

**Agenda**  
**LSRUR AGM 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021**  
**At VIPERS RFC 7.30**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous AGM
3. Matters Arising.
4. Annual Reports.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Any Other Business.

# Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees

Season 2020-21

## Chairman's Report

What has been a most unusual season is now behind us and it is one that none of us expected or have experienced before. I sincerely hope that we are able to resume rugby activities as per normal, when the new season begins in September; fingers crossed. Plenty of rugby has taken place in the month of May, under revised Covid-19 Laws, at both senior and AGR levels. It was refreshing to actually get back in the middle and do what we are all in this for!

With little or no rugby all season, the Committee have still been working hard in the background, on all sorts of projects and house keeping.

We now have the LSRUR app, where members can look at all their fixtures, details of local Clubs and contacts of other members within the Society.

The new LSRUR online shop for kit and regalia is now live and available for members. Please do feel free to take a look and order away, if you have not already done so. The next issue of refereeing/match observing kit for all qualifying members has arrived and will be distributed at the August members meeting.

New RFU regulations make a valid DBS certificate mandatory for referees officiating all age grade rugby. We have been working hard to process members applications, despite Covid restrictions and we are about half way through all applications.

We continued to hold members meetings throughout the season, via Zoom and, whilst not quite the same as meeting in person, it served as a good medium for everyone to keep in touch. George has been working hard organising training sessions throughout the season. These have included sessions lead by four Premiership referees, which were really well received by all concerned. Evening fitness sessions around the County have now resumed; please do come along to any of the sessions as the Social side of meeting up is proving as useful as the running around!

The new Dinner Sub Committee have been doing amazing work. The dinner for our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary season has already been organised with Nigel Owen as the main speaker. Unbelievably, the dinner has already sold out and we also have a reserve list; it promises to be a fantastic evening.

Cliff has a potential of 8 new referees for the start of the new season and has been working hard carrying out safety briefings and observing/supporting at their first games. This bodes really well for our membership numbers moving forward. We currently have 100 active members.

All in all, quite a busy time and I must thank all members of the Committee for their continued hard work and support; it is much appreciated. We are hoping to hold an actual AGM on the 28<sup>th</sup> June, covid restrictions permitting. Watch this space for further details.

Enjoy the summer months, keep in shape and I look forward to catching up with you all in the near future.

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Mark Elliott

Chairman

Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees

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## LSRUR Annual General Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

### Attendees

John Hill, Mark Elliott, Kerrel Wills, Jenny Burrows, Geoff Blackburn, Don Hope, Jaswinder Singh, Rob Knapp, John Haggart, Pete Bower, George Richardson, John Ryan, John Carr, Tom Brucciani, Mike Jones, Elanor Wilkinson, Geoff Knight, Dan Everett, Phil Carter, Brian Mudford, Malcom Eames,

Kerrel Wills thanked everyone for attending the 123<sup>rd</sup> AGM

### Apologies

Simon Hinks. Duncan Chandler, Steve Gammage, Greg Garner, Paul Clayton, Dan Slavin, Luke Thomson, Josh Burgess. Andy Forsythe.

The minutes of the meeting from 2019 were proposed for approval by Dave Edkins and seconded by Geoff Blackburn.

### Chairmans Report

Proposed for approval by John Haggart, seconded by Don Hope

### Grading report

Proposed for approval by Alan Stein Seconded by John Ryan

### Appointments.

Proposed for approval by Dave Edkins, seconded by Ross Murray

### Sundays Appointments

Proposed for approval by John Hill, Seconded by John Haggart

### Midweek

Proposed for approval by Mark Elliott, seconded by Jenny Burrows

### MODO Report

Proposed for approval by Don Hope, Seconded by Don Hope

### Recruitment Report

Proposed for approval by John Hill, Seconded by John Ryan

### Training Report

Proposed for approval by Dave Edkins seconded by Rob Knapp

### Secretarys Report

Proposed for approval by Kerrel Wills, seconded by George Richardson

Exchange report not submitted.

Mark Elliott gave an overview of the situation surrounding Nick Lacey's health, he is being treated and hopefully he will beat this disease.

Nick has asked to stand down as treasurer for the foreseeable future and although no notification has been sent out Jenny Burrows has agreed to stand in for the future, however, we need to go through a few things before it is fully running and Jenny is up to speed.

We also had to inform the members that Tom Brucianni has had to stand down as training officer due to a new role in Holland, George Richardson will step into the role.

Mark Elliott also touched on the presidency and the fact the committee have deemed that it would be best practice to leave Kerrel in post as President and Dave will commence his duties in season 2022/ 2023

#### Election of Officers

The president's role was proposed as it was set out by Mark Elliott with Kerrel staying on for a further year, this was carried unanimously with no objections due to the circumstances.

#### Appointment of officers

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Secretary	John Hill	Mark Elliott	Louis Massarella
Grading Sec.	Pete Bower	Kerrel Wills	T. Bruciani
MODO	G Blackburn	John Hill	N. Lacey
Recruitment	C. Hawkins	N. Manchester	G Blackburn
Promotions	G. Richardson	M Elliott	K. Wills
Treasurer	Jenny Burrows	M Elliott.	K Wills
Training	G. Richardson	T Brucianni	J Burgess

#### AOB

Phil Carter asked about DBS whilst in the pandemic, Mark Elliott explained the situation in detail.

John Haggart thanked the whole committee for their work through the early part of the pandemic, and the effort the appointment secretaries have put in. He proposed a vote of thanks.

Cliff thanked Noel Manchester for all of his hard work on recruitment.

Mark Reminded the members of the awards for Referee of the year was Kerrel Wills and the contribution for schools was Elanor Wilkinson.

Full membership will be £15 and £10 for all others.

The handbook will be digital moving forward via an app for Apple and Google. All of the information should be available on the app.

Return to rugby has moved to stage D today, this means that touch rugby, ready for Rugby etc, should be able to commence, Mark Elliott will out a few things down for COVID safety for members.

George Richardson pointed out the RFU guidelines for COVID safety which was in the last newsletter

Malcolm Eames asked specifically about lockdown rules/rugby within Leicestershire, due to the local guidelines.

Meeting closed

# **Secretarys Report 2020/2021**

Well what an eventful, uneventful year this has been, not a great deal to report.

Firstly the very sad loss of Nick Lacey after a very short battle with cancer, Nick whilst ill was discussed at the last AGM. I guess no one thought this year we would have mourned his passing, Nick was the Chairman when he asked if I would be willing to become Secretary of Leicester Society of Rugby Union Referees, that was in 2005 and here we are some 16 years later.

Nick will be missed, no more than at our 125 years celebration, which takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 at Leicester Tigers, the committee is working hard on this and look forward to seeing you all there for a bumper celebration of the Society.

Following lockdown and the subsequent regulations that were placed on us, your committee formed an Executive Committee of Myself, the Chairman Mark Elliott, Treasurer, Nick Lacey / Jenny Burrows and the President Kerrel Wills, this was to discuss the current situation at the prevailing time and the proposed routes back to rugby, which never really came, however, it is refreshing to see rugby should be back with us following the successful vaccination programme, long may it continue.

We now have an app up and running it seems to be working well, so we are doing our bit to save the planet aswell.

We have had regular updates from the RFU on the state of the game, what level we are at and the pathway forward, any relevant information has been shared with the membership. We are also informed the Autumn Internationals are back on so there are some tickets available, we will buy our allocation and hope you will be interested in purchasing them.

Apologies I cant attend the AGM, but with Rugby Union at last on the horizon, things slowly returning to normal I wish you all a great season and hope to see you all very soon.

John Hill