

# **CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB**



## **AGENDA**



## **MINUTES**



## **ANNUAL REPORT**

**For the year ended 31st May, 2017**

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## CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



President  
**MR. MERVYN G. B. WARFIELD**

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### Vice Presidents

THE LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF  
THE MARQUESS OF BUTE (D.L., C.St.J., J.P.)  
B. BENNETT  
D.O. HERBERT

B. MARK  
A.J. PRIDAY  
G. STONE

### Management Committee

Chairman  
R. J. O. REES

Vice Chairman: J. ALLEN  
D. O. HERBERT\*  
M. JOHN\*  
R.G. WILLIAMS\*  
K. MORGAN\*

Those marked \* are Trustees of the Club and, as such, are ex-officio Members of the Committee.

J. ALLAN	D.R.J. HERBERT
C. SUTTON	S. DOWN
S. DARWENT	S. FINCH
C. DAVIES	<u>B. WILLIAMS</u>
L. HAZELL	J.H. WILLIAMS

### Co-opted Members:

I. TABOR                      C. NORMAN

Of the above, each elected Member holds office for two years and the co-opted Members hold office for one year.

## CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB



CARDIFF ARMS PARK  
CARDIFF  
CF10 1JA

Date as Postmark

Dear Sir or Madam,

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the Clubhouse on 7 February 2018 commencing at 7.00pm. Your Cardiff Athletic Club current membership card must be shown in order to gain entry to the meeting.

### AGENDA

1. To read the Notice convening the Annual General Meeting.
2. Apologies for absence.
3. To approve and, if correct, sign the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2017
4. To elect the President.
5. To receive the Annual Report.
6. To receive the Annual Statement of Accounts.
7. To elect Vice Presidents.
8. To appoint Auditors.
9. To confirm election of Members to the Management Committee.  
The Members nominated for election to the Management Committee are as follows:-

Bowls Section:	L Hazel
Crickets Section:	DRJ Herbert
Hockey Section:	S Darwent
Tennis Section:	J Allan
Rugby Section:	C Davies
	C Norman

10. To transact such other business as shall be allowed by the Chairman as fairly arising out of the agenda.

It would facilitate the smooth running of the Meeting if questions regarding the accounts or requiring detailed answers could be communicated to the Chairman by 31 January 2018

Yours faithfully,

RJO REES  
CHAIRMAN

**Minutes of the Cardiff Athletic AGM held on  
Wednesday 1st February 2017 commencing at 7pm  
At Cardiff Athletic Club**

Present: List held separately

**1. Notice of Meeting**

Jon Rees welcomed the members to the AGM and read the notice of Annual General Meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Keith Morgan	Heather Morgan	Gabriel Servini
Jean Monk	David Herbert Snr	Paul Brewer
Steve Finch	Pam Naysmith	Chris Barret
Tim Lawrence	Graham Davies	Pat Davies
Billy Wood	Mair Jenkins	Noel Davies
David Davies	Sian Davey	Eric James
Tom Joseph McCarthy		

**3. To approve the minutes of the last AGM held on the 9th December 2015**

David RJ Herbert asked for the following amendments;

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Under the current lease it is unclear where some of the liabilities for the Ground lie. "Glanmors Gap" ~~rumours~~ rumoured to have a life existence of 6 months to 20 years. At some point CAC Management will have to deal with this if this area starts to fail.

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~~The huge upstart to this type of agreement is that a Ground Agreement in its entirety is very different to an occupational lease.~~

David Herbert – No. We will have to work in the details of the legal perimeters of the lease, but we will ensure that the whole freehold remains with Cardiff Athletic Club.

These amendments were agreed

Proposed – Brian Bennett

Seconded – Bob Williams

**4. To receive the Annual Report**

There were no questions

Proposed – Jim Allan

Seconded – Dave Lewis

**5. To receive the annual Accounts**

Proposed – Richard Davey

Seconded – Brian Bennett

**6. To elect Vice Presidents**

Proposed – Clive Davies

Seconded – Les Hazel

**7. To Appoint the Auditors**

Proposed – Les Hazel

Seconded – Jill Parker

**8. To confirm election of the Management Committee as follows:**

Bowls Section: B Williams

Cricket Section: RJO Rees

Hockey Section: C Sutton

Rugby Section: JH Williams

S Down

Tennis Section: S Finch

Proposed – Clive Davies

Seconded – Les Hazel

**To transact any other Business**

Written question from Paul Brewer; In the light of the current lease negotiations with Cardiff Blues, I would like to know if CAC is considering as an alternative, then forming a company independently in order run the regional franchise. If not they why not? As the freeholders we are in a strong position to attract the investment during the remaining 7 years of the current leasehold agreement. This would then safeguard the heritage of CRFC as well as gaining back control of the playing sides, to the benefit of all sections.

Jon Rees - This is not going to happen as the Cardiff Blues franchise owned by a separate limited company. At the moment this cannot be done.

Written question from Phillip Thomas; Have the lease negotiations included the option of the team branded Cardiff RFC being returned to Cardiff Athletic Club ownership from Cardiff Blues Ltd, and if so, under what mandate does the CAC Estates Sub Committee either agree or refuse the option without going to the Members?

Jon Rees – It has been neither agreed or refused but does form part of the ongoing negotiations.

Richard Hudson – Looking at the acting Rugby Chairman's report from last season – it states "Last season was disappointing in terms of our final league position of ninth. The lack of consistency in the availability of players for selection and the fact that these



players were only able to attend one training session per week contributed hugely to our lowly position." We are still in 9th place, are there any reason that are different this year?

Chris Norman -In the autumn of last year, we were given a presentation by the Cardiff Blues academy coach, who went onto become the Cardiff RFC senior coach Duane Goodfield, to say that we would have more players available. We had 9 or 10 Blues players available for the first 4 games of the season and then the following month we didn't have any available at all. Effectively, we had too many players at the start and not enough at other times. The presentation that Duane gave us a week ago indicated that the model that was presented did not work. The idea going forward is 5 Blues players appointed to us for the season, and with the stronger Cardiff RFC team that we are building, we feel that we have a better chance of doing well going forward.

Ray Smith - Can you explain to me why the bottom 8 of the league are affiliated to a region, whilst the ones above are not.

Chris Norman - In my personal opinion, those that have supported regional rugby are the Swansea, Bridgend's and the Llanelli's of this world. We are seen by the regions as part of their teams. We are seen as their training team, for try out for their new talent and to bring new players through the system. Whereas Bedwas, Camarthen and Merthyr, they are stand alone, and you are right, the league seems to be upside down. Going forward we are working with the Blues on a co-operation agreement. It is with regard to strengthening the situation with ourselves and the Blues, and I know that we are not the only club having that conversation. The great thing about the new co-operation agreement is we know that Cardiff RFC is very high on their agenda.

Jon Rees - I would like to remind the members that this is Cardiff Athletic Club AGM and we can not get into too much detail of the playing sections.

Ray Smith - the reason I have raised this is that Peter Thomas has said in the press that the Blues run Cardiff RFC and the committee has no say in how its run. Cardiff Blues are dragging us down all of the time, its been too long since we have had a good Cardiff RFC side.

Jon Rees - at this present time Cardiff RFC is under the control of Cardiff Blues.

Stephen Parker - As part of the lease negotiations, could you look towards pulling Cardiff RFC back into the control of Cardiff Athletic Club?

Jon Rees - as part of the new co-operation agreement, I would suggest that the Rugby Committee will want more involvement. The co-operation agreement will not be signed without the full agreement of the Rugby Committee.

Stephen Parker - Cardiff Blues treat Cardiff RFC with contempt. We need to break away from them or we will continue to be a bottom placed team every season.

Jon Rees - if that is the mandate that the Rugby section makes, then that is the mandate that the Rugby section should bring to the negotiations. You will need to speak to your own Committee to do that.

Stephen Parker - can you confirm the opening hours of the Club House.

Jon Rees - It is open from 11am - 11pm every day apart from Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Stephen Parker - Why are they shutting the gates at 10.30pm when people are still in the bar.

Jon Rees - I will raise this issue with Jamie Muir.

