

Minutes of the seventh Annual General Meeting of the Quins Supporters' Association (Quinssa)
held on 5th June 2010 at 12:30 at The Twickenham Stoop

Present: Members of the committee comprising:
John Hartley - Chair
Steve Scott – Secretary
Duncan Franklin
Warren Kennedy

30 other members of Quinssa

Copies: Quinssa committee, Quinssa members attending and Quinssa web site

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	Apologies for absence		
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1	Minutes of last meeting		
	Were adopted without comment – Sarah Gladstone; Sharon Ellis		
2	Chair's report		
2.1	<p>John Hartley gave the Chair's report: He started by welcoming all the attendees and noted that it was the largest turnout to date for a Quinssa AGM.</p> <p>Membership 739 members – so a gradual increase continues</p> <p>Membership benefits We're doing more and more each year and continue to provide member benefits, either free or at a reduced rate – of which more later.</p> <p>Sponsorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greene King has continued to be very supportive with discounts on food & drink for coach travellers, and donating "Old English Inns" two night breaks as raffle prizes. • We have also worked with Etihad to provide member benefits such as match hospitality and as prizes for our raffles. <p>Events Even more this year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer party at Richmond RFC was a great success and we're hoping this year's will be even better with 121 adults and 23 children here – and lots of activities. • Meet the players in August • Evening with Brian Moore • Meet the academy • Meet the management with Conor O'Shea and Mark Evans • Toulouse v Quins – nearly 150 people in the Quinssa block – better seats than the official trip! • Quinssa 6N dinner, again well attended - over 120 people • Special price tables for Quinssa members at EoS dinner. 		

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	<p>All those events were either free or at a reduced rate for Quinssa members. Just worth saying that, for instance, Saints supporters pay up to £10 for such “meet the players / management” events</p> <p>Charities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shooting Star – the Christmas Toy appeal generated sack loads of toys as well as cash for the children at the Shooting Star Children’s Hospice, so thanks to everyone for their generosity. • HopeHIV - last years’ summer party raised £824.55 and we hope to raise lots of money again today <p>Coaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We ran coaches & bought “block booking” tickets to nearly all the away matches, where practical • Wembley was a great success with 100 or so people on the coaches <p>Thanks to committee member Warren and also to Andrew Lawton (take a bow) for their team effort in organising this.</p> <p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme notes. • Weekly mailer <p>The academy fund</p> <p>We presented Tony Diprose with a cheque for £2,500 at the Quinssa 6N dinner to help the Quins Academy boys in their training and experience towards achieving full squad status.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>So, almost finally, I’d like to say thanks to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all committee members for the sterling work they’ve done throughout the year • David Holland who has audited our accounts again this year • Simon Coleman for managing the Quinssa membership database. <p>Thanks to all of you the members for supporting Quinssa and, through us, the Quins Academy, Hope HIV and the Shooting Star Children’s Hospice.</p> <p>Finally as a thanks to those who have attended today’s AGM there is a pair of free tickets for a Race Meeting at Windsor Race Course in August. Harlequin FC staff and (hopefully) players will be in attendance and a race will be named after the club.</p>
3	Treasurer’s report

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3.1	<p>The Chair on behalf of Jon Forster thanked David Holland for auditing and signing off the accounts. Quinssa are very appreciative of the very important role he undertakes.</p> <p>A copy of the accounts was received by all attendees at the AGM. The Chair read out Jon's report:</p> <p>"The 2009/10 season has, from a 'keeping the books' viewpoint, been a good season. The membership rose, the events were good and the coaches were kept pretty busy.</p> <p>The cash in Quinssa over the last 4 seasons has increased year on year and we now have around £10k to fund events. We now have sufficient funds to be able to plan for days like today, for the coaches and for the Quinssa dinner.</p> <p>The financial changes from this year is that the balance, positive or negative, from the coaches will be rolled over from year to year. This is to give greater transparency to the running of the coaches over the seasons.</p> <p>From this year we have also starting taking memberships by BACS and thank you to all those who have used this method. It helps us reduce the administration of handling cheques.</p> <p>Greene King and Etihad have continued to work with and support Quinssa throughout the year. This has helped raise more money than ever before for the Academy and for charities and they help bring more to being a member of Quinssa.</p> <p>Regarding funds raised, we presented a cheque to the Academy for £2,500 at the Quinssa dinner and have already raised a further £1,500. We have also raised a further £825 for the Hope HIV charity.</p> <p>I will be standing down from the role of Treasurer as from today. I have been the Quinssa treasurer for four seasons and as part of the policy of rotating roles within the committee it is time to elect a new treasurer. The role of Treasurer will be voted for by the Quinssa members.</p> <p>Returning to the role of auditor, may I ask for a volunteer to be the auditor for the 2010/11 season...? (There was no offer from the floor so David Holland's offer to continue the role was accepted)</p> <p>Thank you and have a great summer and I am sure you are all looking forward to next season already!".</p>
4	Approval of accounts
4.1	<p>The accounts were approved by a show of hands and without dissent.</p> <p>Proposer: Mark Clayton-Smith Seconder: Graham Johnson</p>
5	Appointment of auditors for the coming year
5.1	<p>David Holland has agreed to act as auditor again for the coming year and this was accepted without contest.</p>
6	Changes to the constitution

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6.1	<p>To change rule 4 (a) to read:</p> <p>The affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Officers and Committee. The Officers of the Association shall be the Chair, the Secretary and the Treasurer. The members of the Committee shall be the Officers and at least but not more than 6 other members.</p> <p>This change was approved by a show of hands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by: John Hartley • Seconded by: Rhona McDonald
7	Election of Officers
7.1	<p>There were nominations, as follows:</p> <p>Chair John Hartley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by: David Coldrey • Seconded by: Wayne McDonald <p>Treasurer Steve Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by: Ann Stevens • Seconded by: A Jobling <p>Secretary Sarah Gladstone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by: Wayne McDonald • Seconded by: Rhona McDonald
8	Election of Committee Members
8.1	<p>There were nominations for the available places on the committee, as follows:</p> <p>Duncan Franklin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by: David Holland • Seconded by: James Haward <p>Emma Stewart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by: John Hartley • Seconded by: Simon Coleman <p>Sue Clayton-Smith</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by: Claire Melvin • Seconded by: Barbara Richardson <p>Warren Kennedy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by: Gay Davies • Seconded by: Chris Twiss <p>Scott Cooke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed by: John Hartley • Seconded by: Steve Scott <p>There being no other nominations, all five were elected by a show of hands with no dissent.</p>
9	Any other business

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9.1	Barbara Richardson asked if Quinssa intended resurrecting the "100 Club" now that the Quins Lotto had ceased? The Chair advised that it would be a subject of discussion at the next Committee meeting.
9.2	A vote of thanks was proposed and warmly approved of for Andrew & Warren for arranging the coaches last season. The members also approved a motion of thanks to the committee in general for their excellent work.
	Close of meeting
	John Hartley thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 12.55