

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE  
ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025 AT 8.00pm**

**Present:**

<b>Rob Davies</b>	<b>(Chairman)</b>
<b>Denis Holder</b>	<b>(President)</b>
<b>Peter Yeardley</b>	<b>(Trustee &amp; Facilities Officer)</b>
<b>Claire Kirkup</b>	<b>(Site Operations Manager &amp; Secretary)</b>
<b>Paul Harrison</b>	<b>(Trustee &amp; Projects Manager)</b>
<b>Jude Scott</b>	<b>(Treasurer)</b>
<b>Keith Sealy</b>	<b>(Trustee)</b>
<b>Warrick Mattick</b>	<b>(BMT)</b>
<b>Keith Laurence</b>	<b>(Pétanque)</b>
<b>Marion Sweet</b>	<b>(Pétanque)</b>
<b>Alison Sealy</b>	<b>(Pétanque &amp; Tennis)</b>
<b>Alan Butler</b>	<b>(Tennis)</b>
<b>Paul Meakin</b>	<b>(Tennis)</b>
<b>Martin Tanner</b>	<b>(Running Club)</b>
<b>Louise Kennelly</b>	<b>(Running Club)</b>
<b>David Griffin</b>	<b>(Running Club &amp; Cricket)</b>
<b>Karen Cleveland</b>	<b>(Cricket)</b>
<b>Neil Twine</b>	<b>(Cricket)</b>

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**(1) APOLOGIES**

Paul Gerrish, Alan McInnes

**(2) PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes were approved. Proposed by Louise Kennelly and seconded by Alison Sealy.

**(3) REPORTS**

**Chairman – Rob Davies**

The below report was read out by RD to give thanks to all at the Sports Association and in recognition of all those efforts:

## **RWBSA Chair Report 2025 AGM**

On accepting on the role of Association Chairman, I thought I would implement my extensive experience in management consultancy and apply that well favoured management technique, the art of effective delegation. On actually starting the role, I discovered that everything had already been delegated. Consequently, between then and now, I have actually done, very little. That in itself is testament to how well the Association is run.

'How well the Association is Run' in reality is down to good people actually 'doing good things effectively and professionally'..

Our current Association Club House and associated facilities have been in existence for some 10 years, since the move from Rylands Way. The facilities though still feel new and modern and the impression is that the Association seamlessly runs itself.

This is largely down to the work of our Facilities Manager, Pete Yeardley who is instrumental in ensuring that the facility is maintained and services are cost effectively upgraded and repaired as required. So much so, the Association complex continues to exhibit a modern clean inviting and welcoming atmosphere.

Moreover, I would like to extend my personal thanks to Pete for the support extended to me during my various roles with the Running Club (where I did actually do stuff) that assisted greatly in the running of the 'Running Club'.

Paul Harrison is instrumental for making the transition from Rylands Way to the modern facility we all enjoy at Brinkworth Road. Paul continues to provide a strategic and professional role at the Association making future developments 'happen' including the introduction of the proposed Padel Tennis facility and the new GB3 football pitch. Such projects require professional management to guarantee successful implementation and the Association is well served by Paul's expertise.

Supporting the Association are an army of people who give up their time to volunteer to make the Sports Association function on a day-to-day basis.

In no particular order, these include:

Dave Thomas – Cleaning the site, the changing rooms, and emptying bins

Tony Gleed – for supporting Pete Yeardley with various jobs and always brushing the 3G, mowing the grass, fixing goal posts to name but a few of his various jobs.

Karen Cleveland – who is learning to take over the role on our bar and tuck shop stock takes from Keith Sealy. Karen will also help support the bar on wakes.

Beryl – Helps with so many of our wakes on serving teas and coffees which has been a huge help and cost saving

Nobby Clark – a stalwart of the Running Club, who on a weekly basis, litter picks across the site and helps behind the bar, serving drinks and teas and coffees.