Clive Davies - there has been no water in the men's toilets hand basin for over 2 months, and the boiler in the Jack Matthews bar has been broken for months

Jon Rees - Please raise this at Management Committee and we can deal with this there.

Jeremy Smart - I am curious to know why there is no Cricket section report in the AGM booklet

Jon Rees - It has been reprinted and its available.

David Allen - Last year we had a briefing note on the negotiations of the lease and where we were up to. We have not had anything this year.

Chris Sutton - I am a member of the Management Committee, I am a chartered surveyor and alongside David RJ Herbert who is a member of the Management Committee and another chartered surveyor working in Cardiff, we are instructed by the Chairman and Management Committee to advise on these negotiations, but we make no formal decisions. We report back to the Chairman and the Management Committee. In December 2015 we gave you an update, and we then entered into a further round of discussions with Cardiff Blues. In February we had a detailed meeting and here the goal posts changed a little from Cardiff Blues, and it took a few months to bring that back to what was acceptable, for us to recommend to the Management Committee. In October last year we agreed what we called a Memorandum of Understanding, which was a 6 page document, this is a detailed heads of terms agreement. This received the backing of the Management Committee subject to CAC members giving formal and final approval at an EGM followed by final approval of the Trustees. Discussions have been ongoing in the background. The negotiations are subject to a triple lock approval, that is approval from the Management Committee, approval from the Members at an EGM, and approval of the Trustees who have a duty under their trustees arrangements. We

have provisionally agreed to these terms and have instructed solicitors to prepare documents along the lines of the briefing note that we given a year ago. When we have an agreement on the draft lease options, we will be in position to issue a notice of an EGM. We are looking to be in a position to call an EGM in roughly 2 months.

We are very conscious of the comments from last year AGM, where by you would require a full briefing in advance, and we will arrange for you a detailed information pack.

David Herbert – the reason for the apparent delay in coming to the members is that we have had stages of 1 step forward and 4 steps back. We are now in a position where everybody is now certain of what everyone has agreed to. We have reached more or the position we were in last year, but with improvement for the members. We will ask the Blues to make a presentation at the EGM. We will give you as much information as they will allow us to give you.

Jill Parker – As part of the pack that you will send out, will you include a copy of the co-operation agreement that Chris (Norman) mentioned earlier.

David Herbert – There are many elements to this. There is a property deal, there is a Corporate deal in relation to shares, and there is also in the crux of everything the ongoing relationship between Cardiff Blues and Cardiff Athletic club in any new facility. We have drafted the documents so there is protection in the cooperation agreement. They will not be able to trigger the option until that agreement is approved with Cardiff Athletic Club and the Blues. There is a further safeguard that the rugby section will be heading up the negotiations on that but we have to get the playing issues that we have talked about and the ongoing organisational issues settled to our satisfaction. This is, potentially, a transformational transaction, we have got to take our time to make sure that it is right.

Chris Sutton – there is a really strong protection point here for the Club, we are looking at creating a new ground lease and that means the Athletic Club remains the freeholder and landlord, and the Landlord / Tenant relationship is a lot stronger than if we put a covenant on the site. We will have a user clause in there that the primary use for this site must remain Rugby. There will be ancillary development in order to pay for the upgrade of the facilities. With the Landlord / Tenant relationship and the creation of the ground lease with a user clause within it, this gives us significant protection. If they do not deliver that that, they will be in breach of their obligation of the lease, and as the Landlord will have more protection, and be able to remedy that.

Jill Parker – referring to your Landlord / Tenant agreement that is in place at the moment, are the tenants actually paying their rent?

Jon Rees – Yes

Fred Davies – Is it correct that they are getting into an arrangement with a Middle Eastern consortium?

Jon Rees – I am not able to comment on that. Full details of any proposals will be circulated to all paid up members at least a month before an EGM.

Ray Smith – Are Cardiff Blues able to sell on the lease to a third party?

Chris Sutton – The lease will still have the requirement to deliver a rugby ground, so this will ensure that there will always be rugby at Cardiff Arms Park.

David Herbert – it is possible that the lease could be assigned or sub-let to a third party, there is only so much control we have over who will be our tenants.

Tony Nash – I am curious how the value of the lease is calculated. Are we getting the best return on the investment for the members? Should we be looking for an alternative tenant / developer to take over the lease?

Chris Sutton – 18 months ago we instructed an independent team of chartered surveyors to provide us with a valuation of the site. That firm was BNP Paribas Real Estate based in Bristol. They gave us their opinion of value of the existing freehold interest. That figure is significantly below the figures that we have agreed with Cardiff Blues. In terms of going out to the wider market, it is possible we own 7 acres of prime real estate. We could look to develop it to be flats etc, anything apart from large scale retail due to the attitude of the planners towards the site. The Management Committee however are committed to protecting the rugby ground and the heritage of this ground as a rugby facility. We do anticipate some ancillary development of the ground, however, the rugby stadium will be the primary development on this site.

The other point of looking at the wider development, is that we already have a tenant, they are in effect a “special purchaser.” We cannot force them out at the moment, so if we were to look for an alternative third party, we could not deliver them vacant possession. That said, in 2022, we could object to the granting of a new lease. They are a protected tenant however, we could object on a number of grounds including redevelopment, concerns regarding the late payment of the rent or even requiring the property for our own use. There would be an element of compensation, however while that is an option, we do not want to go down that route. In addition, we have to consider if Cardiff Athletic Club has the administration capability to redevelop it ourselves and run this facility.

Brian Bennett – The question that has been posed is also a matter for the Trustees. The Trustees, with the permission of the Management Committee have appointed an independent lawyer to advise us on our responsibilities. There are parts of



the terms of this transaction that will need to be looked at, but essentially we consider this to be the best way forward. We will ensure that all members have the appropriate information prior to an EGM, with all of the arguments for and against. If it is passed and the Trustees are satisfied by their legal requirements, then this is the best way forward.

Jeremy Smart – is there provision within the constitution for members to have a proxy vote at an EGM if they are not able to attend?

Jon Rees – there is no provision for a proxy vote. The minimum notice period for an EGM is 3 weeks, but we would look to give at least 4 weeks to give everyone suitable notice to attend.

Fred Davies - Are you prepared to look at any alternative options or is this the only option available?

Chris Sutton – we have only one proposal and we will put this to the members. We are an amateur Athletic Club, we do not have the finances or capabilities of developing this ourselves. We have one proposal that has been put forward to us by Cardiff Blues and we have negotiated this to a proposal that we can recommend and we shall put this to the members when it is final, to be voted upon.

Name Unknown - Are the members aware that this proposal will remove the bowling club from this site?

Jon Rees – full details of that will be included in the proposal pack we present to the members.

Ben Eaton – if the vote should be a no, what is the strategy going forward?

Jon Rees – this is something we will have to consider after the vote.

Clive Williams – Have the WRU been involved in any of the negotiations? When our south terrace is taken down, their north stand will come down with it.

Chris Sutton – we have had a meeting with Martyn Phillips and Steve Phillips who is the FD of the WRU. We have set out the full terms of the proposal with Cardiff Blues, they are content that we continue with our discussions and made no inclination that they want to get involved.

With regards to the stands, the issue is more so for us than them, as they say their stand has been signed off for another 25 years. From our side, there are now some issues with the concrete in the stand. The current arrangements in terms of the lease at the moment are unsatisfactory. The lease that was drawn up in 1997 was worded in a way that neither party has responsibility. Effectively the tenant has a

full insuring and repairing lease which does not apply to the south stand.

One of the biggest benefits of this Memorandum of Understanding is that we clear up the grey areas of the previous lease and service agreements. Fundamentally if this was to be approved, full responsibility for all repairs and maintenance would fall upon Cardiff Blues.

Tony Tarr – if this development does go ahead, where would Cardiff RFC play their rugby?

Jon Rees – an alternative venue would have to be found for both Cardiff RFC and Cardiff Blues for at least a season.

Jon Rees – as I have stated in my report, as an Athletic Club we should be very grateful for all of the work that Chris Sutton and David RJ Herbert have done to get us this far, it is above and beyond the call of their duties as a Management Committee representative.

