



Meeting Minutes

September 2019 – Club Meeting
Monday 16th September 2019 – 7pm

Few Gifts Art Hub, 1 Sycamore Court, Lotherton Way, Garforth, LS25 2JY

1. Welcome
2. Club Updates
 - a. *Martin Womersley, our Treasurer, has resigned from his role due to work commitments. A message of thanks has already been sent to Martin by Mark. Both Mark and Matthew Baker are paying bills etc, with Matthew Baker being logged as official Treasurer with the league (he's the only one on the management committee that can dual role). The position of Treasurer will then be up for election at the AGM in January.*
 - b. *Joanne Greaves, Tots coach, has also had to step away from coaching due to work and family commitments. Sarah will require some extra support in coaching the Tots as a) too much for 1 person and b) she's pregnant (due in March).*
 - c. *OA has been a real success this year – huge thanks to those that have supported it and made it happen.*
3. League Info/Updates
 - a. *See email from league attached for info.*
 - b. *Thanks to Steve Potter for attending the YJ's meeting re U10/U11 rule changes for 2020. This is to be voted on at the YJ meeting in October.*
4. Treasurer Update
 - a. *Balance above £15K. Each team has a bank account set up so their raffle money/team fundraising can be banked. U9's have £1.6K in their account from their fundraising for Butlins 2020.*
5. CWO Update *To look at best practice with other CWO's regarding parents presence at training sessions and who takes responsibility for the kids.*
6. Individual team updates
 - a. Tots
 - b. *U7's: 20-22 regular ones with 25 sign on. A good split for U7's & U8's for 2020 season.*
 - c. *U8's: 10 signed on. Booked for Butlins 2020.*
 - d. *U9's: 16 signed on with 14 playing. Nick Booth is stepping down as Coach at the end of this season. A massive thanks to Nick for his help and support.*
 - e. *U11's: 18 signed on; moving to full rules next season.*
 - f. *U12 Girls: 5 signed on with a split of 1 U12 and 4 U14 for next season. Becky Rushworth offered to due TM role – parents with the team need to support the team.*
 - g. *U13's: 20 signed on (5 to start with last year). 3rd in the league. Plenty of support for match day roles.*
 - h. *U16's: Last game for the team @ Dearne Valley. Looking at a couple of home friendlies to finish the season off. We'll then move to a 2nd OA team next year for the lads to play in. Jo Wrighton looking to help out with girls/ladies team. Great feedback from the lads; loving playing with the OA.*
 - i. *OA 4/5 at the beginning, finished with 62 signed on (including U16's who were dual registered). Finished 7th in the league.*

7. Winter training *We'll be sticking with a Tuesday training night for Winter training. We've booked Green Lane Primary Academy from 29th October (PLEASE NOTE THIS HAS NOW CHANGED – THE FIRST SESSION WITH BE 5TH NOVEMBER). Tot's will be in 1 hall, U7's in the other hall with 8's, 9's, 11's and 13's being outside. We have use of the playground and field (as much as the weather permits). We'll need to utilise our portable floodlights (we'll have more). We'll be looking at doing some round robin training sessions with the kids but TBC).*
8. Gala Review and feedback *Thanks to those that helped out on the morning set up and de-rig at the end of the day; especially Lee Brown. Lots of constructive feedback received from Matthew B's post on facebook.*
 - a. *Kitchen too small – we've secured use of the metal market stalls from Garforth FEASTival already for next year – look at using those and running the kitchen outside with a generator?*
 - b. *Separate stall/place for food/drinks*
 - c. *Matthew B has secured Barclays staff to support on stalls next year*
 - d. *Need to look at making sure that we have support for de-rig at the end of the day rather than just focusing on the set up in the AM.*
 - e. *Have a photographer who will do both individual and team photos and will print on site – Kate Howell, did you have a contact?*
 - f. *Use our own amusements*
 - g. *No bun stall next year _ far too many thrown away over last couple of years.*
 - h. *Tombola – keep; always popular.*
 - i. *Date of 25th July 2020 agreed for next gala.*
 - j. *We spoke about combining the gala and our 40th anniversary but was agreed to keep separate and have a party on Glebelands on Saturday 5th September 2020 to celebrate our 40th year – look at getting some bands in to play. G-Fest is on 18th July 2020.*
9. Presentation Night 23rd November at the Welfare Hall. *Mark has asked if Garforth Lions would be willing and able to provide man power for the running of the bar – still to hear back. Will probably be looking at running presentation over 2 days next year.*
 - a. *Agree trophy categories:*
Trophies for all tots.
Medals for all players, including the U12 girls.
7's, 8's & 9's – Coaches POTY, Players POTY, Parents POTY, Most Improved POTY and Player of the Year.
11's, 13's & 16's & OA - Coaches POTY, Players POTY, Most Improved POTY, Player of the Year, Best back & best forward.
OA - Coaches POTY, Players POTY, Most Improved POTY, Player of the Year
 - b. *Gifts Carried forward to next meeting*
10. 2020 Plans
 - a. *School partnership work - Mark, Sarah & Ian Watkinson have met with Joe Cohen at Garforth Academy to look at how we can support the school with RL and in turn, drive recruitment for the club. GA currently have Y7's & Y10's after school rugby on a Monday and Y8's & 9's on a Thursday. Working with them on how/if we can make Monday a school rugby night and get in to support them. Rhino's Foundation are currently running the Y7 sessions at school. Looking to continue to provide taster sessions in all primary schools (thanks Ian W) with a sky Try session towards the end of January '20.*

The Schools Tag tournament that we ran in Jan this year will run again in January next year for Years 5 & 6. Looking at getting this run on the all weather pitch at Garforth Academy. We'll then run with a school's CPD session for Year 3 at Glebelands

*Slightly off topic but there was a question raised about should we have a foundation/charitable status. Mark advised that it had been looked at very loosely previously but was deemed as too much work. **ACTION MATTHEW B TO MAKE ENQUIRIES WITH LOCAL ACCOUNTANTS FOR SOME ADVICE.***

- b. Registrations – *We'll run registration nights over several in December (once registrations for the league are open) to get everyone re-signed on for 2020.*
 - c. Age group structures *Mini's – U7's, 8's & 9's; Juniors U10's, 11's & 12's & Academy 13's upwards.*
11. Coaches Best practice meeting (CPD) *We'll be running a session for coaches, facilitated by Ian Hardman from Leeds Rhino's Foundation. Looking at best practices, sharing the wealth of knowledge that we have in our coaches and agreeing a club standard. Looking end of October, beginning of November.*
12. Next meeting date and time *Monday 4th November at 7pm.*
13. AOB *40th Anniversary tops to be on the agenda for November. Mark to contact existing sponsors and offer them the opportunity to extend sponsorship into 2020 at a 50% reduction on this years prices (on the basis that not all age groups will require new kit). Matthew to look at best practice*