and for the first time had a midi girl's competition as part of our youth festival. They also took part is several other girls development tournament. We had good feedback about their performances considering many of them are new to the game and look forward to them going from strength to strength as the gain more experience.  SRU looking to redevelop league structures for the 2023/24 season with possible reintroduction of an inter district competition if space can be found for it in new season structure this was passed a AGM held is September last year.  SGM was held on 6th June on the proposed changes to the future governance of the SRU details of which can be found on the SRU web site. This was passed by a large majority and more details of the new structures will be released when they are ready to	

be implemented.

Davie Jamieson has been elected on to the SRU council as representative for the west regions clubs and will take up this position after it has been confirmed at this year's AGM on the 14th of August.

DO. Payments from the SRU to continue for a further three years on a year-by-year basis

This concludes my report on the last season. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to keep the club going through what has been a difficult period for everyone. I'm sure we are all looking forward to a few weeks off to recharge the batteries and returning raring to get the club back where we know it belongs.

Report tabled for questions. None Tabled

## 7 Secretary's Report

7.1

Tom Hamilton tabled the Secretary's report -:

Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen thanks for making the effort to attend the Club AGM this evening its much appreciated.

- The General Committee met each month by zoom/ in the clubhouse when conditions allowed since August except for December. December's meeting was postponed till January due to the continued restrictions and plus had been no major developments since the previous Committee meeting in November.
- **For those interested in Club statistics they are as follows: -**
- **Discipline:**
- All cards were awarded to the Firsts, Seconds were squeaky clean this season!
- Red cards: 1
- Yellow Cards: 6 (5 players)
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- **Players used:**
- Club: 91
- First XV: 45 (8 made First team debut this season)
- Second XV: 74

This was a huge improvement on previous years re cards and a credit to the Club that after all the turmoil of the last 3 years we are still able to field two senior teams. The one casualty is that last season we were unable to field a 3<sup>rd</sup> XV but it is hoped that this may resolve itself in the near future.

- **Membership**

With regards to membership numbers, we as a Club have been lucky to come through the past few years relatively unscathed. There are several year groups that are light, but I know both Michael and Vickie are endeavouring to recruit where required - numbers for each section are

Mini's 125, Midi's 98, Senior 138 (88 played) Club Total 261 (excl. social members).

- We were once again involved in the funding stream with the SRU – Supporting Club Investment Programme – that had three stages to it, the main one was to provide a minimum of three case studies showing how the Club was developing and interacting with the local schools and community. All

three have been lodged with the SRU and I have no doubt well received. **Case 1** was developed and led by G Calder and S Clowes, they formulated a coaching strategy that would be used throughout all the sections and age groups within the Club therefore producing a uniform approach to the way the Club wish to be coached and play on the field. **Case 2** led and developed by F McKenzie was the Dinkie Dragons. This has been a hugely successful innovation at the Club encouraging pre-school kids to come to the Club and experience the fun of getting their first taste of being involved in rugby. Each of the sessions have been well attended by both girls and boys and looks to be a permanent fixture within the club

**Case 3** was led by Lynn Penman and the Club DO Darren Moon. Dalziel now are in the position that we can from August field a girls' team, this has been a goal for several years sadly interrupted by Covid but now achievable. It also means that we have met the conditions set by the SRU when awarding the Club, a bronze award funding that we formed a girl team. I hope you will agree that all three initiatives are a credit to those involved and demonstrates the input of our members.

- One for your diaries I have provisionally booked the Austin Dinner for the 27<sup>th</sup> August. In the Miners Club. By being able to return to this venue it gives us additional capacity. I along with Andrew Scott will look at the list of those who were down to go to the postponed dinner and check that it is their intention still to attend. I then leave an option for an additional 35 names. I will post on the various club websites the ticket numbers available.
- Finally, to wind up ladies and Gents after this AGM I will be standing down as Club Secretary, it has been an honour and a pleasure to have served in this capacity and I have enjoyed it immensely. I have no doubts that the Club will continue to go from strength to strength and I wish the Committee, coaches, and players at all levels every success

Thank you

Tom Hamilton tabled his report for questions - none tabled

## 8 Treasurer's Report

### 8.1

#### Introduction

The last year saw a welcome return to something bordering on normality, with the return of games and many of the activities seen in previous years. The club's activities were still impacted to an extent by Covid, but the last year was a very different experience for me having taken on the role of Treasurer during lockdown.