Gareth Thomas – The cost of a pint downstairs is 50p-60 more expensive than many of the pubs that we within 2 minutes walking distance, members clubs are usually cheaper than their competition.

Jon Rees – The bar is run by Cardiff Blues. I take your point about your traditional members Club where by the profits are ploughed back into that club, unfortunately that is not the case here

With no more question the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:51.

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB  
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MAY 2017**

Unfortunately my annual report again begins by noting the passing of a number of rugby greats, Gareth Griffiths, Lloyd Williams and Graham Davies. In addition to this, Ruth Williams, the widow of the late CD Williams, Albert Francis, our former groundsman and Barrie Williams, bowls section stalwart and Management Committee member also sadly passed away this year.

I apologise for any omissions but our sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of those that have sadly left us.

With regards to the memberships I am delighted to report that the numbers continue to increase at a healthy rate and certainly in some sections the development of young talent has been particularly noticeable. I extend my sincere thanks and compliments to all concerned for the effort put in to producing our players of the future.

The bowls section had a difficult summer due to disruption caused by the hosting of a number of events at the Millennium Stadium which unfortunately impacted greatly on the ability of the section to host games. The manner in which the section stuck together during this difficult summer bodes well for the future though.

The cricket section continues to flourish under the chairmanship of Robbie Weston. The first team did the league and cup double with Alex Milton and James Lewis being the top league batsman and bowler respectively.

All other sides performed creditably in their leagues with the majority of the players being under the age of 19 which shows the depth of the youth section which now has children as young as 4 attending on a Friday night.

The hockey section continues to perform strongly and only missed out on winning their National Hockey division on goal difference. A strong performance in Europe though has resulted in the first team again qualifying for the European Hockey League.

Special mention must be made of Dan Kyriakides who has been selected for the Great Britain training squad for the Tokyo Olympics.

The rugby section suffered the frustration of missing out narrowly on qualification to Tier 1 which impacted greatly on the regularity of fixtures in the second half of the season.

A strong finish to the season bodes well for 2017/18 and the section continues to provide a valuable pathway to both regional and international rugby.

The tennis section has made great strides since the opening of the two new courts which has resulted in greater participation at all levels.

A particularly notable achievement was the winning of the Club team of the year by the Under 16 team at the 2016 Tennis Wales Awards.

Our Members lounge is open throughout the week from 11am daily and I hope that the members will increase their use of the Clubhouse throughout the week and not just on match days.

We continue to discuss the long term position with Cardiff Blues and over the past year significant progress has been made.

Please be assured that our members will be consulted before any material changes to the existing structure are proposed.

Particular thanks must again go to Chris Sutton, David RJ Herbert and Chris Nott for the enormous amount of time that they have devoted to the ongoing discussions with Cardiff Blues.

My thanks go to all of the Management Committee for their help, guidance and support throughout the year and their tireless efforts on behalf of their respective sections.

Abbie Gibbins continues to be a tower of strength on the administration side of the business and I thank her for her continuing efforts which regularly exceed the level that she is paid for.

To Spiro, Karl and staff I wish many thanks for their hospitality and great service in looking after the members.

Last but certainly not least I thank all the Members of Cardiff Athletic Club for their support throughout the year.

**JON REES  
CHAIRMAN**



# **CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB**



## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 MAY 2017**

# **CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017**

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## **INDEPENDENT REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB**

We have audited the financial statements of Cardiff Athletic Club for the year ended 31 May 2017 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland".

This report is made solely to the club's members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the club's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the club and the club's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Respective responsibilities of Committee of Management and auditor**

As explained more fully in the Committee of Management's Responsibilities Statement, the Committee of Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the club's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Committee of Management; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual

Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the club's affairs as at 31 May 2017 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

WATTS GREGORY LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
Elfed House  
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Date: 20/12/2017

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017**

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Income</b>			
Membership income		43,219	39,927
Interest receivable		5,242	4,676
Rental of Cardiff Arms Park		119,464	115,161
Other income	3	49,489	42,094
		<u>217,414</u>	<u>201,858</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Section expenditure		4 85,392	124,907
Insurance & professional charges	5	6,328	4,761
Stationery, telephone & sundries		2,659	1,659
Depreciation		4,202	2,102
Bank charges		30	30
(Profit)/Loss on disposal of fixed asset investments		-	500
		<u>98,611</u>	<u>133,959</u>
Surplus for the year before taxation		<u>118,803</u>	<u>67,899</u>
Taxation	6	23,414	23,000
Surplus for the year after taxation	15	<u>95,389</u>	<u>44,899</u>

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MAY 2017**

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Land and buildings - freehold	7	2,516,052	2,359,734
Land and buildings - leasehold	7	517,690	517,690
Other fixed assets		8 8,243	12,445
		<u>3,041,985</u>	<u>2,889,869</u>
<b>Investments</b>	9	98,200	96,700
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	10	66,009	38,282
Bank and cash	11	533,458	519,351
		<u>599,467</u>	<u>557,633</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors - due less than 1 year	12	85,947	71,621
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>513,520</u>	<u>486,012</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>3,653,705</u>	<u>3,472,581</u>
Deferred credit - assignment of ticket rights		33,045	47,400
Deferred credit -			
Grant funding for Llysfaen Tennis Courts	13	56,629	-
Loans	14	43,461	-
		<u>133,135</u>	<u>47,400</u>
		<u>3,520,570</u>	<u>3,425,181</u>
<b>Total funds</b>			
Accumulated fund	15	3,511,570	3,425,181
Sinking fund	16	9,000	-
		<u>3,520,570</u>	<u>3,425,181</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Management Committee on and are signed on their behalf by:

R J O Rees  
Chairman



**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017**

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**1. Statutory information**

Cardiff Athletic Club is governed by the Club Rules. The Club operates from Cardiff Arms Park, Westgate Street, Cardiff, CF10 1JA.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£) which is the functional currency of the Club and rounded to the nearest pound.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

**2. Basis of accounting**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland". The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

There have been no material departures from Financial Reporting Standard 102 1A.

These financial statements for the year ended 31 May 2017 are the first financial statements that comply with Financial Reporting Standard 102 1A. The date of transition is 1 June 2015.

The transition to Financial Reporting Standard 102 1A has resulted in a change to the accounting policy for investments. There has been no change or impact on opening funds.

**Income**

Income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

**Fixed assets**

Freehold land and buildings, and other tangible fixed assets are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation where applicable.

**Investments**

Investments are recognised initially at fair value which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs. Subsequently, they are measured at fair value through profit or loss if the investments are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably. Other investments are measured at cost less impairment.

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017**

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**Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis on fixtures / ground equipment, office furniture / equipment, tennis court / equipment at a rate of 25% per annum.

No depreciation has been provided on freehold or long leasehold land and buildings. The Cardiff Arms Park is let under a full repairing lease and has to be maintained in accordance with Sports Ground Legislation, such that the value does not diminish over time. The Management Committee are of the opinion that the market value of the land is greater than the value at which the land and buildings appear in the accounts. As a result, the corresponding depreciation would not be material and therefore is not charged in the Income and Expenditure Account. The Freehold Property at Lisvane is newly built and is subject to a maintenance period.

The Management Committee perform an annual impairment review in accordance with the requirements of Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland" to ensure that the recoverable amount is not lower than the carrying value.

**Current tax**

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Current tax liabilities are not discounted.

**Debtors and creditors receivable/payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price.

**2. Basis of accounting**

**Grants received**

Grant received in respect of capital expenditure are treated as deferred income and are credited to the profit and loss account over the useful life of the asset to which they relate to.

**Loans**

Cardiff Athletic Club received a loan to assist with the financing of the expansion of Lisvane Tennis Courts. This loan has no interest attached to it and is not secured. The loan is repayable in 6 monthly instalments over a 10 year period.

