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## Opening of Meeting and Appointment of Chairman

Andy Cribbin formally opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and proposed that Cyril Barratt be appointed Chairman of the meeting. This was unanimously agreed.

## Chairman's Report

Cyril Barratt explained that several changes had taken place over the last 12 months with the most significant being the payment of a combined subscription and winter training fee which is now paid directly into our bank rather than the coaches having to spend time collecting cash.

We had regained our Charter Status with the FA, been accepted by Nike as a Partner Club which had many advantages, ensured we were up to date on the FA whole game system, ensured coaches etc were DBS checked and many had attended our own Safeguarding course.

The Club's website has been redesigned and is regularly updated.

The Presentation day at De La Salle had been well received and a lot of suggestions for next year have been made.

One of the main issues for next year is to help to develop as a club rather than 20 plus teams playing under the umbrella of BHR.

## Change to Constitution

Several relatively small changes to the Constitution, were proposed and accepted.

The main ones being to remove the limit of being a St Helens club, recognise that there is no longer a Management Committee but Executive and Coaches Committees and to initiate the change to enable online banking.

## Treasurers Report

Chris Parsons presented the Annual accounts for 2016/17 which showed a surplus of £770. There were a few one-off payments last year including the upgrading of the garage.

Chris pointed out that the fee for 2017/18 had been our best estimate but it was likely that this would need to rise as costs go up. Examples are the need for coaches to be DBS checked and have attended a Safeguarding and FA Level 1 coaching course.

Chris also thanked Jean for all the work she has done as Assistant Treasurer.



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## Election of Club Officers and Executive Committee

The following were proposed and elected “en bloc”

- **Chairman:** Cyril Barratt
- **Vice-Chairman:** Andy Cribbin
- **Secretary:** Jean Barratt
- **Treasurer:** Chris Parsons
- **Welfare Officers:**
  - John Weaver
  - Tracy Le Surf
- **League Representatives:**
  - St Helens: Andy Cribbin
  - Warrington: Simon Curran
- **Ecclesfield Committee:**
  - Heath McHugh
  - (supported by Andy Bloor and Neil Slater)

## Recent FA developments

Cyril Barratt explained that the FA were continually introducing or changing their requirements. These have included that two DBS checked persons should be at every match or training session, all coaches must have had the FA Safeguarding training.

Meeting closed at 8pm.with Cyril Barratt thanking everyone for attending.