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Minutes of Meeting to Consider Re-starting a Rugby Club in The Stewartry.

Held in the Market Inn, Castle Douglas on Friday 19th June 1970 at 8.00 pm.

Present Robert Hamill, Mungo Bryson, Jim McLean, Tony Johnstone, Oliver Chesholme, Jimmy Dunlop, Jack Armstrong, Jimmy Yornley, David Edgar, Jack Robertson, Jock Baird, David Hodge, Adam Gray Jnr, David Broatch, Jackie Craig, Dougie Craig, Andrew Campbell, Clyde Phillips, Willie Lindsay.

Apologies Charlie Wilson, Peter Couper.

Pitch Mungo Bryson intimated that he had obtained the promise of ground for a pitch in Castle Douglas.

Change in Facilities Jim McLean indicated that it would probably be possible to obtain the use of suitable accommodation from the Education Authority.

Formation of Club After discussion it was unanimously agreed on the motion of R Hamill seconded by T. Johnstone and supported by J. Robertson that a Rugby Club be reformed in The Stewartry.

Adam Gray pointed out that to be successful the Club would require to be an 'open club' with the widest possible recruitment.

David Hodge Captain of Dumfries Rugby Club welcomed the idea of a club in the Stewartry and expressed the hope that the best players would progress to play for the Dumfries 1st XV.

Name It was immediately and unannouncedly agreed that the meeting should be regarded as the first stage in the restarting of the STEWARTRY RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB and that the name should be revived.

Administration Discussion was begun on the problems of fixture lists, management recruitment training and constitution and it was decided to remit them to a steering committee of the following composition:

Chairman: Mungo Bryson
 Secretary: Jim McLean
 Treasurer: Oliver Chisholme
 Members: Jimmy Yormley
 Peter Couper
 David Edgar

Playing Members To assist the Steering Committee the following were put forward as ^{possible} playing members or sources of playing members:

M Bryson, P Couper, D Edgar, J Yormley, J Baird, C Phillips, J Craig, J Dunlop, Jack Armstrong, G Laing, B Young, S Stevenson, J. Mulholland, McTaggart (Kerran), B Brennan, I Bendall, C Campbell, M Ramsay.
 Threave School of Garkening, Kirkcudbright

Academy leaves, the "Range" at Torrhead, Dalry School leaves, and Castle Douglas High School leaves.

Transfer of Membership

The hope was expressed that Stewartry residents who felt they would like to continue playing with Dumfries Rugby Club would help and stimulate interest by training in Castle Douglas with the Stewartry Club.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to M. Bryson for calling the meeting and taking the chair at it.

Jimi McKeon
Hon Secy.

Mungo Bryson

Chairman.

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Notes on Meeting of Office bearers held in
Cortlarach St Georges Castle Douglas on
Thursday 2nd July 1970.

Present Mungo Bryson, Clivie Chesholme, Jim McLean

Budget. It was agreed that the following were reasonable estimates:

Expenditure :	Equipment	£80
	Running Expenses	£105
		<u>£185</u>

Income :	Donations	?
	Non-Playing Members	£10
	Playing Members	£40 (20 x £2)
	Weekly Team Contributions	£60 (15 x 5/- x 16)

Fund Raising It was agreed that an approach should be made to old players and that a Barbecue & Dance be run a Boreland of Parton on 7th August 1970.

Fixtures The following were suggested as possible sources of fixtures:

Wigtownshire	Kirkcubright Academy
Ayr	Carlisle
Marx College F.P.	Melrose
Ardrrossan Accies	Harwick
Kilmarnock	Ironie
Cumnock	Dalry
Peebles	
Dumfries	
Langholm	
Annan	
St Joseph's College	

Referees

The following were suggested:

- Raymond Finnie
- Jim Gornley
- Jimmy Johnstone
- Peter Couper
- Charlie Wilson.

Funds

Blues Chisholme agreed to check banks in the Stewarty to establish whether or not a Stewarty Rugby Football Club st account still existed.

Licence

Blues Chisholme undertook to investigate the question of a licence for the Barbeque.

Strip

The following was agreed:

Jersey — white

Shorts — navy blue

Stockings — red

to preserve the link with the original Stewarty Club.

James
Hon Secy.

Minutes of the first A.G.M. of the revived
Stewart's Rugby Football Club held in
the Market Inn, Castle Douglas on 2nd June,
1971 at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the first A.G.M. of the Stewart's Rugby Football Club "to be held for a good few years" and made mention of the very successful season which had been enjoyed in social, financial and playing aspects. He pointed out the effort that would be required to repeat this success let alone improve on it.

Members Present.

