



Chester Centurions RUFC

Andrew Barry Arrowsmith

Uncontested – Recruitment Officer

Hello, my name is Andrew Barry Arrowsmith and I am running for the position of Recruitment Officer because throughout my sports I have demonstrated a committed and hardworking ethic to my coaches and team players.

I have experience in leadership roles such as wilderness training, U.S Red cross Lifeguard, child counselor and have developed an understanding of communication within committees as well as understanding the importance of networking, I believe these make me an ideal candidate.

If elected I plan attending as many social event as possible to get our name out into the public, events such as The Throwdowns, local fares, Pride, fundraising, local gyms, Marathons, I also have a lot of connections with Chester University, Reasehealth College and West Cheshire college, getting in contact with these school and talking to the student, teachers, kitchen crew, whom ever, these are all places I could go and talk to the public about our amazing rugby team and why they should join us.

I think this will have a positive impact on the team, as wonderful and amazing social media is, having one to one friendly convictions with people is better then staring at a screen with six filters over it. Being there talking to the public shows are passion, friendliness, profession and personality with who maybe interested in joining.

Thank you for reading my manifesto and feel free to get in contact with me to ask my any questions about my ideas by contacting me



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Jamie Andrew Leadbetter

Uncontested – Captain

I am writing with regards to the position of Captain for next season. It is my understanding that Dan will be stepping down from this position, and I believe that I may be a suitable successor for him in this role.

In past seasons I have put my body on the line and tried to lead from the front as vice-captain and I would now like to step up to captain. After a successful season with our first win I think now is the time to build the club up to run for an even more successful season next year.

We have a solid team, with a good group core of players that are starting to show they can play this game to a very high level, with some more guidance and training I am certain we can challenge for the league title.

As always I will leave everything on the pitch, lead from the front, act to prevent drama both on and off the pitch, making sure the team come first at all times.

Thank you for your consideration.



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John Adams

Uncontested – Fundraising

Greeting all, you all know me as Lil John and this year I've decided to apply for the role of Fundraiser.

A little bit about me, I joined this team just under a year ago not knowing what I was getting myself into after one drunken Eurovision night to wake up unaware that I had agreed to come along and see what the Centurions was all about! Little did I know that joining this club would change my life for the better. I've made some friends for life and gained a second family.

I've worked in sales since the age of 18, for 20 years now, in various roles from customer facing to over the phone; and I know how to sell this club and get us the additional funds we need. I also plan on working closely with recruitment and social as I feel that fundraising events will open up great opportunities for these roles.

I want fundraising to be fun and include all of you from bringing back kit nights to a fundraising drag contest. I want to create events tailored around you guys because this team wouldn't be what it is without you. I want you to approach me with ideas no matter how small as everything we do will make a difference so together, we can get us the funds we need in order to get this team what it needs - a steady stream of income coming in.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.



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James Ellum

Uncontested – Membership Officer

Hi I'm James also known as Melon; I'm applying for the newly titled role Membership officer on the Chester Centurion committee.

I have had previous experience of this role last year being the wellbeing officer. During this time acting as the go between players, and the committee itself.

I have enjoyed this role as it has helped integrate new players, handle any upsets, and generally help with the happiness of our team.

The centurions are a team that I hold close to my heart and have helped me become a more confident stronger person and I hope that is something I can continue to help with others. I hope to continue this role going forward for the next year.



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Stephen Monahan

Uncontested – PR

Dear Fellow Centurions

How can you decide who is the best candidate? If you're seeking an individual who merely performs the work assigned, without any innovative leadership of their own, then I am not the person to call.

However, if you seek a capable, creative, team-oriented person with a dynamic outlook on life and a strong desire to succeed in Public Relations, then keep reading.

I have solid interpersonal skills, with the ability to interact with individuals at all levels. I also have strong talents in creating, writing, and producing communication pieces. My organisational skills have allowed me to prioritise schedules and consistently complete projects within challenging time and budget guidelines.

Finally, my years of experience in Marketing & Design has allowed me to develop exceptional skills in thinking on my feet and public relations currently working with Chester pride as their Website and Social media executive this would lead greatly into updating and building upon the already existing site and social media platforms. I would like to add for us branding guidelines and give us the more competitive edge as a inclusive rugby team to show off what we can do.

I know I will make a positive contribution to Chester Centurions and look forward to help continue to progress and make Chester Centurions a success.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Matt Coathupe

Uncontested – Honorary Secretary

Hello all, I'm Matt or Madame Secretary, or Potter to some of you. It's been my pleasure to serve the last year as the Centurions Club Secretary and I hope you want to keep me around for another year!

This past year, I've led on the organizing of our club visits to the Caledonian Thebans Rugby Clinic in October 2018 and our over night stays following matches with the Newcastle Ravens and Glasgow Alphas. I've already begun, as many of you have seen on Facebook, the planning for Touch My Brum in July; the Humber 7s in August and a return to the Thebans Clinic in October (yes, they'll have us back!). It's been an experience, stepping up to this role with no previous job holders to draw advice from and I consider it to have been a success which will make the upcoming events a whole lot easier to plan.

I've also worked alongside our Chairman in securing training time slots and match days for the Club and other general club diary management duties.

Alongside this, I've acted as our club rep to the Cheshire RFU for the past year. This has included meetings about any changes to the RFU code or systems and handling all paperwork relating to the club and the local union. Believe it or not, we actually need to apply for permission to visit Scotland!

