

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE SCOTTISH RUGBY COUNCIL
HELD AT 11.05am ON SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 2021
HELD BY MICROSOFT TEAMS**

Present:

Ian Barr	(IB)	President
Colin Rigby	(CR)	Vice-President
Alistair Forsyth	(AF)	Borders Regional Representative
William Gardner	(WG)	Glasgow North Regional Representative
Murdo Gillanders	(MG)	Edinburgh Regional Representative
Ian Rankin	(JON)	Glasgow South Regional Representative
Jim O'Neil	(IR)	Co-opted (United Rugby Championship Limited)
John Halliday	(JH)	Co-opted (World Rugby & Six Nations)
Jonathon Anderson	(JA)	Schools Representative
Rosy Hume	(RHu)	Women's Forum Representative
Kenneth Knott	(KK)	Referees Representative
Gordon Thomson	(GT)	Premiership Representative
Gerry Tosh	(GT)	National 1 Representative
Bob Richmond	(BR)	North Regional Representative
Bobby Frazer	(BF)	National 3 Representative
Eric Hugh	(EH)	National 2 Representative
Hazel Swankie	(HS)	Midlands Representative
Malcolm Offord	(MO)	Scottish Exiles Representative

Apologies:

Gavin Hastings	(GH)	Co-opted (British & Irish Lions)
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In Attendance:

[REDACTED]	(XX)	Senior Solicitor & Council Secretary
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1. Introduction ACTION

The President noted that a quorum was present and opened the Meeting.

2. Code of Conduct

It was confirmed that the revised and approved Code of Conduct would be circulated to all Council members following the Meeting for them to sign and return.

3. Election of Board Director

The President confirmed that a vacancy had arisen for a Council nominated Non-Executive Director of the Board.

The President thanked W Gardner for his substantial contribution to the Board over the past three years.

CVs had been received from H Swankie, M Gillanders and E Hugh and these had been circulated to Council members in advance of the Meeting.

The President invited the Council Secretary to explain the election process and Scottish Rugby's standard Election Rules. It was explained that eligible Council Member could vote by submitted an email to the Council Secretary.

Each elected 2021/22 Council member present at the Meeting was entitled to 1 vote in each round of voting.

Co-opted members were not entitled to vote.

Candidates were entitled to vote for themselves.

After an initial ballot, the name of the candidate with the most votes would be elected. If no candidate received a majority, the candidate with the fewest votes would be removed from the candidate list and a second ballot would be taken in the same way as the first.

This process would be repeated through further rounds of ballots until there was 1 candidate left.

In the first round, H Swankie was elected as Council nominated Non-Executive Director vacancy.

It was confirmed that H Swankie's appointments would be for a 3-year period, subject to the operation of the Union's Bye-Laws.

4. AOB

The following points were raised under AOB:

- The Vice-President asked the Council to consider whether they would be supportive of calling an SGM directly after the AGM on the 26 September 2021 in order to amend the relevant Bye-Laws to allow future AGMs and SGMs to take place by way of hybrid model (i.e. in person and on virtual platform).

The Council Secretary noted that there were a number of considerations that would need to be taken into account by the Council before a decision could be reached by the Council.

- In response to a question, the President noted that the upcoming Council Quarterly would take place virtually on 30 August. The Council dates for the upcoming Council year were being reviewed and the method of holding the Meetings would be reviewed at the same time.

With no other business raised, the President closed the Meeting at 11.30 hours.

Date of next meeting: 30 August 2021.

APPROVED 30 AUGUST 2021