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017**

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>3. Other income</b>		
Donations and sundry income	740	461
Membership ticket rights transferred to revenue	15,800	15,800
Late payment interest charge to CRFC Limited	10,890	-
BT Sport Cardiff Arms Park money	-	25,000
Profit on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	833
Fundraising income	22,059	
	<u>49,489</u>	<u>42,094</u>
<b>4. Sectional expenditure</b>		
Bowls	2,365	6,240
Cricket	37,079	38,558
Hockey	34,892	34,606
Tennis	8,190	12,326
Rugby	2,866	33,177
	<u>85,392</u>	<u>124,907</u>
<b>5. Insurance and professional charges</b>		
Audit	3,750	3,750
Accountancy	1,397	1,011
Insurance	1,181	-
	<u>6,328</u>	<u>4,761</u>
<b>6. Taxation</b>		
Corporation tax charge for year	23,414	23,000
	<u>23,414</u>	<u>23,000</u>

Taxation is due on income from non-mutual sources less an appropriate allocation of the expenditure.

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**7. Fixed assets**

**Freehold land and buildings**

	<u>Cardiff Arms Park</u>		<u>Lisvane</u>			
	Executive Boxes £	Ground Development £	Club House £	Bowls Pavilion £	Tennis Pavilion £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 June 2016	1,743,744	237,662	120,563	42,292	215,473	2,359,734
Additions in year	-	-	-	-	156,318	156,318
At 31 May 2016	<u>1,743,744</u>	<u>237,662</u>	<u>120,563</u>	<u>42,292</u>	<u>371,794</u>	<u>2,516,052</u>
Net book value						
At 1 June 2016	<u>1,743,744</u>	<u>237,662</u>	<u>120,563</u>	<u>42,292</u>	<u>215,473</u>	<u>2,359,734</u>
At 31 May 2017	<u>1,743,744</u>	<u>237,662</u>	<u>120,563</u>	<u>42,292</u>	<u>371,794</u>	<u>2,516,052</u>

**Long leasehold land and buildings**

	Cricket ground and pavilion £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 June 2016	517,690	517,690
At 31 May 2017	<u>517,690</u>	<u>517,690</u>
Net book value		
At 1 June 2016	<u>517,690</u>	<u>517,690</u>
At 31 May 2017	<u>517,690</u>	<u>517,690</u>

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**8. Other fixed assets**

	Cricket fixtures/ground equipment £	Office furniture/ equipment £	Tennis court/ equipment £	Bowls Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 June 2016	53,497	10,481	29,786	3,244	97,008
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2017	<u>53,497</u>	<u>10,481</u>	<u>29,786</u>	<u>3,244</u>	<u>97,008</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 June 2016	46,377	5,625	29,786	2,775	84,563
Depreciation for period	2,306	1,427	-	469	4,202
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 May 2017	<u>48,683</u>	<u>7,052</u>	<u>29,786</u>	<u>3,244</u>	<u>88,765</u>
Net book value					
At 31 May 2016	<u>7,120</u>	<u>4,856</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>12,445</u>
At 31 May 2017	<u>4,814</u>	<u>3,429</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,243</u>

**9. Investments**

	2017 £	2016 £
At fair value		
WRU - Debenture repayable 2033	91,500	93,000
WRU - Debenture repayable 2026 (both debentures are interest free)	5,200	5,200
Disposal of debenture	1,500	(1,500)
Heritage shares in Cardiff RFC Limited.	750,000	750,000
Provision for permanent diminution in value of Heritage shares (750,000)	(750,000)	(750,000)
Ordinary shares of £1 each in Cardiff RFC Limited.	501,000	501,000
Provision for permanent diminution in value of Ordinary shares (501,000)	(501,000)	(501,000)
	<u>98,200</u>	<u>96,700</u>

CARDIFF RFC Limited

Ordinary Shares & Heritage Shares

In the opinion of the management committee the Ordinary and Heritage shares have no financial value and accordingly full provision has been made against the cost of this investment.

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	2017 £	2016 £
<b>10. Debtors</b>		
Rent debtor - Cardiff Blues Limited	50,964	23,032
Recharged expenses debtor - Cardiff Blues Limited	3,677	2,541
Other debtors & prepayments	11,368	12,709
	<u>66,009</u>	<u>38,282</u>

**11. Cash**

Bank and cash balances	<u>533,458</u>	<u>519,351</u>
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**12. Creditors - due less than one year**

Corporation tax	23,418	23,003
VAT creditor	10,116	14,386
Other creditors and accruals	47,301	34,232
Loans	5,112	-
	<u>85,947</u>	<u>71,621</u>

**13. Deferred credit - Grant funding for Lisvane Tennis Courts**

Sport Wales	25,000	-
Lawn Tennis Association	31,629	-
	<u>56,629</u>	<u>-</u>

**14. Loan**

Lawn Tennis association (1-5 years)	20,449	-
Lawn Tennis Association (5 years onwards)	23,012	-
	<u>43,461</u>	<u>-</u>

The above loan was received from Lawn Tennis Association to assist with the development of the Lisvane tennis courts. The loan is repayable in equal 6 monthly instalments and there is no security on the loan.

**15. Reconciliation of movement in accumulated fund**

<b>Revenue account</b>		
At beginning of the year	3,425,181	3,380,282
Surplus for the year	95,389	44,899
Transfer to sinking fund	(9,000)	-
Total funds at 31 May 2017	<u>3,511,570</u>	<u>3,425,181</u>



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**16. Reconciliation of movement in accumulated fund**

	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Sinking fund account</b>		
At beginning of the year	-	-
Transfer from revenue account	9,000	-
<b>Total funds at 31 May 2017</b>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>-</u>

Included within reserves is a £9,000 sinking fund for the ongoing annual maintenance of the tennis courts in Lisvane. This is accordance with the grant criteria from the Lawn Tennis Association

**17. Transactions with committee members**

All those on the committee are members and pay subscriptions in accordance with the Club Rules. There have been no other transactions with committee members other than in the normal course of business.

**CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB  
COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT'S  
RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT  
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**Statement of the Management Committee's responsibilities**

The club rules require the committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club and of the income and expenditure of the Club for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the committee is required to:

- i) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Club will continue in business.

The committee is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Club and to enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the club rules. It has general responsibility for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the Club and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the Management Committee  
R J O Rees  
Chairman

## **CARDIFF ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017**

I am beginning my report this year by commenting on matters not directly related with the playing of bowls. The first is the on/off saga of the proposals to develop the Arms Park site and the second is the constant closure of the access to the Bowls Club occasioned by events at the Arms Park and the Millennium Stadium.

During 2016 we were promised full discussions and consultation on the development of the Arms Park site. From my point of view that has never happened, one moment we are told one thing, the next the story has changed. Scheduled meetings with members to explain what is happening have never taken place and information, true or otherwise, seems to come from the media. We are no clearer now as to what is going on than we were in 2016. This is a shameful way to treat members of Cardiff Athletic and it is blighting the future of the bowls section who are unable to plan ahead.

2017 has also seen constant and continuous disruption to our access to the bowling green because of events like the Champions League final and concerts. We now find that access is also prohibited prior to rugby games. We have never been consulted about a programme of closures nor has any thought been given as to access for bowlers and their cars when these events take place. There has been serious disruption to our season and loss of revenue to the bowls section through loss of games. I am sure that large sums of money have been paid for use of the site but no thought has given to compensating the bowls section for the losses we have suffered and we will be pursuing this with the main Committee.

Our season began in April with the opening of the green. We also used the occasion to present the trophies for 2016. The evening was a great success and I must thank the members for their support and Bob Williams, our President, for presenting the trophies.

Despite the very mixed weather we have experienced this season and the disruption to access I mentioned earlier, we have endeavoured to fulfil all our fixtures, some by playing home fixtures away and others by postponing them until later dates. We have tried to field two teams each Saturday and the second team have often played short of players. The first team captained by Martin Summerhayes and, more often than not by Les Hazell as his deputy, had a very difficult season. Early promise in the Curruthers competition winning through to the next stage soon waned and we finished the season on a disappointing note.

The A team under the captaincy of Kevin Bush and Vice Captain Jack Gardner with support from Aaron Sedgemoor did somewhat better finishing mid table in spite of having to play some games short of players. This was a very creditable performance and I congratulate them on their resilience in a difficult season.

