

# LONDON WHEELCHAIR RUGBY CLUB

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Venue           Aspire Meeting Room  
                  Aspire Centre  
                  Stanmore  
Date            21<sup>st</sup> July 2008

## AGENDA

### 1. Chairman's Address

The past year has seen the formation of the Lions and Storm teams and Alan Caron joining as Development Manager. The club won the Bernd Best tournament and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Europa Cup despite extensive GB commitments in the lead up to the Paralympics.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Mike Hughes, David Hilton and Michelle Harradence.

### 3. Approval of 2007 AGM Minutes

The previous AGM minutes were proposed, seconded and approved.

### 4. Elections of Officers

The committee members stood down were all re-elected as shown below;

Chairman	Steve Palmer
Vice Chairman – Lions	Andy Barrow
Vice Chairman – Storm	Justin Frishberg
Treasurer	Jan Barrow
Lions Secretary	Neil Roffey
Storm Secretary	Ian Hosking

### 5. Chairman's Annual Report

There has been a positive reaction throughout the club regarding the split into Lions and Storm. Although the split is only for competitive teams and all training sessions are open to members from both teams. With new member joining the club, next year's league will be used to develop these new players.

Lions will enter the Europa Cup next year, following their win at the Nationals. The team will take 2 Storm players to ensure a strong team at this competition. At the next Bernd Best tournament LWRC aims to take 2 teams, the second headed by Bob as a development team.

With new players joining the club there is a need for more chairs. The club is joining a manufacture to produce chairs for the club. At present new players can use the club's chairs and after 6 months should look to buy their own chair.

Grants and awards are available and the club will assist in a player's applications for these awards.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

This year the club has helped fund teams in the National League and several overseas tournaments, coaching courses, new kit and more training bookings for Storm. The accounts have been sent to the auditors. Also, a sheet showing players allowances and costs will be sent out.

## **7. Secretary's Report**

Many thanks to Ian Hosking for becoming the new Storm secretary. It is hoped that the good communication between the non-GB players continues and that the training sessions continue over the summer. Also, best of luck to London's Great Britain players, having seven of the squad of twelve shows the quality of the LWRC.

## **8. Development Manager's Report**

Thank you to the other committee members for supporting my role as Development Manager. I hope that the club is seeing a benefit in the following areas.

- **Governance**

Governances saw me working closely with the Charity Commission on the Annual Review of the charity and accountants (as you can see via the paper work in the report) to work on policies for the club and giving support to the trustees of the charity, on ongoing law changes and the development of the membership increasing support staff and players.

- **Development**

Stoke Mandeville Storm is now developing as a club with the valued work of several members and new players are joining the club. Links have been developed with Stoke Mandeville Hospital, local organisations and kit sponsorship from Stash Rugby.

Links have been developed with outside bodies and businesses, and an information pack is being produced to promote the club.

Several players have also taken part in the new National Coaching Scheme.

- **Fundraising**

The club has been fundraising through collections at Harlequins Rugby League as their Charity of the Year. Also, there was a collection at Harlequins Rugby Union. Each player has been given a shaker tin as well. A corporate sponsorship plan is also targeting 2 major sponsors and there are other opportunities on the new website.