Statement in Support of Nomination for Vice-President

I am humbled that several friends and colleagues have suggested I consider standing for Vice-President of the Scottish Rugby Union. It would be an honour to be proposed.

Scottish rugby has been a major part of my life for over 40 years, not least through my 33-year involvement with Falkirk RFC, Player, Coach and Committee member. Across the Club game I have witnessed at first hand the expertise, commitment and common sense that exist across our Clubs. I know that our Union is at its best when that experience & knowledge is fully engaged into formulating plans and strategies that impact and improve our game.

Standing for VP is not a step I take lightly. It's a six-year commitment. I have discussed this fully with Louise, my wife, and my two lads, because effectively executing the role requires time, energy and proper commitment. Once I commit to something, I do so fully.

As to why I present myself for election. In some respects, it's easier to articulate reasons that are not motivating me. I am not putting myself forward out of frustration, anger or, most especially, ego. I do not pretend to arrive with simple answers to complex questions, would that I could! Scottish rugby is a large and diverse organisation, and, like any such organisation, there will always be systems, processes and relationships that can be improved. The important thing is to approach those issues honestly, constructively and with a willingness to understand them properly before rushing to solutions. My experience in industry, managing >£25m/y budgets, is that intended outcomes sometimes happen. The unintended consequences always arrive.

In my opinion, the Union needs people who are grounded in Club rugby, who understand the pressures faced by our volunteers, players, coaches, match officials and administrators, and who are prepared to step forward when asked. In that sense, this is less about wanting a title and more about being prepared to serve if others believe I can make a useful contribution.

My approach would be straightforward: consult widely, listen carefully, thereby ensuring whatever aspects that we're looking to improve are properly defined, and that we understand the real issues and any barriers; I'll work with Clubs and Scottish Rugby in concert rather than in opposition; and look to identify practical options where improvement is needed. There are seldom silver bullets, but there are often better ways of doing things, if people are willing to define the problem fully and work together to solve it. No ONE is as smart as US.

Throughout my rugby and professional life, I have sought to bring clear thinking, honesty, enthusiasm and practical problem-solving to the areas I have managed. I have a proven ability to identify the real issues, not merely the presenting symptom, to help develop workable, sometimes novel, solutions.

If elected, I would seek to represent the Club game with integrity, independence of thought and respect for the wider responsibilities of the Union. Scottish Rugby belongs to its members, and it depends on good people being prepared to step forward, contribute and serve. That is what I am prepared to do.



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