The Alliance and Mid Week league also provided some well contested games and I am indebted to David Cox, Martin Summerhayes and Les Hazell for their

captaincy of these teams.

The annual bowls trip to Torquay and Taunton arranged by Dennis Turnbull with support from Alex Rayer was a great success. The weather was very kind to us and the friendship and hospitality provided by the two clubs was exceptional. Dennis has already begun the arrangements for next year and judging by this years' tour there will be a great demand for places.

Sadly, this year has seen the loss of three of our past and present members. Tony Dudden and Kevin Sullivan had left the club a few seasons ago due to ill health but they were still remembered by many of our current members. Perhaps the saddest loss of all was the recent death in August of Barrie Williams. Although Barrie was being treated for prostate cancer his treatment was going well and he had continued his work with the club and played bowls right up until his untimely death. His passing stunned us all. He was a great servant to the club, serving on the Management Committee, working behind the bar and cutting the green. He was also a member of the Management Cardiff Athletic Committee. Nothing was too much trouble for Barrie and he will be greatly missed by us all.

The Club's Annual Tournaments were again run and completed under the guidance of Martin Summerhayes. Congratulations to Les Hazell on becoming Club Champion. Congratulations also to all the other singles and pairs competition winners and commiserations to the runners up. The finals were played over two days and were well attended and the spectators enjoyed the competitive spirit between the bowlers. My thanks go to Georgina for providing the refreshments on both days.

I would like to place on record my appreciation to the officers and Committee members for their invaluable support throughout a difficult year for the club. Again I have to say that without their work the club would not function. My compliments go to Les Hazell for his efforts as Secretary and Treasurer, to Dennis Turnbull for his work as Fixture Secretary and Tour Manager and to Dave Lewis for managing the club's website.

The club members also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Alex Rayer, Barrie Williams and myself for maintaining the green and for oversight of the ground maintenance contract. My thanks and appreciation also go to Ray Bridges and Barrie Williams for running the bar and to Sue and Jean Williams and Les Hazell for providing our post match catering.

Finally, I would like to thank all those people who volunteered to carry out any task no matter how small. We are a club who would not exist without your help. The old adage of 'Many Hands Make Light Work' is very true and I look forward to seeing you all working hard again next year.

In the meantime winter well.

Chris Barrett  
Chairman



## **Cardiff Athletic Hockey 2016-17 Review**

The 2016/2017 season followed on from the 15/16 season with continued success and growth of the hockey section.

The men's first team narrowly missed out on winning the competitive National Hockey League, Conference West, through goal difference, but a fantastic display in the European Hockey League (hockey's equivalent to the Champions Cup of rugby) saw them winning against the Italian champions and narrowly losing to the German Champions, this was enough to book ourselves a place in the illustrious competition again next season.

Frustrations over the league disappointment were expressed against local rivals Whitchurch HC in the National men's Championship Cup, with an empathic 8-0 victory in the final, followed up with a convincing win at the domestic indoor finals. This means that we have now earned the right to travel to Prague in February '18 to represent Wales at the European indoor hockey championship.

The club were also very proud that one of our players, Dan Kyriakides, who has been at the club for 7 years, has been accepted into the GB training group for the Tokyo Olympics, earning 5 GB caps during the year.

During the summer of 2017, eight of the current team were selected for the Welsh National Team who played in the European Championships in Glasgow. Wales won a silver medal and promotion into the top level of European hockey for 2019.

This is the 15th consecutive year that the Club has represented Wales in Europe and the whole squad would like to thank the Athletic Club for their continued support of these European ventures and making our continued success possible.

The men's section continues to go from strength to strength with all teams consolidating their positions in their respective leagues with a positive and inclusive attitude to the sport. All teams are competitive in their respective leagues and it is a great credit to the club that we are able to provide such an array of hockey for our members every weekend. Our men's second team are regularly developing players into international youth and senior teams and we are well regarded as the club to play at if you would like an international future.

The ladies section continued to grow its membership this year and fielded an extra team this year to 5 teams in the South Wales League. The ladies first team

consolidated their position in the league with a commendable mid table finish, the ladies 3's were promoted and sadly the ladies 2's and 4's were relegated from their leagues. The 5th team provides an excellent platform for social hockey and they won all of their matches this year.

The junior section continues to develop with school holiday camps and regular weekly training for ages ranging from under 11 to under 15's continuing to flourish. The 2016/2017 season saw the introduction of competitive hockey for 4 age group teams into the local junior leagues resulting in a 110% increase in membership. Next year we will introduce a new U18's girls group which will house the players that have come through our development pathway.

We would also like to congratulate Lilly Roberts who is the first Cardiff & Met HC youth player to be invited to train and play for the Wales Women's National Age Groups.

The Club's senior pros continued their involvement with the national Masters competition in May 2017 and a number of Cardiff players continue to represent the Wales at Masters and Wales over 35's levels and were selected for the European finals in the summer of 2017.

All members of the section would like to thank the Athletic Club for its superb support throughout the season.

Ben Eaton



## **CARDIFF CRICKET CLUB CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017**

The club has enjoyed very successful season winning the league and cup at first team level. Our young team, once again led by Greg Holmes, showed great maturity in bouncing back from last year's second place to convincingly win the league. The 2 immediate stand outs for the season include Alex Milton and James Lewis. Alex broke a league record scoring 1,103 runs in the league. James Lewis topped the wickets tally in the league as well with 31.

The league was just half of the success with a Welsh Cup run that saw the likes of Umar Malik amass 278 runs at an average of 139, which included a match winning knock in the final of 51\* with Alex Milton 77\*. The most satisfying thing about the league and cup double winning season was the amount of debutants during the season (11) nearly all of whom were under 18. It goes without saying that the 1st team is in a strong position moving into the winter training and the 2018 season.

All this success without the services of Kiran Carlson for the majority of the season who, at the time of writing, was busy amassing 191 for Glamorgan.

David Elias's second team finished third in the league. Again the majority of the side were aged between 14 and 19. Notable performances were Umar Malik scoring 268 against Bridgend, followed with a century for the firsts in the Welsh cup the following day. Adam Khattak, Mujiah Ilias and Richard Sen also scored centuries. Osama Subhan (17) led the bowling attack and took 29 wickets in the season while James Meggitt was also a consistent performer.

The third team also finished third in the league again using many under 15s players. One player who stood out was 16 year old Will Mably who showed his all round capabilities on a regular basis including a match winning 89 not out against Cross Keys. Evan Bines aged 14 bowled well in his first season of cricket and looks a fine prospect.

The 4th X1 was resurrected this season under the guise of a few senior players directing some talented youngsters as young as 13 years of age. Our playing record led us to finishing in mid table but that does not reflect the progress made and experienced gained by the players. Three juniors in particular deserve special mention Zak Khan, Daniel Herbert and Tomos Francis for their commitment and application during the season.

In the youth section we have focused very heavily on developing the youth from age 4 upwards. The All Stars program run by David Kirtley has created great

interest with 50 children getting an introduction to Cricket.

I took over as youth coordinator this year and have been delighted to see progress particularly in participation levels at U9s and U11s cricket. We raised 3 teams at each age group and I would like to express my personal appreciation to Mark Denning, Carwyn Williams, Phil Harrington and Matt Phillips for their tireless help. We have created a wide base of players and coaches at these ages, the challenge is to retain these players and ensure they develop into adult players for the club. Special mention to Dave Ricketts U15s and Phil Harrington's U11s both of whom made their regional finals.

Robbie Weston  
Chairman

## TENNIS SECTION CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2017

Its been a busy year for the tennis section following the opening of our 2 new courts last year.

Our junior membership has again increased and, a combination of this and the appearance of our new courts has attracted more families to join the club. It was only with the support of Cardiff Athletic Club and loans/grants from the LTA and Tennis Wales that we were able to do this and I would again like to thank them for this investment in our future.

I can also report that our Junior's retained their under 16's title in what has become and increasingly competitive Aegon south Wales league (Division 1), not only that but, they also won the Club Team of the year award in the 2016 Tennis Wales Awards. Both our under 14 boys and girls teams were division 1 runners up and, our under 10 boys were Division 2 runners up.

