

Minutes of the fourth Annual General Meeting of the Quins Supporters' Association (Quinssa)
held on 14 June 2007 at 20:00 at the Twickenham Stoop

Present: Members of the committee comprising:
 Simon Coleman – Chairman
 John Hartley - Secretary
 Jon Forster - Treasurer
 Duncan Franklin
 Cliff Funnell
 Emma Stewart

62 other members of Quinssa

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

Item Subject

1 Apologies for absence

1.1 Apologies were received from:

- Colin West
- Kevin Sampson
- Debbie Sampson
- Dave Coldrey
- Chrissy Coldrey
- Alex Marks
- Andrew Lawton
- Keith Springall
- Chris Munton
- Lyn Munton
- Peter Duncan
- Rick Parry
- Paul Tweedale
- Pauline Tweedale
- Alan Kurtz
- Richenda Walford
- John Park
- Sharon Ellis
- Claire Melvin
- Vince Richardson
- Andrew Scrutton

2 Minutes of last meeting

2.1 The minutes were accepted without change

Proposer: Stuart Brooks

Seconder: Sid Stevens

3 Chairman's report

- 3.1 Simon Coleman had opened the meeting by thanking Tony of Teddington Cheeses for providing an excellent cheese tasting event before the AGM
- 3.2 Simon then went on to talk about some highlights of the year which included:
- the first Quinssa Summer event, the boat trip on the Thames, was well attended and successful. When opinions were gathered for a summer event for the current year, another boat trip was suggested and is happening on 15 July.
 - the Quinssa Toy appeal for the Shooting Star's Children's Hospice, run in conjunction with the club, and resulting in a vast number of toys being generously donated, together with more the £300 in cash.
 - the Northampton Saints' shirt appeal for the British Heart Foundation. All the Premiership clubs were asked to sponsor a shirt and it was pleasing to note that Quins' fans dug deepest, raising over £1,000 for the cause.
 - match DVDs for loan to Quinssa members proved very popular, with all matches from the current and last seasons being available for loan. We even managed to please a member who was laid up in hospital so he didn't miss any matches.
 - midweek events, including all the "meet the...." evenings again proved popular and we are hoping to work together with the club in the coming year to run similar activities
 - we arranged a Christmas pre-match event for members to join the coach travellers at a pub in Bath prior to the match and this opportunity was taken up by several members
 - the pre-AGM cheese and wine tasting event is new this year and seems to have been popular with AGM attendees
 - following some criticism last year, we have concentrated on ensuring that all communications receive a response within a reasonable time frame and hope that none slipped through the net. We even had one from Lithuania asking about pin badges and managed to send some to the correspondent who has promised Lithuanian goodies in return!
- 3.3 Simon reported that he felt the committee has worked well this year, with each person taking on specific roles, as follows:
- Cliff Funnell has been responsible for liaison with members, running opinion surveys and has brought a new approach to the Quinssa page in the match day programme
 - Emma liaises with the club and has been heavily involved in the charity work, particularly the toy appeal as well as organising the Quinssa tables at the End of Season dinner
 - John has done the secretarial role as well as running the coaches to away matches
 - Duncan has continued to run the web site, do most of the arrangements for the many "meet the...." evenings and played a significant role in organising last year's boat trip
 - Jon has been treasurer for the past year, his first on the committee, and has kept the finances well under control
- 3.4 Simon thanked the club for their help over the season and, in particular, to Anne McCarthy who has provided a focal point for Quinssa liaison.
- 3.5 Simon commented that, comparing Quinssa with supporters' associations at other Premiership clubs, we seem to perform fairly well. While there are others who are bigger than Quinssa, Sale being one, we are relatively new and should aim to grow our membership from its current level (over 600) to become 1,000 strong.

- 3.6 Looking forward to next year, Simon sees the challenges as being:
- to work with the club to ensure the successful continuation of mid week events
 - to continue growing the membership
 - to continue liaising with the club over issues raised such as:
 - bike racks
 - end of season DVD
 - "More Affordable Do" social event. Emma pointed out that this has now been agreed and, although a date had been provisionally agreed, it may clash with the pre-season match. Further details will follow in due course.
 - to keep the committee "fresh" with new members and responsibilities
 - to respond to ideas and comments for Quinssa's future from members

3.7 Simon asked for any comments or questions from his report. There were none.

4 Treasurer's report

- 4.1 Jon Forster thanked David Holland for auditing the accounts in a timely and efficient manner. A copy of the accounts was received by all attendees at the AGM.
- 4.2 Jon highlighted the main points of the accounts, being:
- bank balance slightly up on last year
 - coaches effectively cost neutral as planned
 - events made a loss but this is expected
 - admin costs up due to cost of DVDs and membership cards
- 4.3 Jon stated that next year's aims were:
- to break even
 - for events to be cost neutral, if possible
 - to maintain the ring-fencing of Academy funds
 - for coaches to be cost neutral
- 4.4 There was one question raised on the accounts which was querying the high expenditure on the Academy compared with the small income. Jon explained that this was largely a question of timing with money raised for the academy last accounting year being spent this accounting year
- 4.8 There were no other questions on the accounts and they were accepted without dissent.
Proposer: Steve Scott
Secunder: Stuart Brooks

5 Accounts of Academy 100+club

- 5.1 Simon then spoke briefly about the Academy 100+ account which was wound up when the club launched the QuinsLotto. The club had discussed this issue with Quinssa before the QuinsLotto was launched and it was agreed that it would be silly to have two "competing" schemes for the academy.
- 5.2 The Academy scheme accounts were finalised in early 2007 and the figures distributed to all members by email at that time.

6 Appointment of auditors for the coming year

- 6.1 David Holland volunteered to act as auditor for the coming year and this was accepted without contest.

7 Election of officers

7.1 There was only one nomination for each of the officer posts, as follows:

Chairman Simon Coleman

- Proposed by: Sharon Gosling
- Seconded by: Sharon Ellis

Treasurer Jon Forster

- Proposed by: Lesley Forster
- Seconded by: John Hartley

Secretary John Hartley

- Proposed by: Simon Coleman
- Seconded by: Rick Parry

There being no other nominations, all three were elected by a show of hands.

8 Election of four committee members

8.1 There were nominations for all four available places on the committee, as follows:

Duncan Franklin

- Proposed by: Jean Franklin
- Seconded by: Alex Wright

Cliff Funnell

- Proposed by: Christina Funnell
- Seconded by: John Hartley

David Perry

- Proposed by: Bridget Perry
- Seconded by: John Hartley

Emma Stewart

- Proposed by: John Hartley
- Seconded by: Simon Coleman

There being no other nominations, all four were elected by a show of hands

9 Any other business

9.1 Simon Coleman gave a vote of thanks to the club and in particular to Anne McCarthy for all the help and cooperation which Quinssa has received over the year.

10 Close of meeting

10.1 Simon Coleman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 20:50