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Chair Report

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I'll keep this short and sweet as the last thing anyone wants is to sit here and listen to me anymore than they have to.

2019 was, again, a busy year for Garforth Tigers and I want to personally thank everybody who has played a part in ensuring we continue to provide amateur rugby league here in Garforth. 21 Coaches and 53 volunteers were registered with the RFL last year (TLM's, First Aiders and Management Committee) along with a number of 'parental helpers' who give up their time either ad-hocly or on a more regular basis.

For those that read the recent Club Statement, you'll be aware that from early part of the 2018 season we've not been at full capacity. Myself and Matthew Baker, our Club Welfare Officer, picked up a lot of the Club Secretary duties throughout 2018 until Sarah Wood very kindly took on the role at the AGM in 2019. That took us to full capacity for a short time until our Treasurer needed to take a step back from the role around March last year and subsequently having to resign from the role. As a Management Committee we decided to complete the year with just the 3 of us, appointing Matthew Baker as Interim Treasurer. A special thanks to both Matthew and Sarah for there dedication and support last year.

Recapping on our 'on-field' activities; we had 182 players register with the club over 2019 from the Yorkshire Juniors League, Girls League and Yorkshire Men's League. The Open Age team was successfully re-born which in turn created opportunities for last years U16's to experience Open Age rugby; resulting in us driving 2 OA team's for 2020. Lots of time and dedication from people in making the OA and U16's work last year – a huge thanks to those involved. 2020 also saw us start Ladies rugby skills sessions; we're now registered with Women's Rugby League; allowing us to field a Ladies OA team this year.

As the club grows; 2020 is only going to work with additional support and I'm pleased to confirm that we've been able to fill some new roles that we've created; with Game Day Manager (TLM) Co-Ordinator, First Aid Co-Ordinator, Kit & Equipment Co-Ordinator, Events and Fundraising Co-Ordinator along with 2 new Rhinos Ambassador's in place. A special thanks to Chris Shaw for being our club ambassador with the Rhinos for a number of years.

This season see's us fielding U7's, U8's, U9's, U10's, U12 Boys, U12 Girls, U14 boys, 2 x Men's OA and 1 x Ladies OA. We've taken the decision to not run with an U14's girls and focus our energies on the U12's girls. Tots will continue to run with Heather W & Phoebe taking on the sessions – thank you!