

**Munster Rugby Supporters Club.
Annual General Meeting
Sept 1st- 2018**

Present: Paul Ring – Munster Rugby- Membership Strategist. Philip Quinn- Munster Rugby. Doug Howlett- Munster Rugby. Committee: Ian Buckley, Neil Duggan, Donal Doherty, Paul Mc Carthy, Dave Kearney, and 57 Full Members of the Club.

Apologies: Mark Meehan, Elaine Blackshields.

Ian Buckley opened the meeting by welcoming those present and continued to introduce Philip Quinn and Doug Howlett and Paul Ring.

A moments reflection followed and Committee's 2018 presentation to the meeting commenced. (Presentation included).

Post opening , appreciation of outgoing committee member was expressed. Linda Molloy, who gave great service to MRSC over a number of years.

The meeting was subsequently advised that Jennifer Kiernan was no longer with Munster Rugby or MRSC. Committee expresses their gratitude and thanks to Jennifer, this was supported by all in attendance.

The Hon.Secretary was confirmed for the coming season.

There was 7 nominations for places on Committee. As such there was no requirement for an Election. The 8th place was opened to the meeting and filled on the day.

2018/19 Committee.

Mark Meehan, Donal Doherty, Elaine Blackshields, Dave Kearney, Neil Duggan, Paul McCarthy, Anne O'Shea, Ian Buckley.

It was put to the meeting that Philip Quinn would follow with Munster Rugby Financial update, which would include some questions received by members through the season.

Philip commenced his prefaced his presentation by confirming to the meeting, that CEO Garrett Fitzgerald , had taken ill recently, and extended his good wishes. This was unanimously seconded by all present.

Philip advised that MRSC contributed €1.4million in revenue to Munster Rugby this season.

Members were asked to hold all questions until the conclusion of both presentations

As part of the presentation , we were advised that Munster Rugby continue to work well with IRFU, indeed a very favourable agreement has been negotiated on the repayments of Thomond Park Stadium to the Union.

Doug Howlett introduced membership strategist Paul Ring who addressed the meeting. Both thanked the Committee for their continued support and assistance.

Members Questions and comments:

Why is there such a lack of seating in new MRSC bar?

Additional seating is on order and will be in place for the next game at Thomond Park, V Ulster. This will include low seating.

Comment:

Members commented favourably on the refurbished bar and all agreed that it will enhance the matchday and MRSC member experience.

Philip advised that following each game, a survey is circulated , the question of entertainment is one that he is aware of and at present , Munster Rugby are working to find a solution to suit all.

Member 4956 proposed that MRSC and Munster Rugby should seek to promote Munster Rugby as a 6 County team , as it is commonly referred to as Cork or Limerick.

Member 566: Is it possible to sell insividual stand naming rights, similar to that in UK venues?

Philip confirmed that on discussing this with the UK Clubs, such a sale is only done by packaging the name as part of other Sponsorship criteria , ie- Kit Sponsorship etc.

Members had asked about Thomond Park naming rights during the season:

Philip Quinn responded – It is currently not on the table, however, should a group come with a suitable offer and fit, then it would be remiss of Munster Rugby not to investigate.

Why was funding put into the 3G Modified surface at IIP?

It was confirmed that the funding received, could not be used for any other project as it was project specific.

Would Munster seek to play in Pairc Ui Chaoimh?

This was referenced by Philip , following an email during the season. It is not on the table as it is not within Munster Rugbys gift.

Helena Joy of MRSC Choir advised the meeting that the choir have a gala concert coming up. Nov 18th – University Concert Hall – Limerick.

Tickets available for any choir member.

A member queried if MRSC Bus would continue this season?

Doug Howlett confirmed that a sponsor is currently being sought, but none forthcoming at present.

Committee asked the meeting: Would there be an appetite for a paid service at a reasonable fee?

Many present suggested that there would be. Committee agreed to investigate further.

A member put the issue of ladies clothing to the meeting:

Doug Howlett confirmed that at present there is none because of minimum order/sale requirements not being met in previous seasons, the latest being season 15/16. He stated that this seasons shirt is Unisex.

It was suggested then that a prepay and order option be made available, then if the required number was not achieved, the order need not be placed and members refunded.

Doug Howlett stated he will bring this to LSS and Adidas as a suggestion.

A member queried is he could upgrade his childs seat to an adult seat by paying the difference on occasions where the child could not attend?

Doug Howlett will investigate.

A member proposed that OAP rates and varying ticket rates be employed by Munster Rugby in an effort to increase attendances.

Philip Quinn confirmed that the ticket prices are set to be balanced and fair, introducing OAP rates will not necessarily lead to increased attendance. Also confirmed that there are varying rates for tickets , all dependant on location and category within both stadia.

April payment or April initial payment for renewals and season tickets and issue, other clubs do so much later.

Committee advised that renewals are set for logistical purposes from and MRSC perspective, this is benchmarked against the other 3 provinces. MRSC is later than that of all 3.

Philip Quinn advised from a Munster Rugby perspective, it affords them the freedom to plan their offerings of smaller match packs etc early, as they then know how many tickets they have available.

MRSC Jackets issue.

Committee acknowledged and apologised for the issues that a selection of members had in the receipt of incorrect sizes of the MRSC Exclusive Jacket.

It was noted that for those who were unable to exchange for the appropriate order, and that had returned a jacket, refunds were made to their payment method by the office.

A small number of Jackets, approximately 70, will be made available for sale at the game V Ulster in MRSC Bar ,Thomond Park from 5pm until gone.

Notes prepared by MRSC Committee.