

# 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Updated Wednesday 27 September 2017

Held on Thursday 21 September 2017 at Heaton Sports Club.

**Teams represented:** Alexandra, HMRUFC, Little Horse & Farrier, Printers, Railway, Tiviot, Sun and Castle, Traveller's Call, Railway Fliers, Star.

**Apologies:** Fingerpost, Tame Valley, Horse & Farrier, Hatters Arms, Smart Italics.

## 1. 2016 AGM Minutes

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were approved.

## 2. Election of Committee

The committee was re-elected for the 2017–2018 season.

## 3. Financial matters

a) The accounts for 2016–2017 were approved.

b) It was agreed to keep the team subscription fee at £35 for 2017–18.

## 4. 2017–18 Season

a) The 2016–2017 final league placings and Cup and Plate results were confirmed.

b) HMRUFC and Hatters Arms are relegated to the B Division for 2017–2018. Their places in the A Division will be taken by The Printers and The Star.

c) The number of teams is unchanged at fifteen, so there will be an eight-team A Division and a seven-team B Division. It was agreed to return to the league format last used in 2009–10, in which teams play each other three times, rather than two. The Cup and Plate competitions will revert to being a 'straight' knockout, i.e. there will **not** be a qualifying phase. This new format will require most teams to produce **two** sets of league questions. An odd number of teams in the B Division means that, unavoidably, there is still a higher-than-ideal number of byes. The 2017–18 fixtures have been arranged to avoid consecutive byes, balance the number of home and away games, avoid clashes for teams that 'ground share' and comply with all requests for byes made at the AGM. With one minor exception (Horse & Farrier, weeks 4 and 5) no team has consecutive byes, although this may no longer apply as we get to the later stages of the knockout competitions.

## 5. 'Non-domestic' competitions

- a) Stockport's representatives in the 2017–2018 WIST Champions Cup are: Travellers Call, Smart Italics, Tiviot and Alexandra.
- b) Stockport's representatives in the second-tier inter-league competition are: HMRUFC, Hatters Arms, Tame Valley and Railway (a.k.a. Lokomotiv Stöckpört). The trophy has been re-named for 2017–2018 and will henceforth be known as the Lowly Grail.
- c) The traditional WIST Trophy pre-season friendly against the Withington League will be played at 8.30 pm on Thursday, 28 September at The Albert Club, Withington. Members of the Stockport squad will be provided by Alexandra, Smart Italics and Printers. With the exception of those teams mentioned, the 'take up' of the offer to provide players for the Stockport team has, once again, been disappointing. Next year we may consider hand-picking from those that are interested and/or have played in the fixture previously, rather than asking the teams that finish in the top three of the A and B Divisions.

## 6. Dates for 2017–2018 season

The following dates are confirmed for 2017–2018:

- Pre-season friendly v Withington: Thursday 28 September 2017
- First matches: Thursday 5 October 2017
- Christmas Quiz: Thursday 21 December 2017
- Re-start after Christmas: Thursday 4 January 2018
- Presentation night: Thursday 24 May 2018

## 7. Any other business

### a) Christmas and End-of-Season quizzes

We need someone to set and ask the questions at the Christmas and Presentation Night quizzes. Please get in touch by email if you would like to volunteer.

### a) Resolving joint winners

As it was written to deal with a tie between **two** teams, the rule (4.4) used to separate teams that finish level on points needs to be amended, as it failed to produce a clear winner from the **three** teams—Alexandra/Smart Italics/Tiviot—that tied for first place in the 2016–17 A Division. In future a mini-league table will be constructed, using results from all matches between those teams involved in the tie. Teams will be ranked by mini-league points and if that fails to produce a winner teams will be ranked by points difference. The example below shows that if this system had been used last season it would have identified the Alexandra as champions, as they won three of their four games against the Tiviot and Smart Italics. Rule 4.4 has been updated accordingly.

|               | <b>Pld</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>D</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>F</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>Pts</b> |
|---------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Alexandra     | 4          | 3        | 0        | 1        | 226      | 232      | 6          |
| Smart Italics | 4          | 2        | 0        | 2        | 231      | 228      | 4          |
| Tiviot        | 4          | 1        | 0        | 3        | 228      | 225      | 2          |

c) **Dates for 2017–18**

The following requests for byes were made and these have been accommodated in the fixtures for 2017–18:

- Hatters Arms – bye and question setting on 5 October (Week 1)
- HMRUFC – bye on 2 and/or 16 November (Week 5 and/or Week 7)
- Sun & Castle – bye on 9 November (Week 6)
- Tiviot – bye on 23 November (Week 8)
- Railway Fliers – bye on 10 May (Week 27)
- Star and Printers prefer to set questions during the second half of the season

d) **Change of name**

Since the meeting there has been a change of team name: to reflect the re-naming of their home venue earlier this year, the team formerly known as The Star are now called [The James Watts](#).