Not to be out done, our junior girls won the Aegon British school championships, the final of which was hosted by Lisvane Tennis Club. They have also beaten King Edwards college, the South the West of England Champions.

The club tournament was well attended despite arrangements being changed late in the day due to poor weather conditions. There was a nice mix of older and younger players represented in the finals and many spectators braved the poor conditions. For the first time the Finals were played on our new courts, taking advantage of the superior surface. We also introduced 2 new events into the proceedings, a Ladies Doubles Plate and, a Mixed Doubles plate.

**Mens Singles Winner:** Will Jowett

**Runner up:** Tony Simmonds-Hicks

**Ladies Singles:** Winner Robyn Davies

**Runner Up:** Trinity Edwards

**Mens Doubles Winners:** Tony Simmonds-Hicks and James Simmonds-Hicks

**Runners up:** Mike Shipman and Simon Stokes

**Ladies Doubles Winners:** Erin and Caitlin Piper

**Runners up:** Caroline Jacobson and Lucinda Anderson

**Mixed Doubles Winners:** James Simmonds-Hicks and Rebecca

**Runners Up:** Tony Simmonds-Hicks and Robyn Davies

**Mens Doubles Plate winners:** JJ Lynn and Rhys

**Runners up:** Sam Lynn and Luke Gillard

**Ladies Doubles Plate Winners:** Sue Lawson and Diane Davies

**Runners up:** Angela Whittle and Claire Bake

**Mixed plate:** Alison and Russell De'ath

**Runners Up:** Luke and Olivia Gillard

We also resurrected 2 Junior Tournaments that had not been played for a number of years, these were won by Liz Reid-Jones and Thomas Holyrold.

Our Ladies teams again fared better than our Mens, in particular, our Ladies first team were runners up in their division and our Ladies second team came a commendable 5th of 9. Sadly, our Mens teams could not match them and, would certainly benefit from some more assistance from the junior section. The Mens teams have been beset by the ill health of a number of our regular players and, regular partnerships were hard to come by. We did however battle on and, managed to field a team despite these difficulties which was a triumph in itself.

The title of player of the year (being the player who has won the most matches during the summer league season) this year is to be awarded to Diane Davies. The Chairs' cup is presented to the club member who in the opinion of the chair has made the greatest contribution to the club in the past 12 months. This year this will be awarded to someone who has been ever present in pretty much every aspect of the club. A serving committee member (membership secretary), a team captain (allegedly non-playing) present at all of our fund raising opportunities – Velathon, Lisvane Festival, event in the tent etc. where he can usually be found running the bar. It gives me immense pleasure to present this years Chair's cup to Des Whittle.

There are exciting times ahead for the club, the Committee are working on applications for the resurfacing of our original 3 courts, they have been down since 1988 and are now really showing their age. We continue to fund raise by arranging our own events and, supporting events organised locally.

I am pleased to be able to pass a healthy club on to my successor Paula Jones. Again this is a momentous event for the tennis club as this will be our first female Chair. I would like to wish Paula every success in continuing this good work.

Leigh Caveney  
Chairman



## CARDIFF RFC CHAIRMAN'S END OF SEASON REPORT 2016/17

As we celebrate our 140th Year, this season has been filled with mixed emotions and missed opportunities. We have had to deal with the heartache of the last few minutes against Ebbw vale, missing out from reaching Tier 1. The frustration of intermittent rugby games from the January period onward. But also the VERY positive end to the season, winning two games with bonus points away from home. The premiership in season 2017/18 will alter, East/West divisions of 8 teams, will secure 29 games including a host of local derby's, which will surely improve the enjoyment for players and fans alike.

While we look forward to the Anniversary dinner, celebrating successes of the past now is the time to focus on the present, the need to work harder, to create a better structure that will lead to successes in the future.

We are very much aware of the Blues/WRU discussion, the choosing of the right path for the Capital Region, but also the need to focus and dedicate all out efforts on the right path for your Capital Club.

The strategy that was employed for our playing squad unfortunately did not work, albeit we are still kicking ourselves for the losses to Swansea & Neath, regardless on what team was fielded.

We are aware that the Premiership is predominantly created, to prepare promising players a pathway to Regional rugby & hopefully our National team, but a mixture of ingredients is a requirement for any team to hold its own in this highly competitive league.

Congratulations on the following players receiving their caps, namely Ben Leung, Jordan Viggers, James Beal, Jack Davies, Luke Crocker & Gareth Thompson. To cap off a very productive season Gareth Thompson was top try point's scorer with 10 tries & 202 points.

The player with most appearances was Ben Thomas, who played in 27 games, we wish him well with his new club, as he leaves us this season. Good luck Ben. Also the following players receiving their 100 game blazers are James Murphy, James Down & Jonathan Edwards, who as a captain and player has been a tremendous leader throughout his time with Cardiff RFC, is retiring from the game. Many thanks to our head coach, Duane Goodfield and his coaching team, Adam Rosser, Mark Breeze, Richard Walters and Our Team manager, Iestyn Williams, for their efforts in what has been a difficult year. As we have appointed a new head Coach, due to Duane's circumstances with the Blues, a new support coaching staff has also been appointed, therefore leaving the loss of Adam & Mark, but massive praise for their absolute dedication & contribution.

Dyfri Owen and his team of physiotherapists make a continued contribution to

the well being of the players on & off the pitch. Our thanks also to our dedicated team of doctors.

Many thanks to Abbie Gibbins for her expertise in administration work for the RFC. Also to Jamie Muir, Ian Richards and Rhiannon Loxton for their contribution on pre-planning match days.

Our Licensee Karl Kruger Williams & his bar staff have always shown support, whether training nights or match days, their continued interest in our scores is greatly appreciated.

May I also thank Mike Salt and Spiro and his team for their attention to the needs of the players.

Head grounds man Matt Jones continues to maintain our well utilised artificial playing surface to a high standard, but also his unwavering support during our games either home or away.

May I thank committee members for their contributions this past season. Adrian Hadley, John Huw Williams for their input to the Executive Committee, Chris Collins for attending Premier League meetings, Brian Bennett and Mark Wakeham for attending East District meetings. Clive Davies for his work on the 140th Anniversary Dinner and Jill Parker a most conscientious secretary as well as looking after the ever more important social media work of the RFC.

Ian Tabor & daughter Ellie for match day PA, our website and production of our match day programme.

Dave Perkins selling our programmes on match day, a brilliant volunteer, of which we need more of.

Thanks to Paul Maddocks for his assistance on the golf day, Rugby Business Club and the sponsorship of the RFC.

A special mention to Mervyn John & Simon Down for whose council was greatly appreciated with the years challenging matters.

Our ever present Photographer, Viv Jones for capturing moments that I'm sure every player will savour.

Peter Thomas, Martyn Ryan, Richard Holland, Paul Bailey together with the remaining directors of the limited company continue to support the RFC.

Hopefully the new concept of rugby direction in our province will be introduced before the season starts. Together with the support and understanding of Danny Wilson & Clive Jones a brighter future for Cardiff RFC begins.