I would like to thank the committee for their support throughout the year with special mention to Ian Johnstone & Tom Hamilton for their expertise, guidance & support.

I have been incredibly impressed by the work that goes on to identify and obtain funding for the club from various resources.

I very much see the objective of the Treasurer and your committee to support the rugby playing activities of the club in the short term while ensuring its long-term sustainability.

#### Balance Sheet

Thanks to the continued support of our members and committee I feel that the club is in a fairly robust financial position at the moment, but one where the outlook contains a significant level of uncertainty.

Bank balances have been improved by some £600 in the year to £49k overall. This is offset somewhat by some £9k of costs which have accrued but not yet been spent. This

includes items such as Pitch Hire, Equipment, Physio and Salaries.

Overall, the club has seen a positive impact on our cashflow from Covid where we have been successful in obtaining, grants, including SRU support with a notable £36k of HMRC furlough payments received over the last 2 years. Operating costs have though increased, and we need to find a way of replacing income which will not be continued.

#### Income & Expenditure

I will try to cover off the main items of income and expenditure for you now.

Overall income reduced by £2k to £92k last year.

Turning first to Income, Membership subscriptions increased by some 10% to £35k, a welcome increase but still materially below the £41k received in 2020. Club sponsor income made a welcome return with £4k received, last year £0, but offset by a £3k reduction in grants. International Ticket sales commission & match fees returned, contributing over £2k. Thanks to the efforts of our Social Convenor and clubhouse team some £2.4k was raised through various social events. We would hope further social events will be able to be held in the upcoming year.

Special thanks go to the HLM's, where donations of £1.6k were maintained in 2022. It's terrific to see this support in uncertain times. Other donations & grants accounted for a further £2.3k.

We received significant support from the SRU across a number of different initiatives, with income from our governing body up £5k to £27k. This included DO Funding support, Cub Recovery Fund & Kickstart Fund.

Merchandise income was down on last year but where we made an overall "profit" of £1.4k.

The 100 Club contributed a very welcome net £2k of income. I would encourage club members to consider joining this fundraising initiative.

Finally, as mentioned earlier we received £9k in respect of HMRC Furlough payments prior to the scheme closing, down from £26k last year.

Overall expenditure increased by £6k to £88k.

Our main expense remains personnel costs which was stable at £34k, where we continue to invest in our coaching, DO & physio resource to support player development & retention. Investment in equipment was some £5k in cash terms, showing as £3k due to accruals. Notably, pitch hire costs increased to £21k, almost double the pre-covid cost and £14k higher than previous year as the committee made a considerable effort to meet the training requirements of our members.

The War Memorial Trust donation increased by £1.5k to £18.5k. This includes our usual donation for grass pitches and the clubhouse. Of the £5.5k miscellaneous costs, £4k was paid to help cover refurb of the clubhouse toilets with Club Recovery Fund monies received from the SRU for this purpose.

As alluded to above 100 Club Prizes of £2.4k were paid out during the year.

Travel costs made a return with £2k paid for buses. £1k was also paid for an item of kit for each of our coaches. This was met by the Festival a/c.

The overall surplus was £4k, a substantial drop from the £12k seen in the previous year.

#### Conclusion

With the return to playing, training and a semblance of normality, we currently see the

club in a more robust financial position than in previous years. Challenges remain in securing ongoing sources of income, where we are mindful of the external environment and the impact this may have on potential sponsors and other sources of income.

In terms of the funds now held, the committee is looking to identify suitable projects to enhance the facilities available to club members while maintaining the club on a more stable financial footing.

With the loss of the furlough scheme, inflationary pressures on many of our costs and increased training provision expected to continue, our ongoing budget is predicting a sizeable cash outflow for the year ahead. It is important that we provide the infrastructure to continue to support playing & training and in turn need all our members to actively support any initiatives or events that are held. With costs increasing, we need to manage the route forward with care, thus protecting the future of the club.

I have been very impressed by the proactive approach of your committee in identifying funding opportunities and the continued support of the club membership through the last couple of years.

If you identify any grant or sponsorship opportunities, please engage with the committee.

Thank you for your time and ongoing support.

Tom Hamilton advised that if anyone wished a copy of the accounts just email him.

