

CENTAURS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 27 May 2026 in the Sun Inn, Richmond.

Present: Rob Clubb (RC), Paul Gibson (PG), Bill Heaney (BH), Andy Cooper , Paul Astbury, Mike Bailey, Jerry Goldie, Tam Houston, Ian Jones, Errol Johnson. Huw Thomas and Simon Wheeler(SW)

1. Our financial Situation.

PG tabled copies of the Income & Expenditure Statement and the Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st August 2025.

- a. As at 6/9/2025 our Club had £47,734 bank deposits. £33,726 of this belonged to the members in their Standing Order Accounts, £4886 was held separately in the 100 Club Account, £4143 was Club funds held on the Balance Sheet and there was a £5000 Provision for donations to be paid to the Wooden Spoon.
- b. As at the same date, having provided for the draw prizes to be paid out the 100 Club was worth £3986 so that, combined with the Balance Sheet Net Assets of £4143, the Total Net Worth of our Club was £8,129
- c. Our Balance Sheet at year end shows £9,143 in our Bank Account including a £5000 provision for donations to be paid to the Wooden Spoon. The Net Assets shown on the Balance Sheet as at the year end was £4143.
- d. The I & E Statement for our year ending 31/8/25 shows:
 - a. INCOME: £4200 from 100 Club, £800 Members Donations, £1518 Interest and £99 Members Balances Written Off = £6617
 - b. EXPENDITURE: £742 Club Lunch Subsidies, £168 for Web Site and Vimeo, £408 for Remote Hosting and £5000 Donations to the Wooden Spoon = £6135
 - c. PROFIT: £302
 - d. The Remote Hosting cost was incurred with YourOfficeAnywhere who provided a service hosting PG's software thereby making it available to any authorised user. Unfortunately YOA suffered a cyber attack and went into liquidation.

2. Election of Officers.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously that the current officers: President John Gaskell, Chairman Rob Clubb, Treasurer Paul Gibson and Sommelier Bill Heaney, continue in office.

It was also agreed that Bill Heaney would act as Secretary if required.

John Gaskell had suggested that, due to problems travelling, he should stand down as President. The meeting agreed that John should be asked to continue in this role at present but that we would commence looking for a replacement

3. Supported Charity

For the 2024/25 season £2500 has now been handed over to the Yorkshire Branch of Wooden Spoon through Jeremy Horsell. Huw Thomas is currently looking for a suitable project within the Wales Branch that would be suitable for the £2500 funds that we have provided for.

It was agreed that we would continue to support the Wooden Spoon as our chosen charity for the year commencing 1 September 2026.

4. Club Constitution

BH tabled a Constitution for the Centaurs RFC Charitable Association for the meeting's consideration which was adopted unanimously

5. Safeguarding the future

With regard to accounting (including both the club accounts and club functions) together with the administration of the 100 Club, PG reported that, although only a small amount of effort was involved, we were heavily reliant on his software (written in VBA with an Access backend database). He had produced a comprehensive user manual and had provided some training to RC.

It was agreed that PG and RC should be looking to handover their roles in the medium term and, to that end, both BH and SW will endeavour to join PG and RC for the monthly run using PG's software to process the transaction data downloaded from the bank.

The meeting was asked to approve a change in our bank signatories whereby Reg Worner will be removed and both BH and SW added to the current signatories (PG, RC and Dennis Stacey). BH would join PG as a Significant Controller with authority to approve expenditure > £500 and would be given Internet Banking facilities. Although not required by Natwest on-line banking, PG and BH would agree in advance any expenditure greater than £500. SW would join RC and Dennis Stacey as signatories for cheques up to £500 (any 2 of the 5 signatories are required to sign cheques). These proposals were endorsed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