Thank You

Chris Norman

Chairman



# CARDIFF RFC APPEARANCE 2016 - 2017

TOTAL		START	REP
27	THOMAS BEN	26	1
26	LEWIS ROB	19	7
24	TOMLINSON JOE	22	2
23	YOUNG CERI	21	2
22	EDWARDS JOHNATHAN	16	6
21	THOMPSON GARETH	17	4
21	LEUNG BEN	13	8
21	VIGGERS JORDAN	12	9
21	SLATER TOM	7	14
20	BEAL JAMES	20	
20	DAVIES JACK	17	3
19	REES-HOLE WILL	19	
19	MURPHY JAMES	18	1
19	REES ALED	7	12
18	CROCKER LUKE	12	6
17	FREE LIAM	13	4
17	REES CODY	13	4
17	BIRD DAVID	9	8
17	NASH GAVIN	7	10
16	PAGE JOE	6	10
15	MONTAGUE LEWYS	9	6
15	KING PAUL	8	7
13	SINIANSKI MORGAN	12	1
13	FORD LUKE	10	3
13	HALE MIKE	8	5
12	CHALKE LLOYD	12	
12	GIBBON CAMERON	11	1
12	MILLARD HARRI	11	1
11	SMYTH OLLIE	9	2
10	GAUGHAN JOE	7	3
10	CARRE RHYS	4	6
9	DAVIES SEBASTIAN	9	
9	DOLAN CAM	9	
8	ASSIRATTI KIERON	6	2
8	LUCAS TOM	2	6
7	WHITTINGHAM JAMES	4	3
6	EVANS JARROD	6	
6	WILLIAMS RHUN	6	
6	SHEEKEY JAMES	5	1
6	GRIFFITHS HARRI	4	2
6	DOMACHOWSKI CORY	3	3
5	CONWAY JAKE	3	2
5	WATTS DAN	2	3
4	WHITE NIC	3	1
4	LLOYD OWEN	2	2

TOTAL		START	REP
4	DUNLEAVY JOSH		4
3	HOEATA JARRAD	3	
3	LEWIS DILLON	3	
3	SPRIGGS RYAN	2	1
3	DECRUZ WAYNE	1	2
3	LEWIS ETHAN	1	2
3	GRIFFITH SCOTT		3
3	THOMAS BEN FH		3
2	COWLEY PELE	2	
2	DRISCOLL SEAN	2	
2	JENKINS OLIVER	2	
2	JONES LEWIS	2	
2	LANE OWEN	2	
2	BOTHAM JAMES	1	1
2	DAVIES-KING WILL	1	1
2	HICKS CURTIS	1	1
2	HUGHES ARON	1	1
2	JONES HYWEL	1	1
2	MORGAN TOM	1	1
2	THOMAS HUW	1	1
1	CONNOR MIKE	1	
1	DOWN JAMES	1	
1	EVERETT ALEX	1	
1	KNOYLE TAVIS	1	
1	LEWIS-HUGHES SHANE	1	
1	MA'AFU SALESI	1	
1	MYHILL KIRBY	1	
1	STONEHILL CHARLIE	1	
1	SUMMERHILL ALED	1	
1	CUSACK WILL		1
1	DE'ABREU JAMIE		1
1	DOBBS ED		1
1	EWINGSAM		1
1	FITZPATRICK OSIAN		1
1	HAINESJACK		1
1	ISBISTER NICK		1
1	JACKSON JOE		1
1	MILES JOE		1
1	OWEN MICHAEL		1
1	PARKS HUW		1
1	RUSSELL JOE		1
1	SMITH DAFYDD		1
1	SWINDLEHURST LEE		1
1	THOMAS LUKE		1
1	WALSH DAVID		1
704	BARGOED	495	209

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12/08/2016	SKWEN (F)	A	WON	7	1	1		57		2			10
20/08/2016	TAUNTON (F)	H	WON	6				42	1	1			12
02/09/2016	NEWPORT	H	WON	2	1	2		25	2	1	1		22
10/09/2016	MERTHYR	A	LOST	1	1	2		18	2	2			24
15/09/2016	BRIDGEND	H	WON	1	1	2		18			4		12
24/09/2016	LLANDOVERY	H	LOST	1	2	2		23	2	1	3		28
01/10/2016	SWANSEA	A	LOST		1	1		8	1	1			12
08/10/2016	NEATH	A	LOST	2	1			19	1	2	1		20
12/10/2016	ABERAVON (FC)	H	WON	2	1	2		25	3		1		24
19/10/2016	BRIDGEND (FC)	A	LOST	1				7	3	1	1		29
29/10/2016	CARMARTHEN QUINS	H	WON	3	1			24	1	1	3		21
04/11/2016	ABERAVON	A	WON	1		4	1	22	1	1	1		15
12/11/2016	BARGOED	H	WON	1	1	6		30	2	1	1		22
19/11/2016	RGC 1404	A	LOST	1			1	10	3	1	3		35
25/11/2016	CROSS KEYS	H	WON	5		1		38	2				14
03/12/2016	LLANELLI	A	WON	4				28	2				14
07/12/2016	NEATH (FC)	A	LOST	2		3		23	5	1			40
10/12/2016	CRCC(F)	A	WON	1	5			32	1	1			12
14/12/2016	NEATH (FC)	H	LOST	2		3		23	2	1	3		28
23/12/2016	PONTYPRIDD	H	LOST	1		4		19	2		3		23
31/12/2016	EBBW VALE	A	LOST	2		2		20	1	1	4		24
07/01/2017	BEDWAS	H	LOST	1	2	2		23	4				28
11/01/2017	BRIDGEND (FC)	H	LOST	1	1	1		15	3		1		24
18/01/2017	ABERAVON (FC)	A	LOST	1	2			17	3	1			26
28/01/2017	TATA STEEL (CUP)	H	WON	8	4			76	2	1	1		22
03/02/2017	NEATH	H	LOST			3		9	2		2		20
10/02/2017	SWANSEA	H	LOST	3		4		33	3	2	1		34
18/02/2017	PONTYPOOL (CUP)	H	LOST	2		6		32	4		5		43
25/02/2017	NEWPORT	A	LOST		1	1		8	2		1		17
18/03/2017	LLANELLI	H	LOST	2		1		17	1	2	1		20
08/04/2017	BRIDGEND	A	LOST	3	1			26	4	1			33
29/04/2017	CROSS KEYS	A	WON	2	2	3		33	1		1		10
06/05/2017	BARGOED	A	WON	5				35	3	1			26
				74	28	58	1	835	69	27	42	0	744

(F) FRIENDLY PLAYED 3 WON 3 DREW 0 LOST 0	14	6	1		131	2	4					34
(FC) FOSTER'S CUP PL 6 WON 1 DREW 0 LOST 5	9	4	9		110	19	4	6				171
(CUP) PLAYED 2 WON 1 DREW 0 LOST 1	10	4	6		108	6	1	6				65
LEAGUE PLAYED 22 WON 9 DREW 0 LOST 13	41	14	42	1	486	42	18	30				474

TOTAL PLAYED 33 WON 14 DREW 0 LOST 19	74	28	58	1	835	69	27	42				744
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		TR	PG	CV	DG	PTS
THOMPSON	GARETH	10	22	43		202
BIRD	DAVID	1	25	16	1	115
YOUNG	CERI	9				45
REES-HOLE	WILL	8				40
EVANS	JARROD		7	9		39
BEAL	JAMES	7				35
GIBBON	CAMERON	7				35
TOMLINSON	JOE	7				35
SMYTH	OLLIE	6				30
DOLAN	CAM	5				25
CHALKE	LLOYD	3				15
KING	PAUL	3				15
MILLARD	HARRI	3				15
WILLIAMS	RHUN	3				15
FORD	LUKE	2		2		14
DAVIES	JACK	2				10
DECRUZ	WAYNE	2				10
SIENIAWSKI	MORGAN	2				10
THOMAS	BEN	2				10
VIGGERS	JORDAN	2				10
THOMAS	BEN FH		3			9
JENKINS	OLIVER	1		1		7
ASSIRATTI	KIERON	1				5
CARRE	RHYS	1				5
CROCKER	LUKE	1				5
DAVIES	SEBASTIAN	1				5
DAVIES-KING	WILL	1				5
EDWARDS	JOHNATHAN	1				5
FREE	LIAM	1				5
GRIFFITHS	HARRI	1				5
JONES	LEWIS	1				5
LEUNG	BEN	1				5
LEWIS	ETHAN	1				5
LUCAS	TOM	1				5
MONTAGUE	LEWYS		1	1		5
MORGAN	TOM	1				5
MURPHY	JAMES	1				5
PAGE	JOE	1				5
SLATER	TOM	1				5
WATTS	DAN	1				5
REES	CODY			2		4
		102	58	74	1	835

