

Candidate: Hazel Swankie

Constituency: Midlands

RUGBY CURRICULUM VITAE (*not more than 350 words*)

I became a member of Dunfermline RFC in the late 90's, following my stepson Scott through Scotland age grade rugby up to U21 level, whilst he was playing for Dunfermline until he retired.

During this time my husband John and I became one of the club sponsors and I became involved in fund raising for the club with home game hospitality tables and after match presentations to our Annual Sporting Dinner, a major fund raiser which attracts local companies, the event averaging 300 attendees.

I joined the Management Committee of Dunfermline in 2008, where I took over the role of Club Secretary, a position I still hold today. During the preceding years I have carried out the key roles of – Fixture/Referee Secretary, Vice President and I was honored to be elected as the first Lady President in the club's history in 2015. I am also a trustee on The Dunfermline Reactive Rugby Charity.

My business knowledge gained:-

Scottish Account Manager for Holsten /Scottish Courage – Managing the major breweries, wholesalers and pub chains within Scotland, developing the brands.

Partner in our family building company – Administration, QS, customer liaison.

In addition, my rugby experience gained over the years in the various roles (to many to mention) within Dunfermline, I have a greater understanding of what challenges clubs face on a daily basis in trying to remain sustainable and financially viable, whilst growing their players and volunteer base at all levels from minis to 1stXV.

Dunfermline currently has two senior teams and 235 players in our Youth section. We sustain our youth numbers with close links to all the schools within our catchment area. With numbers of this size the youth section is successful because of the enthusiasm and commitment of our volunteers, from the coaches, team managers and parents. But this is true throughout the senior club also, volunteers are vital to every clubs existence.

Club rugby is the lifeblood of our game and must be a priority going forward.

I believe that I can represent the Midlands Clubs effectively and be a productive member of the Scottish Rugby Council.