

Minutes of the 34rd AGM held in Newstead Village Hall on Monday 27th May 2019

Present Pauline Harris & Jeremy Portch-Jedburgh;
Christine McCreath & Brian Griffiths - Berwick;
Caroline Sutherland, Joanne Russell & Donald Swanson - Ormiston;
Gorden Milne & Dennis Higganbottom - Peebles;
David Harris-Burland - Kelso

Apologies Apologies were received from Duns and Hawick Clubs

The meeting was chaired by Joanne Russell of Ormiston who were the organisers for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

Minutes The minutes of the 2017/18 AGM organised by Ormiston were unanimously approved.

Accounts

The accounts for the year 2018/19 were presented by Caroline Sutherland and unanimously approved. It was noted that a sum of £60 was again utilised from existing funds to offset the increased hall rentals for the competitions. Current funds are £621.21 down from £655.88 last year. With Peebles taking over the running of the competitions and the BABC for the next two years the issue of banking was discussed. This has been written as a separate item.

Competitions

Both the Pairs and Teams competitions were held at the Gala Rugby Clubhouse in Galashiels.

The Pairs competition was held on Sunday 18th November 2019 and there were 32 pairs participating. The competition was won by Jean Mole and Ros French from Berwick.

The Teams competition was held on Sunday 18th February 2018 and there were 18 teams entered. Unfortunately, one team did not turn up and the competition had to be reorganised to play with 16 teams, necessitating the withdrawal of an Ormiston team. Nonetheless, after a delayed start, the event ran smoothly

The competition was won by Christine and Ian McCreath, Brian Griffiths and Louis Moore from Berwick. Donald reported that there had been good feedback from all participants and all clubs were represented in the teams. Ormiston again expressed their thanks to the Peebles club for their assistance in running the events, especially given the large numbers attending and equipment needed. As discussed at the last AGM, tea, coffee and biscuits were made available to members on arrival.

The provisional dates for 2019/20 were agreed as Sunday 17th November 2018 for the Pairs and Sunday 23rd February 2019 for the Teams, both events to be run again in Galashiels Rugby Club. Notices will be sent out at the start of the season.

The 2019/20/21 competitions will be held at Gala Rugby Club

Banking Arrangements

In view of the difficulties that have arisen in changing signatories and correspondence redirection (not even satisfactory yet), with each club changeover, it was agreed, after considerable discussion, that we should cease to utilise the bank account. Instead the money would be given to the organising club to hold and operate within their own accounts and have an accounting at each AGM with a full handover of funds at the biennial changeover of organising clubs.

The meeting closed at 8pm