Jim McLean, Peter Carper, R. Ann-Cathery, Thomas McMillan, Ches Wilson, R.L. Armstrong, C.L. Mason, Adam Gray, Joe Hiddleston, Jim Anderson, Jack Armstrong, M.A. Swan, David Edgar, Terry McManis, A Campbell, G.J. McGill, John Ly Low, F.W. Mulholland, Sandy Louden, Robin Austin, W. Blive Chisholme, Mungo Bryson, Andy McCathery, Dougie Craig, Bill Leirdsay, Robert Hamill.

Apologies

J. Gormley, J. Dunlop, W. Hendry.

Captain's Report

Peter Carper who had captained the first fifteen during the season presented the following report:

				Points	
2 nd XV	Played 5	Won 1	lost 4	16	115
1 st XV	Played 25	Won 12	lost 12	Drawn 1.	

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He also commented on the highlights of the season including the visit of Ballymena Colts, & playing against Stur McLauchlan in a Jordanhill College 2B XV

- He expressed the players thanks to:
- a) the Secretary for arranging a good fixture list.
 - b) Robert Hamill for maintaining the link with Ballymena
 - c) Andy McCatney for the Club's Social activities.
 - d) Oliver Chisholme for help with training, organising the SEVENS and looking after the Club's finances.
 - e) Mungo Bryson for his 'best idea of reviving the Stewartry Club'.
 - f) Mr J McCaskie & Walle's Mast for the use of a field for the pitch.

Secretary's Report.

The Secretary reported on the work of the year expressing his thanks for the co-operation and support he had received from:

the SRU,
Glasgow District Rugby Union
the Committee & members.

Other clubs who had offered and accepted fixtures.

In particular it was agreed to thank Walle's Mast, the Stewartry of Kirkcudbright Education Committee for the hire of changing accommodation and Dan Geddes, Janitor, Castle Douglas High School for so willingly turning out on Saturday afternoons to open the changing rooms.

Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer Oliver Chisholme presented his report (appendix A to these Minutes) and after discussion Charlie Wilson seconded by Gibbie McGill moved the adoption of the report. He also suggested that different subscriptions should be introduced for

playing and non-playing members.

Office Bearer

The meeting expressed its thanks to the Office Bearer and Captain for their efforts during the year.

Constitution

The Secretary read a draft constitution item by item. Each was discussed in turn and modified as thought necessary. The final form was read over as the proposed constitution and unanimously approved (Appendix B to these Minutes).

Elections.

The following being duly proposed and seconded were unanimously elected.

President: Mungo Bryson.

Vice-President: Charlie Wilson

Hon. Vice Presidents: Kenneth Biggar

Tom Pearson

Jock Armstrong

John McCaskie

Captain: Sandy Louden.

Secretary: Jim McLean

Treasurer: Oliver Chisholme

Committee

Members: Andy McCashney - Social

Lybster Mcgill - Field

Dave Edgar - Funds.

Auditor: Ian C. Chapman.

Subscriptions After a vote it was agreed that the subscriptions for season 1971-72 should be:

Playing members	£1.50.
Non-playing members	£1.

Jerseys It was agreed not to buy any more club jerseys but to expect established players to buy their own. The remaining club jerseys to be used for 2nd XV players.

Programme It was agreed to repeat last year's programme with a:

Buffet dance	Nov/Dec.
Smoker/Film Show	Jan.
Sevens	April
Club Dinner	April.

Coaching Andy Campbell, Jimmy Gormley and Clive Chisholme were listed as potential coaches and it was agreed that one should if possible represent the Club at the S.R.U. Coaches Course.

Winter Training The Secretary was authorised to book the Games Hall in Kirkcudbright for a two hour period on a Tuesday or Wednesday.

Club Tie The committee was asked to pursue this matter.

History Andy McCarthy & Gubbie McGill reported that research was being done in old newspaper files.

Pitch

While investigations were continuing it was agreed that the West Field should be spoken for for the coming season.

Selection
Committee

It was agreed that teams should be selected by the following

President
Captain
Dorrie Craig
R Hamill
C Wilson
Secretary
Captain of Day of Second

and that foot-cards should be posted on Tuesdays at latest.

Training

This would begin in Aug:

Tues 3 Aug on pitch

Tues 24 Aug from CD High School } at 7 pm

Barbeque.

The date of the Barbeque was settled as Friday 6th Aug 1971.

Dumfries
Residents.

Chris Mason expressed his club's congratulations to the Stewartry Club on its municipal seal and suggested that liaison over social events would be useful. He also expressed the hope that there would be a willingness to accept the transfer of players.

Other
Activities

Soccer and an Indoor Games night in the KOSB Mess were suggested as other possible activities.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

~~James H. Lee~~
Hon Secy.

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29th May 1972.

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