**Chairman’s address 2018/19 Season & Club Vision**

**I want to re-iterate that as a club we are already getting a lot right but like Senior Men’s team, we can improve, I believe we now have the strategy and commitment to take this club forward.**

**As our mission statement we should aspire to be-**

**THE BEST AMETUER CLUB IN ENGLAND**

**That philosophy should be the aim of every section on the playing side and the club as a whole, in terms of coaching, playing, facilities and delivering the spirit of the game.**

**As both your Chair and now Director of Rugby I want to help deliver the above, not through revolution but evolution.**

**I would like to see more volunteers doing more but in a structure that transcends the club in all teams and sections.**

**On the playing side, this means appropriate coaching staff, team managers and captains instilling the right attitudes and behaviours to support our short and long term goals.**

**I am happy to say all the senior teams have filled all positions for 2018/19 in the new structure.**

**To provide a warmer welcome on weekends I am looking for volunteers to be Duty Managers to co-ordinate the current activity and provide that extra something that makes teams go away and not only want to come back to us but are converted as ambassadors of our great club.**

**We remain committed to not paying players, which immediately sets a limit on our ambitions to play at a higher level but whilst consolidation in our current league is the goal for 2019, playing at least one level higher is a realistic medium term target.**

**We want players to come to MRFC for the experience and to be developed, which will be another key focus for the coaching staff.**

**With regards to playing facilities, we have plans to expand the playing area for M&J and improve access over the brook.**

**A key aim has to be to improve the infrastructure of the club, especially changing and shower facilities, in this day and age we should have self-contained changing facilities suitable for all ages and genders.**

**Two last matters from me on the rugby side, firstly, we need to re-invigorate the girls section, plans are in place with members of the ladies’ team at the forefront of this.**

**Secondly we need to have a better face to the community, especially schools and with Brian Fishers help, I am developing a strategy for next season. However, this is a new key role in the club and I would welcome any interest in this role of Community Co-ordinator to work with me going forward.**

**I would finish by drawing attention to the wider club, personally I feel there is a need to work more closely with cricket and squash, we are all limited in our ambitions by the fabric of this club and the challenges that presents. We need to face them together now more than ever. I am and will remain committed to building bridges with our partners in the wider club.**

**I end where I came in earlier, rugby is built on teamwork, that can only be delivered with good communication, we need to listen more to understand each-others point of view, only then can we make decisions which will be supported by the majority for the benefit of all.**

**I will be posting the new structure, mission statement and aims of the club on the website and notice boards.**