Just this month I attended the Union Cup in Dublin with 4 other Centurions as part of the Northern Powerhouse squad formed between us and members from the Typhoons; Hull Roundheads; Sheffield Vulcans; Leeds Hunters and we even had someone from Brighton in the end. I hope if re-elected to continue my work with the Typhoons and the Roundheads as we continue the Northern Powerhouse project as a way of allowing younger clubs in the Northern League to work together to have presences at IGR events nationally and internationally – Bingham 2020 here we come! We're already looking at the prospect of a Powerhouse squad for Touch My Brum 2019!

We now know that Union 2021 will take place 2 hours down the road in Birmingham and it's my hope if re-elected to work with the 2019/20 committee to develop a fundraising

plan to make the Union Cup in Birmingham 2021 as the Centurions first ever outing at an international IGR event!

This club has become a major part of my life which I owe so much too, and hopefully you will all allow me to continue paying back via this role.



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Matt Cook

Uncontested – Honorary Treasurer

It has been my honor to serve as acting treasurer for this club and I now seek your votes to become honorary treasurer.

During my time as acting treasurer I have helped this club gain Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) status, greatly increasing our fundraising ability, I have also strengthened our subscription system and I have worked with our fundraising officer to apply for possible future grant funding of up to £12,000.

My work to secure the future of our club is not complete, we have no legal structure, no defense against liability claims. We must incorporate as a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG) to protect ourselves. If returned as Treasurer, and the motion to incorporate is passed, I will register this club as a CLG with Company House. As this will entail us losing CASC status for three months, I will make sure that incorporation does not interfere with fundraising and that we regain CASC status as soon as possible.

If elected I will continue to work with the fundraising officer to maximise club income and income security. As acting treasurer I have been one of the key drivers of our recent expansion to 2 hours training per week and I have ensured that our subscription system is able to meet our housekeeping needs. I look forward to working with the recruitment and membership officers to ensure our expanding membership can benefit from all our club has to offer.

Rugby is not a sport for me, you have made it more family than anything else. With your vote I hope I will continue as treasurer and serve our club to best of my abilities.



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James Kirby

Uncontested – Social Secretary

Being a member of the Chester Centurions since November 2017, I am proud to be part of such a dynamic and vibrant bunch of guys who have now become more than just friends. I believe we should have a social aspect to the club, which matches our mantra “Together Stronger”, and the people who play for the team when we represent ourselves, both at home and when we visit other teams & events.

I am applying for the role of social secretary as I feel this is one of the roles where I can offer the most to the club members and the wider community.

Being an organised, outgoing and approachable person, I feel I would be a great fit for the role and have what is required to be successful in the position.

Having organised trips, holidays, events and many a party in my time since moving to Chester in 2016, I have kept my flair for these skills, which I developed on my 7-year career working overseas within the travel tour operations industry. During this time, my job involved everything from running events to assisting with wedding arrangements and even managing large scale events and training courses for my employer. I am operationally minded and an active problem solver which will be useful and assist the team in this committee role.

If elected, I have a number of ideas to consider implementing, such as;

- Working with the fund-raising officer to look into setting up a Club Lottery or bonus ball scheme to help raise money while allowing the members the chance to win a cash prize
- Monthly socials - meal nights, trips out of the area, cinema or sporting activities.
- Feasibility for a birthday club being organised among members
- A bi-monthly event where we can raise money for the club and start to build a larger club profile in the community - this could be a quiz/bingo night or something different and will discuss with the team to gather further ideas.
- Organising a residential style weekend away - this could be camping, finding a large property or something similar where the team can get away for a long weekend to do some sport, a fair bit of socialising with some great food and drink and most importantly have fun.



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Andrew Foxall

Uncontested – Honorary Chair

I am a very passionate person when it comes to our club, the game, and the greatness we can achieve together therefore I wish to put myself forward as your Chairperson for the next year and show my continued commitment to our club. Within my first year as Chairperson, we have achieved many things: we had new equipment, we took part in our first league, and we moved to back to train on the amazing 4G pitch at Chester. This year we also saw the addition of a second coach to help develop the team; we also achieved CASC status through the hard work of Matt Cook.

I have many ideas for the future of the club to develop the growth of the Centurions and ensure our future is a bright one. This next year I would like to see us work hard to fundraise towards Union 2021, as this will be on home ground in Birmingham. I would also like to ensure that our presence at Chester Pride 2019 and 2020 is a strong one and really will show how inclusive we are by celebrating all the different identities that we welcome on our team. I would also like to see us work with more local teams, and Northern Teams on projects that will show the wider community what we stand for here at the Chester Centurions.

I hope you will consider me as your Chairperson for another year.



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Jonjo Vale

Uncontested – Fixture secretary

As most of you know I am Jonjo and I am applying for the committee role of fixture secretary. I currently work in a pub in Llangollen and I am starting my history degree in the coming September. I am an ideal candidate for this role as I have had previous experience in helping the secretary to book the Edinburgh clinic and helped to look for accommodation for our away games. I have been playing for the club for just over 16 months and within that time I have been able to attend all matches, including away games, as well as Touch My Brum and the Edinburgh clinic. I also organised the trip to Gran Canaria for the 4 of us within 3 days whilst the others had been looking at booking it for months!

I have developed friendships with members from other IGR teams which will allow me to organise the matches quickly. My aim is to have the matches already organised by the end of September, and if possible, have them spread out throughout the season. Once all the matches have been organised, I will release a post with all match details on to allow players to organise themselves. I plan on working with the secretary in order to make sure that the matches do not clash with other fixtures in the calendar such as the Edinburgh clinic and the Union Cup. I plan to remind everyone a month prior to each match in order to make sure that numbers haven't changed for the match. This will help with the numbers for catering and for the Captain when deciding the line-up.