## 9 Captain's Report

### 9.1 Captains Report 2022

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Thanks for joining us and thank you for the opportunity to represent the club as captain this season.

It was a mixture of ups and downs for the senior club this year with both 1st and 2nds having a bad opening half of the season and turning things around in the second half. Numbers at training continued to be high compared to any club around this area but not as high in the previous full season we had. This mainly due to injuries and players having other commitments.

#### 1st

The first had a slow start to the season losing to a couple of teams in which we normally wouldn't. This was due to not being able to field a constant team due to injuries and such. Calder and Clowes worked hard to turn this around and by the second half of the season the team was again back to winning ways. This resulting in us finishing mid table. Not where we wanted but a decent place considering the start to the season. I have full confidence that the players and coaches will be pushing this team a league title and promotion next season.

#### 2nd

The two's had a good season with Burnsey and his many helpers having a massive squad of 28 plus to select a team from. This resulted in some great wins against some hard opponents. This resulting in the 2nds finishing in the top half of the table. I am also confident in the players and Burnsey to continue to push on in this league and have a chance of promotion and the title.

#### Midi Section

This season for the midi's was great with some very impressive wins for each section.

There were also some great runs in the cup for both the u15, u16's and u18's. With this and now having a full u18's team for the upcoming season we are hoping to be entered into the A league. I am hoping to have more senior players involved with helping the midi section as this is the future of our club and the future is looking bright with some great players making their way up the ranks.

We also had our first girls team compete at the Dalziel festival which is an amassing achievement. Darren Moon and his team are looking to expand this in the future.

#### Mini Section

The numbers at the mini section are still strong and the overall feeling of this section is positive. Plenty numbers showing up week in week out on a Saturday morning and coaches and helpers doing their bit to make this possible

I would like to thank every single member who made this season possible. There are a lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes of this rugby club to ensure that we are able to field team's week in week out.

I would also like to thank Ross Mitchel for his support this season and everyone else who has helped me get the hang of being captain of such an amazing club. I am looking forward to this upcoming season and thank you for allowing me to continue as captain.

Captains Report was tabled for questions – none asked.

## 10 Fixture Secretary's Report

10.1 No report tabled

## 11 Honour Recipients

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

- a) Austin Memorial Award – W Davidson
- b) Player of the Year – Andrew Davidson
- c) U/21 Player of the Year – Adam Gardener
- d) Top Points Scorer – - Andrew Glover 1<sup>st</sup> xv, Calum Heard 2<sup>nd</sup> xv
- e) Top Try scorer – 1<sup>st</sup> xv Callum Croughan, 2<sup>nd</sup> xv Craig Peters
- f) Team of the Year – U/16, s
- g) President's Award – Tom Hamilton, Les Mitchell, W Aitkin, Sandy Smellie

## 12 Honorary Life Memberships

12.1 Bobby Martin.

## 13 AOCB

13.1 E Ferguson raised the question of transparency of club business and thought that the minutes of each General Committee should be lodged on the club web site upon approval. J Muir stated that a copy of the minutes was available to club members as requested.

13.2 Lynn Penman tabled that it was quite an achievement for the Club to now have a girls team following a few years of effort. This also brings in new parents and supporters

## 14 Election of Office Bearers

14.1 President D Scott – Re-elected

Vice President - Re-elected

Club Captain – A Scott

1<sup>st</sup> XV Vice-Captain – R Mitchell

Secretary – N McKenzie prop R Thomson sec J Muir, -elected

Treasurer –D Stewart - Re-elected.

1<sup>st</sup> XV Coach – G Calder

Fixture Secretary Vacant

Social Convener – J Muir re-elected unopposed

Corporate Convener Ian Johnstone. re-elected unopposed

Equipment Convener – F McKenzie re-elected unopposed

U/21 Reps – Ross Duguid-

Midi Convener. V Doyle – re-elected unopposed

Mini Convener – M Burnett re-elected unopposed

WMT Rep -, P Warnock re-elected unopposed

House Convenor. Vacant

Hon. President – W Talbot- re-elected unopposed

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

Club Coaching Convener – L Barclay re-elected unopposed

Membership Secretary. R Thomson prop D Stewart, sec G Calder  
Communications Convenor Elaine Neilson re-elected unopposed.

Girls Convenor - Vacant

Meeting closed at 19:55p.m.