



## FireSport UK Rugby Section

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

7pm - 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021

Attendees – Steve Leonard, Iain Cox, Bex Rowe, Darren Hookway, Adam Whitehead, Dan Phillips, Ieuan Dobbs,

Apologies – Paul Brown, Pete Elliott, Steve Healey

1. Introduction from Steve Leonard. Steve gave a brief outline of what the vision for the rugby section is and gave a history of what had happened in the past. Thanks to all those previous members who have helped keep the section together, especially Dave Scully for his commitment to the team once he had retired.
2. No minutes from previous meeting to discuss.
3. Voting in of Committee members

Steve Healey – Chair

Iain Cox – Treasurer

Steve Leonard – Secretary

Darren Hookway – England Rep

Dan Phillips – Wales Rep

Paul Brown & Pete Elliott – Northern Ireland Reps

Vacant – Scotland rep

Ieuan Dobbs – Head Coach (mens)

Adam Whitehead – Team Manager (mens)

Bex Rowe – Head Coach (womens)

Vacant – Team Manager (womens)

All positions were unanimously vote in favour for.

We will endeavour to fill both vacancies.

4. Constitution. A new constitution has been completed (attached). This was reviewed at this meeting and voted to accept. This will be a working document and reviewed at every AGM.
5. Financial position. We have had no handover from Gavin Williams of the old section accounts. Steve Leonard will chase this up. It was agreed to open a new Metro account for the FireSport UK Rugby Section. Iain Cox to look into this. Once we have all accounts in place, we will apply for grants for 2019/20

& 2021/22 seasons as agreed at the FireSport UK AGM. Once this has happened, we will hold a Financial General Meeting (FGM) to discuss the way forward with funds.

6. Media. We have now set up a Twitter Account and an Instagram Account. We are liaising with Paul Abbott to get the FSUK Rugby Webpage updated. It was agreed to look into getting a media officer for the section. Steve Leonard will look into this.

7. Fixtures. It was agreed to look into the below fixtures for the 2021/22 season;

GB Police – Mens & Womens – January 2022

GB Prison – Mens & Womens – April 2022

Bournemouth 7's – Mens & Womens – TBC

All home matches will be played at Birkenhead RFC.

8. Selection. A selection policy was agreed.

Mens Team – players will be selected from the England V Wales & Northern Ireland V Scotland annual matches. Were one or both of these matches do not take place the head coach of the countries team can make suggestions of suitable payers to the head coach of the FireSport UK rugby team. These suggestions should be accompanied with a video of the player and/or a rugby CV and club coaches details.

Womens Team – selection decision will be made by the head coach. All players seeking selection will either provided a rugby CV with club coaches details and a video to the head coach or attend a selection training event or play in an FRS match.

9. A.O.B

10. Transport/Accommodation – we discussed subsidies for travel/accommodation. Travel will not be subsidised, but accommodation will be provide by the rugby section. Percentage paid by the section will be communicated in selection letters to players/coaches and will be determined by available funds.

11. Caps & Ties. All players will be given ties (mens) or badges/neck scarfs (womens) for their first appearance. Players who have played in five or more matches will be presented with a cap. Dan Phillips to provide details of those eligible for this to the committee to back date the presentation of caps.

12. Playing kit. Adam Whitehead to provide details of EFRS kit provided to committee who will look into a new kit for both teams.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Next meeting - TBC