

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting - Rugby Supporters' Group  
Monday, 27 October 2014 – Commenced 6.35pm**

1. Attendance – Claire Jackson, Steph Fisquet, David Balwin, Kimberley Reed, David North, Kath North, Gabbie Douglas, Lisa Jones, Sandra Stanley, Julie Mitchell, Greg Love, David Sheppard, Lindsay Seccombe, David Young, Colin McIntosh, Cheryl Williams, Tim Hughes, Grant McPherson, Philip Roxburgh
2. Apologies – Scott and Chrissie Whyte, Leanne Kemish, Cameron Robbins, Murray Wilson, Jamie Kugelman, AT, Scott Forester, Paul Robson
3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous AGM  
Moved: Cheryl Williams Seconded: Greg Love
4. Business arising from Previous Minutes; nil
5. President's Report: *. 2014 sees the Jackson Family complete 20 great years of supporting Rugby at St Paul's School. And what a year it was.*
  - *St Paul's Rugby finally reached all ages with Prep students joining the Easter Camp.*
  - *The Opens squad, under the guidance of Scott Forester, Paul Robson, AT and Aaron Setterfield blossomed with wins for 1st XV against JPC and Ormiston while the 2nds XV secured a well deserved undefeated TAS Premiership.*
  - *The year 10 team secured another fantastic undefeated TAS Premiership.*
  - *The year 9 narrowly missed due to the game being cut short.*
  - *178 students were kitted out in the 2014 SPS Rugby training shirt for "free."*
  - *The Gala Day was a great success with many supporters including the 2002 1st XV Captain who said, "St Paul's rugby has come a long way – look at the number of people watching."*
  - *One of my greatest memories of 2014 will be Pink Day – a sea of colour as Rugby led the St Paul's Community with a \$1000 contribution to the to > \$2000 raised with the 1st XV running down the biggest tunnel while holding the hands of the year 4 team topping the event.*
  - *Dr Browning announced the Annual Rugby dinner, with nearly 400 attendees, was the premier social event. Nearly 90% of players attended. The Eatons Hill Hotel is a costly venue but the profit of \$400 is a bonus; the evening is a celebration and the formal format, unique amongst St Paul's sports, gives it the special place in the school calendar.*
  - *The RSG canteen, guided by Kimberley, worked overtime this season. Blessed by good weather, a few late notice events and the Holt Bolts > \$14 000 profit was made. In addition RSG secured > \$6000 in sponsorship and we thank Azimuth Partners, Balanix Solutions, Carseldine Dental, G-Tech Holdings, Overseas Packers & Shippers, St Paul's Association, the St Paul's Alumni, JSSG and Rod of Bracken Ridge McDonalds for their support.*
  - *I had thought the 2013 e-news & handbook were amazing but Lesleigh Reid and Phil Roxburgh raised the bar even further this year; sincere thanks to them for the hours and hours of efforts.*
  - *For the 4<sup>th</sup> successive time the year 9 team toured in the winter holidays and the pictures at the dinner told their story of a fantastic experience.*

- *Thanks must go to Colin staying as Head of Rugby. His leadership has led to the re-vitalization of the sport. In 2011 there was no 2<sup>nd</sup> XV due to lack of players. Three years later the SPS 2<sup>nd</sup> XV took down St Columban's in the TAS finals.*
- *Thanks to Tim Hughes, Des Hylton, Sarah Slade and all the other staff members for their support.*
- *My thanks to David Balwin who took on the VP role with great enthusiasm as well as coaching a team. To Steph who juggled the roles of treasurer, 2015 opens tour organiser and Annual Dinner Coordinator not to mention the merchandiser of hundreds of pinks socks and caps. To Cheryl for her secretarial activities and stepping into the year 5 PTC without hesitation.*
- *There were some parts of the season that were not brilliant for some players but let's put those behind, learn from mistakes and move forward.*
- *The Goodbyes in 2014 are multiple. Not only Cheryl and Kimberley but also the Patersons who have sizzled a 1000 sausages and the Kings who have supported Rugby with passion since they started at SPS. Of the year 12 cohort, only 3 families will remain with SPS Rugby, 17 other families say goodbye. Despite this I know 2015 will be fantastic.*
- *Succession planning is vital in voluntary groups. RSG has been so fortunate to have volunteers for 2015 come forward early in 2014 with generosity of time, effort and energy.*

*I have been involved in lots of events at St Paul's – some, including my husband, might say too many. Being involved in Rugby has one of the most enjoyable. Seeing Rugby expand to include the youngest St Paul's students experience the sport with the seniors students of 2014 has been fantastic. Seeing the dinner evolve from a pre-season launch of 200 attendees in the PEC where only the 1<sup>st</sup> XV i.e. the fifteen players who were running on the next day and the year 7 students transitioning to TAS were acknowledged, to a sporting event that celebrated the involvement of every player from the 14 members of the year 4 team to the 22 members of 2014 1<sup>st</sup> XV reminds me of the purpose of the RSG – to support Rugby. Not just for the great players but for all, so these young players leave St Paul's as rounded people with a lifelong love of the sport, a respect for their team mates, coaches and supporters and a willingness to give back to the community.*

*It has been a fantastic opportunity to lead such a group of volunteers and I wish you all the best for 2015 and beyond.*

*Claire Jackson President RSG 2013-14*

6. Treasurer's Report (See Attached)  
Moved: Steph Fisquet Second: David Balwin
7. Head of Rugby (report deferred to general meeting)
8. Vacation of Positions; Tim Hughes vacated all positions – sincere thanks to all parents who are leaving.

9. Election of Officers

- . President: David Balwin
- . Vice President: David North
- . Treasurer: Lisa Jones
- . Secretary: Sandra Stanley
- . Canteen Convenor & e-news editor: Lesleigh Reid
- . Junior School Liaison: Julie Mitchell
- 2015 NZ Opens Tour co ordinator Steph Fisquet
- 2015 Year 9 Tour co ordinator Lisa Jones
- 2015 RSG Dinner co ordinator Steph Fisquet

General members: Gabbie Douglas, Greg Love, David Shepheard,  
Steph Fisquet, Philip Roxburgh

10. Incoming President's address; David Balwin gave thanks, particularly to Claire for such a great volunteer role and to all the other faithful RSG members who are leaving the sport at SPS in 2014. He confirmed had no plans to change things that worked well and was pleased to see Colin was staying as Head of Rugby for another season. The plan was to put in place a process for the whole school to keep the teams learning skills throughout the years as they develop. He affirmed he wanted students to leave SPS with a love of rugby as a player, supporter, coach, ref or other and was keen to meet with the committee within the next few weeks to work out how to go forward. He supported succession planning was critical for any volunteer group to go forward and was grateful for Dave North stopping up as Vice President to spend the next 2 years to learn the ropes. He looks forward to working with the new executive and committee members and would continue the meeting format where everyone can put a view forward for discussion.

11. General Business – deferred to general meeting.

12. Close of Meeting – 6.57pm