Jamie Macaskie – Has helped so much on our roof repairs and given his time for free to fix these jobs saving us a huge bill for the Association.

A special mention to Keith Sealy for his impressive work behind the bar, which I believe is his second home. Keith's contribution is not measurable and significantly reduces the Association's staff costs. Congratulations to Keith for his RWB Civic Award that he will receive on March 28.

Finally, I would like on behalf of the whole Association and the constituent Clubs to extend our thanks to Claire Kirkup for her tireless work as Site Operations Manager here at the Gerard Buxton Sports Ground. Claire is the face of the Association and provides support on multiple dimensions to all and are too many to list. In particular Claire has been instrumental in promoting the Association facilities externally, especially in terms of hospitality and the provision of wakes maximising much needed income for the Association.

The Association is well served by both the Executive and the BMT along with the input from the constituent clubs. My thanks to everyone involved in both committees and the representatives of each club who contribute to the well-being of the Association.

### **Accounts – Jude Scott Treasurer**

JS gave apologies for not being able to give out the final Accounts, still awaiting sign off with Accountant. However was able to provide the below information as it currently stands.

JS highlighted the main characteristics of the accounts:

- Positive year for the SA
- Still movement around the Grants and the coding on accounts
- Ended 2024 showing in a 16K positive
- Bar and tuck shop for 2024 budget set at 182K which ended up at 220K taken, almost 20% up
- Facilities hire budget set at 179K and we ended on a 15% increase on this
- 39K provision increase to 45K for 2025, ensure sufficient floodlighting is covered. Site is 10 years old, felt at BMT the expenses are increasing and included ground rent increase to compensate some of this which has now been increased. Expenses last year roughly inline with budget surplus 16K
- Once JS has the accounts signed hopefully by Mid-April off will happily share with all.

There were no further questions

### **Projects – Paul Harrison**

Padel is still going ahead but currently on hold until the new land and pitches are in place as the Football Foundation wont consent until then, Padel are happy to hold agreement until then. New land on GB3 Archaeology Team have started.

Four Companies tendering and discussing costs. Changing rooms are not planned mainly due to affordability. The 5 acres are very stoney so more top soil will be needed at more expense, initially the plan was to take soil off the Mini pitches when Padel took over but as the pitches need to be up and running before this, this now cannot happen.

100K in projects fund that was negotiated when the Care home went up, BMT + Exec to decide where it could be used best, nothing specific has been allocated to this.

250K of creditors showed on report, PH confirmed last year this was 225K, Paul M asked if this was normal, JS confirmed it was the sinking fund liability.

### **(3) ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following were elected as Officers of the Executive:

Chairman	–	Rob Davies (KS Proposed, AS seconded)
Vice Chairman	-	Vacant
Treasurer	–	Jude Scott (PH proposed, PY Seconded)
Secretary	-	Claire Kirkup (by delegation)
Facilities Manager	-	Pete Yeardley (CK proposed, KS seconded)

### **(4) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

AB asked if we could extend car park into the new land on GB3, PH confirmed there would nowhere to put it / drive through to.

NT asked on dates for Padel/GB3. PH confirmed if started May/June possible Spring 2026 for pitches to be ready and then Padel begin next Summer but loose timetables as it currently stands.

PM asked if the plans for Padel and land would leave the SA with a financial hole if Padel walk away, PH confirmed no as agreement signed with Padel and they will wait.

AB advised that Simon Day our Accountant for the SA and TC may not be able to support the TC going forward and if we had any Accountants in mind. We will look at some options but PH doesn't think the SA has been advised of this change so to keep it as is for now but maybe have a few names in mind..

MS asked about the Footpath being closed and workers on there for Lidl – if we had any benefit from them as the SA paid for this, PH confirmed unfortunately not he did check and nothing we can do sadly.

PH advised we have a better rate of return on sinking funds, Jude monitoring and gave thanks to Jude for the return and work, limited exposure of being in one bank.

There was no other business.

The meeting was closed at 20.40pm