

Saints Supporters Club AGM – 11th June 2008
Held in the Sturtridge Pavillion, Franklin's Gardens

Presidents Opening Remarks

Ladies and Gentleman, thank-you for coming. Thank-you to the committee for the work they have done last season.

Congratulations to Jim and the team – taking us from the position of bottom of the premiership to being unbeaten for the season takes some doing. Newbury did come very near to breaking that record – well done to them.

There were so many games and new grounds this season and people have enjoyed going to new places, despite not always experiencing great quality of play. However, we won the Championship and our away supporters frequently outnumbered other teams home supporters – well done to everyone for supporting the team and for making the long trips to the away games.

We don't know how strong the new team will be. Lets hope Jim produces a strong enough team to survive the premiership – there are a lot of good premiership teams; from day one we must win games!

I would like to wish Jim and his team the best for next season and hope that no one snaffles him away.

Chairman's Report

A very successful season – 35 games unbeaten. Let's hope for a top position next year.

Thank-you to the committee members who have put a lot of work in this season – well done.

Bruce Player of the Season – he has led from the front, let's hope that this can carry on into next season.

Chris Ashton – let's hope that he scores as many tries next season as he has this!

The SSC has been proud to issue pennants to all ND1 clubs / supporters clubs, these have been well received. We have met a lot of good fans, but look forward to Europe and the Middlesex 7's.

Apologies for Absence

Jean Collingwood, Marion Newton, Ray Newton, Barry Forrestal

Minutes of 2007 AGM

Ian Sargent pointed out that the Chairman's report was actually from 2006 – this will be rectified and the minutes will be a true report.

Proposed – Stella Sargent

Seconded – Ian Sargent

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

Secretaries Report

It had been agreed at the Committee meeting held on the 29th May 2008 that a secretaries report was not necessary

Treasurers Report

Our season in the first division has proven to be expensive.

The summer BBQ broke even, and we have provided some very enjoyable bands. The race night saw a £400 profit – however we have experienced a loss of £2000 on the coaches.

For the first time the Supporters Club has sponsored a player – Phil Hoy, who has experienced first team games.

The Supporters Club were approached by NRFC and asked to purchase a piece of equipment that speeds up the recovery process of stress fractures – we were pleased to oblige.

There is £2300 in the bank account with nothing outstanding – these accounts are in the process of being audited.

Proposed – David Lawrence

Seconded – David Wilton

Election of Officers

No change is required in the positions of Chairman and Treasurer.

The secretary position is vacant and a nomination of Helen McAteer has been proposed for this position.

Proposed – Lisa Newton

Seconded – Martin Hayward

The vice-chairman position is also due for renewal and a nomination of Barry Forrestal has been received for this position.

Proposed – David Lawrence

Seconded – Lisa Newton

The membership secretary position is due for renewal and a nomination of Ian Sargent has been received.

Proposed – David Wilton

Seconded – Gary Tipping

Election of Committee

There are eight places on the committee, with eight nominees. It was therefore proposed to block vote for: -

- Gary Tipping
- Jean Collingwood
- Roger Munns
- Marion Newton
- Martin Hayward
- David Wilton
- Stella Sargent
- David Lawrence

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Proposed – Trevor Church

Seconded – Julie Johnston

Election of President

Barry Nuttal is willing to stay on as president.

Proposed – Adam Reynolds

Seconded – David Wilton

Any Other Business

None

Comments and Questions

It was asked whether NRFC will be providing coach travel again next season – has this contributed to the SSC loss for this season?

- It is so far undecided whether NRFC will continue with providing coach travel to away games. The primary purpose of the SSC is to provide travel for supporters to get to away games, and this will continue. The loss has not been helped by people booking coach seats and then not turning up – which has led us to develop a new way of booking seats on coaches requiring payment in advance. David Lawrence is developing a secure page on the SSC website in order for people to book online, but also pay online, which we hope will reduce the no shows. It was emphasised that there will still be options to pay in ways other than over the internet.
- The SSC will be monitoring quotes and prices for coaches for next season in light of the increasing cost of fuel – we currently receive quotes for the job – not the job and fuel separately. The SSC will endeavour to keep coach prices as low as possible in order for as many supporters to get to the away games, if required this may have to be subsidised and alternative sources of income sort, such as an additional race night. The price charged for the away trips, the SSC feels, is currently realistic.

There being no further business, the president closed the SSC AGM and wished everyone a happy season, and hope we win lots of games!