

Minutes of the sixth Annual General Meeting of the Quins Supporters' Association (Quinssa)  
held on 13th June 2009 at 12:30 at Richmond Rugby Club

Present: Members of the committee comprising:  
 John Hartley - Chairman  
 Simon Coleman – Secretary  
 Jon Forster - Treasurer  
 Emma Stewart  
 Steve Scott  
 Duncan Franklin  
 Warren Kennedy

24 other members of Quinssa

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

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1	<b>Minutes of last meeting</b>		
2	<b>Chairman's report</b>		
2.1	<p>John Hartley opened by saying that with over 700 members, Quinssa continued to grow and this had been a steady pattern in the history of Quinssa.</p> <p>The committee is always looking for benefits for the members and in the past year through contact made by Jon Forster sponsorship had been received from Greene King in the form of offers at pubs en route for coach travellers and vouchers for raffle prizes. The link with Etihad had continued with prizes being donated for Quinssa member promotions including free flight vouchers and hospitality. Steve Scott had obtained sponsorship from Brook Hotels for the Player Awards at the Quinssa 6 Nations Dinner.</p> <p>Events during the year had included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ELV Evening – with a large attendance and animated discussion</li> <li>Meet the Management - hosted by Mark Evans and Dean Richards</li> <li>Meet the Academy Evening - led by Tony Diprose and his team</li> </ul> <p>All events had been free or at a reduced rate for Quinssa members.</p> <p>On the social side we had our River Boat trip from Windsor to Maidenhead last summer where the band Riser played on board. They then went on to play at the 6 Nations Dinner where 150 people attended and 6 players were presented with awards. Many thanks to Emma for organising this. Today we have our Summer Party with 210 booked to come along.</p> <p>On the charity front we supported the Shooting Star Hospice with our Christmas Toy Appeal again.</p> <p>Warren and Andrew Lawton ran coaches to all practical away games and frequently block</p>		

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	<p>booked tickets to assist those travelling on the coach. Many thanks to both of you. Warren also co-ordinated 286 tickets for the special day at Stade de France. With exchange rate fluctuations and many members generosity we were able donate £1700 to the Academy Fund. Duncan designed t-shirts for the fixture with profits also to the Academy Fund. At the 6 Nations Dinner a cheque for £3457.19 was presented to Tony Diprose for the Academy Fund.</p> <p>On the communication side Duncan has been writing and distributing the weekly mailer and Steve Scott providing entertaining program notes for the Quinssa page.</p> <p>John thanked all committee members and David Holland in his role as auditor. He also thanked all members for their support of Quinssa. On committee membership John said the committee felt it is important to have rotation (which he personally endorses) and that Simon was standing down after holding roles of Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary since Quinssa started. Simon has contributed to Quinssa going from strength to strength and we owe him huge debt of gratitude. Simon has however agreed to run the membership database for the time being. John asked everyone to encourage others to join and contribute to Quinssa.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Treasurer's report</b>
3.1	<p>Jon Forster thanked David Holland for auditing and signing off the accounts. A copy of the accounts was received by all attendees at the AGM.</p> <p>Jon said he had put in place a savings account this year which (mainly in the first half of the year) had generated £120 of interest. The Stade trip alone put 10k through our books. The committee had claimed no expenses other than postage and stationery. The cheque presented to the Academy Fund was our largest one of this type to date. We had worked closely with Greene King and Etihad and Greene King were happy to renew their commitment for next season and Etihad had indicated they were planning to work with us again. It had been a good year financially.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Approval of accounts</b>
4.1	<p>The accounts were approved by a show of hands and without dissent. Proposer: Lesley Forster Seconder: Wayne McDonald</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Appointment of auditors for the coming year</b>
5.1	<p>David Holland has agreed to act as auditor again for the coming year and this was accepted without contest.</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Election of officers</b>
6.1	<p>There was were nominations, as follows:</p> <p>Chairman John Hartley</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed by: Richenda Walford</li> <li>• Seconded by: David Coldrey</li> </ul> <p>Treasurer Jon Forster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed by: John Hartley</li> <li>• Seconded by: Lesley Fortser</li> </ul> <p>Secretary None</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed by: n/a</li> <li>• Seconded by: n/a</li> </ul> <p>Those standing were elected by a show of hands with no dissent. John Hartley explained that the constitution allowed for the Secretary role to be filled during the year.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Election of four committee members</b>
7.1	<p>There were nominations for all four available places on the committee, as follows:</p> <p>Duncan Franklin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed by: Alex Franklin</li> <li>• Seconded by: Terry Pierce</li> </ul> <p>Emma Stewart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed by: John Hartley</li> <li>• Seconded by: Simon Coleman</li> </ul> <p>Steve Scott</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed by: John Hartley</li> <li>• Seconded by: Pat Scott</li> </ul> <p>Warren Kennedy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed by: Andrew Clatworthy</li> <li>• Seconded by: Graham Johnson</li> </ul> <p>There being no other nominations, all four were elected by a show of hands with no dissent.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Changes to the constitution</b>
8.1	<p>Replace the word "Chairman" with "Chair" wherever it occurs (4a and 10)</p> <p>This change was approved by a show of hands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed by: John Hartley</li> <li>• Seconded by: Sarah Gladstone</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
9.1	<p>Charles Nixon suggested that it would be good to invite the new club New Zealand Non Exec and Stephen Jones to Q&amp;A sessions. He also suggested that Quinssa consider organising special interest trips to house openings in Richmond/Twickenham.</p>
9.2	<p>Andrew Scrutton raised the issue of costing and funding of Quinssa evenings at The Twickenham Stoop. His understand was that that the raffles now subsidised the discounted club room hire fee and as a result one raffle only generated £1.26 for the Academy Fund.</p> <p>John explained that Quinssa were planning to send a questionnaire to members asking them whether Quinssa should pay for room hire so such costs came out of subscription income and all raffle income goes to the Academy fund. Charles Nixon suggested that Quinssa Debenture holders had a room hire clause in their agreement which perhaps could be used. John explained that the Club would have charged for an AGM in the evening, hence we were meeting at Richmond RFC today.</p>
	<b>Close of meeting</b>
	John Hartley thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 13.04