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TOTAL			START	REP
31	COOK	MACAULEY	25	6
31	MORGAN	MATTHEW	23	8
31	SHINGLER	STEVE	22	9
28	WILLIAMS	LLOYD	22	6
27	WILLIAMS	TOMOS	10	17
26	LEE-LO	REYNOLD	26	
26	REES	MATTHEW	10	16
25	NAVIDI	JOSH	23	2
25	FILISE	TAUFA'AO	21	4
25	GILL	RHYS	18	7
24	HOEATA	JARRAD	19	5
24	DOWN	JAMES	14	10
24	ANDREWS	SCOTT	5	19
23	DACEY	KRISTIAN	18	5
22	CUTHBERT	ALEX	20	2
22	JENKINS	ELLIS	18	4
21	SCULLY	BLAINE	19	2
21	WILLIAMS	NICK	19	2
20	HALAHOLO	WILLIS	18	2
19	ANSCOMBE	GARETH	17	2
18	EARLE	GEORGE	18	
18	MYHILL	KIRBY	7	11
17	JAMES	TOM	13	4
16	ALLEN	CORY	13	3
16	SMITH	GARYN	7	9
15	DAVIES	SEBASTIAN	4	11
14	WARBURTON	SAM	13	1
14	WILLIAMS	RHUN	10	4
14	DOMACHOWSKI	COREY	5	9
13	JENKINS	GETHIN	9	4
12	FISH	DAN	7	5
12	THYER	BRADLEY	3	9
11	PEIKRISHVILI	ANTON	7	4
11	BENNETT	SION	3	8
10	TURNBULL	JOSH	9	1
9	SUMMERHILL	ALED	6	3
9	DOLAN	CAM	4	5
7	EVANS	JARROD	4	3
7	ROBINSON	NICK	1	6
6	SHEEKEY	JAMES	4	2
5	MILLARD	HARRI	4	1
5	LEWIS-HUGHES	SHANE	2	3
5	LEWIS	DILLON	1	4
4	ASSIRATTI	KIERON	1	3
4	LEWIS	ETHAN	1	3
4	THOMAS	MARC	1	3

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TOTAL			START	REP
3	EDWARDS	BEN	2	1
3	BLACKER	DANE	1	2
3	JONES	BEN	1	2
3	BELCHER	LIAM		3
2	BEAL	JAMES	2	
2	GEE	TERI	2	
2	COWLEY	PELE	1	1
2	DAVIES	RHODRI	1	1
2	JONES	LEWIS	1	1
2	LANE	OWEN	1	1
2	SIENIAWSKI	MORGAN	1	1
2	BARNES	HEMI		2
2	CARRE	RHYS		2
1	DAVIES	JACK	1	
1	MA'AFU	SALESI	1	
1	THOMAS	JAKE	1	
1	BOTHAM	JAMES		1
1	BRADBURY	CALLUM		1
1	DACEY	GAVIN		1
1	KNOYLE	TAVIS		1
1	LEUNG	BEN		1
1	LEWIS	CAMERON		1
1	WARD	ALED		1
1	WILLIAMS	DECLAN		1
812	ST FRANCAIS		540	272

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12/08/2016	DRAGONS (F)	A	LOST	4				28	5		1		38
20/08/2016	BRISTOL (F)	H	WON	1	3	1		25	3		1		24
03/09/2016	EDINBURGH	H	WON	4		2		34	1		3		16
09/09/2016	MUNSTER	A	WON	3		1		24	2		3		23
16/09/2016	GLASGOW	H	WON	2		3		23	2	1			19
24/09/2016	ZEBRE	A	WON	1	2	2		23		3	2		21
01/10/2016	LEINSTER	H	LOST	1		2		13	1		3		16
07/10/2016	OSPREYS	A	LOST	3		1		24	4	3	1		46
14/10/2016	BRISTOL (E2)	A	WON	2	2	3		33	2		2		20
21/10/2016	PAU (E2)	H	WON	3		2		27	1	1			12
28/10/2016	SCARLETS	H	LOST	1	1	1		15	3	1			26
04/11/2016	TREVISIO	A	WON	2	1	5		34	4				28
13/11/2016	EXETER (AW)	A	LOST	1	3	1		25	6	4			62
18/11/2016	OSPREYS (AW)	H	LOST	1				7	3	2			31
25/11/2016	CONNACHT	A	LOST	1				7	1	1	2		18
03/12/2016	ULSTER	H	LOST	2	1	1		22	5				35
10/12/2016	BATH (E2)	H	WON	2	1	3		28			1		3
15/12/2016	BATH (E2)	A	LOST			1		3	5		1		38
26/12/2016	DRAGONS	H	WON	3		2		27	1		3		16
01/01/2017	SCARLETS	A	LOST	1		1		10	1	1	1		15
07/01/2017	GLASGOW	A	LOST	1	1	1		15	3	1	1		29
14/01/2017	PAU (E2)	A	WON	1		5		22	3				21
21/01/2017	BRISTOL (E2)	H	WON	3	2	2		37	3				21
27/01/2017	SALE (AW)	A	LOST			1		3	3	4			41
04/02/2017	WORCESTER (AW)	H	LOST	5		1		38	5	3	1		53
12/02/2017	CONNACHT	H	LOST	1		2		13	1		3	1	19
18/02/2017	TREVISIO	H	WON	7	1	1		57	2		2		20
24/02/2017	EDINBURGH	A	WON	1	1	2		18	1	2			17
04/03/2017	MUNSTER	H	LOST	1		2		13	2		2	1	23
25/03/2017	LEINSTER	A	LOST	3				21	2	1	1		22
01/04/2017	GLOUCESTER (E2)	A	LOST	2		3	1	26	5	1	2		46
07/04/2017	ULSTER	A	DREW	3		1		24	3		1		24
15/04/2017	OSPREYS	H	WON	5				35	2		1		17
28/04/2017	ZEBRE	H	WON	3		3		30	3		1		24
06/05/2017	DRAGONS	A	WON	2		4		26	1	1	4		24
19/05/2017	STADE FRANCAIS (EPO)	A	LOST	3				21	4	3	1		46
				79	19	60	1	831	93	33	44	2	954

(F) FRIENDLY PLAYED 2 WON 1 DREW 0 LOST 1	5	3	1		53	8		2		62
(E2) EUROPE PLAYED 7 WON 5 DREW 0 LOST 2	13	5	19	1	176	19	2	6		161
(AW) ANGLO WELSH PLAYED 4 WON 0 DREW 0 LOST 4	7	3	3		73	17	13	1		187
(IPO) EUROPE PLAY OFF PL 1 W 0 D 0 L 1	3				21	4	3	1		46
LEAGUE PLAYED 22 WON 11 DREW 1 LOST 10	51	8	37		508	45	15	34	2	498
TOTAL PLAYED 36 WON 17 DREW 1 LOST 18	79	19	60	1	831	93	33	44	2	954



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		TR	PG	CV	DG	PTS
SHINGLER	STEVE	5	38	44		227
ANSCOMBE	GARETH	4	19	29	1	138
JAMES	TOM	8				40
CUTHBERT	ALEX	7				35
DACEY	KRISTIAN	6				30
HALAHOLO	WILLIS	6				30
MORGAN	MATTHEW	6				30
SCULLY	BLAINE	6				30
LEE-LO	REYNOLD	5				25
WILLIAMS	NICK	5				25
WILLIAMS	TOMOS	5				25
EVANS	JARROD	1	3	3		20
WILLIAMS	RHUN	4				20
BENNETT	SION	3				15
COOK	MACAULEY	3				15
SUMMERHILL	ALED	3				15
ALLEN	CORY	2				10
FISH	DAN	2				10
MILLARD	HARRI	2				10
NAVIDI	JOSH	2				10
WARBURTON	SAM	2				10
WILLIAMS	LLOYD	2				10
ANDREWS	SCOTT	1				5
BEAL	JAMES	1				5
DAVIES	RHODRI	1				5
DOLAN	CAM	1				5
FILISE	TAUFA'AO	1				5
JONES	LEWIS	1				5
PENALTY TRY		1				5
SHEEKEY	JAMES	1				5
TURNBULL	JOSH	1				5
ROBINSON	NICK			2		4
JONES	BEN			1		2
		98	60	79	1	831

