

**Minutes of the Final Annual General Meeting of Ridware YFC**  
**Held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018**  
**8pm, The Gun Room, Cowley Hill Farm, Hamstall Ridware BKP Mr and Mrs G Roobottom**

1. Welcome to the Meeting: The meeting was opened by Val Brown, Club President of Ridware YFC and everyone was warmly welcomed and thanked for attending.
2. Record of Attendance: This was circulated.
3. Present: Julia Taylor, Janette Prince (Club Treasurer), Sharon Lycett, Lib Prince, Will Latchford, Amy Latchford, George Goodwin, Pam Latchford, Mick Godwin, Valerie Brown (Club President), Will Freeman, David Heminsley, Margaret Bennett, Ellie Roobottom (Club Secretary), Julie Roobottom, Rachael Roobottom, Ian Carter, Scott Carter, Natalie Carter, Louise Hyden, Hollie Kelly, Lisa Harrison, Richard Mottershead, Neil Roobottom.
4. Apologies for Absence: Antony Lycett, Ben Hopley, Joe Bailey, Lucy Taylor, Tom Harrison, George Roobottom
5. Appointment of tellers: David Heminsley and Pam Latchford
6. Minutes of the previous Meeting: Copies were circulated.
7. Any matters arising: There were no matters arising and the minutes were signed as a true and correct record.
8. Chairman's Report: In the absence of George Roobottom, George Goodwin, currently a Club Leader, gave the following report - *Ridware YFC has been a noteworthy club in the Staffordshire Federation for 38 years. Throughout that time we have seen many locals join, have fun, learn something and more often achieve things that without YFC is not possible. In the last ten years of which I have known Ridware YFC, we have won many county, area and even numerous NFYFC titles. Not just Tug of War may I add!*

*A sad and unfortunate lead up to today where we formally close proceedings on Ridware YFC, for now. Even if you had joined in the last 12 months, I ask you to remember 3 things: the memories which you have got, achievements you have secured and lastly friends, many of us know, there's an unlimited supply of friends, and maybe more, so Lib and Joe tell me!*

*Moving forward, it would be encouraging to see members of Ridware YFC join other local clubs. You have nothing to lose in going to any of our other local clubs, I for one won't be waiting around and I'll be joined up in the next week or so no doubt!*

George was thanked for giving this report.

9. Treasurers' Report: Janette Prince, current Club Treasurer gave the following report:  
Total Income £2024.70 against an expenditure of £3369.51 giving the Club a Deficit of £1344.81. However it should be noted that £587.39 had been donated to charity, as this money had been raised in recent years for charity, namely The Midlands Air Ambulance (£300) and Staffordshire RABI (£287.39), as agreed by the Club. The Club Christmas Meal in December 2017 had been held at the Boars Head in Sudbury and had not realised a surplus as in recent years when the club had done the meal themselves. The Float Income and Expenditure were almost matched, due to sponsorship monies. All other items of expenditure were relating to Club Activities and running costs. There is still the final Club Levy to be paid to SCFYFC, as Levy is paid in arrears. This is £778.55. The current net assets of Ridware YFC are £2330.99 and once the Levy is paid, this will leave a final total of £1506.34 to be held until such time as the Club may reopen. Janette expressed thanks to Steve Reeves who very kindly audits the Club Accounts and did them with a very quick turnaround this year. The accounts were proposed by Lib

Prince and seconded by George Goodwin. George expressed thanks on behalf of the Club to Janette to taking on the role of Club Treasurer for the year and presenting the accounts.

10. Any other Reports: There were no other reports.

11. Formal Closing of Ridware YFC:

Sharon Lycett queried about the accounts and monies being transferred to the dormant YFC Fund. Julia Taylor explained that as per the Club Constitution, and as the members had agreed at their previous meeting, funds from any YFC club when they close, are transferred to SCFYFC, held in an account and should the club reopen within 7 years, the funds will be transferred back (with any interest).

Discussion took place with past members about why the club had to close and what had led to this point. Although it is a disappointing situation for all concerned, it is hoped that the possibility of re-opening Ridware YFC in the area again in the future will be explored. A similar situation has taken place with both Lichfield and Cheadle with successful re-openings for both clubs.

Following the discussions, the above proposal, *Ridware YFC should close for the foreseeable future, with the finances of the club held in trust by SCFYFC until such time that the area could be explored to re-open again* was proposed by George Goodwin and seconded by Amy Latchford. There were no further proposals, objections or abstentions by the members.

12. Finances of Ridware YFC:

*As per the Club Constitution, it was proposed that the Club Finances should be held by SCFYFC in trust for 7 years and should the club not reopen after 7 years, then the finances would then be moved into SCFYFC general funds. This was proposed by Will Latchford and seconded by Ellie Roobottom.* There were no further proposals, objections or abstentions by the members.

13. Club Bank Account: Janette Prince explained that she will arrange for the closure of the bank account and have a final closing statement ready to put with the final accounts. The accounts and records will then be stored at the YFC Office for safekeeping.

14. Charity Commission: Julia Taylor explained that once the final statement from the bank and minutes of the final meeting are done, she will officially confirm to the CC that the club has formally closed and update the final financial return for 2017/18. Should the club reopen, then the possibility of re-registering as a charity will be explored.

15. Storage of equipment, trophies, assets and club records: All Club Records and any small equipment will be stored at the YFC Centre. The Club Display Boards will be stored at Cowley Hill Farm by Graham and Rachael Roobottom. Pam Latchford is happy to continue storing the Cookery Boards. Val Brown is storing the Santa Sleigh and a Christmas tree. Although it is thought that the club has at least three trophies, none of them have been located. Julia will put another request on social media and everyone was asked to ask around to see if anyone could locate any further cups. It was thought that there was definitely a Tom Farrington cup.

16. Any Other business:

- Val thanked everyone for their attendance to the meeting.
- Margaret Bennett and Julia Taylor presented some thank you gifts to Val, George, Ellie, Janette and Rachael as a token of appreciation for their work and efforts during the last 12 months.
- Mick Godwin reminded everyone that if it's not fun, it's not enjoyable and encouraged any of the young members to go out and enjoy YFC and not to dwell on the disappointment of the club closing. He has made some friends for life that always pick up where they left off and this is a very important part of being a YFC member.

17. Meeting closed at: 8.50pm