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Supporting letter for SRU Custodian Board application

Alongside family, rugby and finance have been mainstays throughout my adult life; my family might suggest these three are listed in no particular order! Allow me to briefly explain why I have put myself forward to join the SRU Custodian board.

Crucially, I believe it is important that the clubs are better represented at all levels within the SRU. In doing so we can all be better aligned, better appreciate the many benefits the clubs bring to the game in Scotland, and of course, better recognise and address the challenges that we all face.

Those of you who know me will know that I am steeped in grassroots club rugby through my lifelong involvement with Musselburgh RFC, my contributions to the various league forums, and the finance advisory board which has been set up to support the club rugby board.

I also believe I have the necessary financial and advisory skills to fulfill this finance-related role on the Custodian board. I have been lucky to enjoy a long and successful career as a financial analyst and latterly as a management consultant. As such, I believe I have the necessary skills to cast a critical eye over all of Scottish rugby's finances and to act as a mentor and critical friend to those on both the club rugby board and Scottish rugby's main commercial entity, SRL. Without a sound financial footing across Scottish rugby, it will be difficult for us all to achieve our goals.

Putting these together, I feel I have the necessary time, experience and passion to take on this role. I am deeply connected to the clubs and the grassroots game and have proven financial credentials. I have been encouraged by many in the club game to put my hand up; in doing so I hope others will follow.

Thank you for reading this. I hope you feel confident enough to trust me with your club's vote. In return, I'll endeavour to do my very best for your club, for Scottish Rugby and for the game we all love.

Blair Stewart