

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club
Held on 11th April 2023 at the Rugby Pavilion**

Present: Julian Hussey, Peter Brook, Noel Gregory, Ayo Fraser, Allan Staerck, Louis Brown, Simon Hussey, Guy Livingston, Sam Petchey, Stuart Briggs, Kathy Briggs

1. Apologies: Kevin Hart, Jed Gravelle, Dan Butler, Lewis Dunn

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes were approved, proposed by Allan and seconded by Stuart. All in favour.

3. Matters Arising:

- Will and Malcolm are happy with the Ladies Changing room sign which is now being made by Mystic.
- Ayo has yet to check with Simon Hartley re our IHT exemption.
- Barclays will still not open new bank accounts. Julian is waiting response from NatWest.
- Rachel's 50th Birthday party confirmed for Fri 27th October.
Stuart to ask her re the Barracudas Gala on Sat 15th July.
John Greig's event confirmed for Sat 6th May. We may need volunteer bar staff to cover this if Rachel not available.
Clarification still required on whether the bar is required for the Bridport Ladies Circle Fun run on Sun 14th May. If it is, they will be charged £11/hour to cover costs.
- Stuart and Ayo to liaise re article for paper during the summer.
- Noel is drawing up suggestions for what work needs to be done in the kitchen and by whom.
- Good article in the Bridport News on the U15's Cup Final v Supermarine.

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4. Chairman's Report:

The VPs lunch was a great day. Charlie would like to play the Chairman's v President's team match again next year. Agreed that the timings were very tight this year so suggested next year lunch to be 12.00 for 12.30.

Malcolm is amenable for the LC to advertise that the Clubhouse is available for bookings. Stuart will send Will the booking link for the LC website.

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5. Treasurer's Report:

Current balance now approx £47k, a decrease in £8k over the month. Outgoings include Akuma orders, some of which cover kit for next year, payments for the French tour and bar stock. The year end is 30th April so need to ensure all outstanding invoices are presented before then as well any cash to be paid in.

Through KYC checks on the bank account it appears that we have been registered for the wrong type of account for many years. A new account will be opened in the next financial year but it is possible that bank account details may change.

Simon Hartley will be finalising the accounts this year.

6. Secretary's Report:

Sat 26th August – Baby shower. Suggested Sunday preferable in case of pre-season fixture on Saturday. No bar required.

Sun 14th May – Bridport Ladies Circle Fun run – no charge apart from £11/hr if bar required.

Sat 29th April – 40th Birthday – bar 7.00-12.00

Sun 30th April – Ashton Ireland – approx 50/60. Simon to check on Security for this event and advise additional cost.

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Sat 5th August – John Cook Diamond wedding anniversary. Will recommend Liz as caterer.

Sat 18th May 2024 – Sarah Hooker 70th birthday party.

Sat 24th June – enquiry from Craig Sorrell, Basketball club – needs to submit online application.

Sat 29th July – enquiry from Darren Poole.

It was emphasised that all enquiries, whoever they are from, need to be submitted via the booking website to ensure full details of event are known prior to acceptance. As Rachel has another job over the summer, advisable to let her know potential bookings asap so that she can cover as much as possible.

7. VP's Report:

No further donations.

Lunch went very well. Peter has thanked Liz who was impressed by the attitude and help of the U15's.

8. Fixtures:

Papa John's Cup fixture against Bream confirmed for Sat 15th April, ko 2.30pm. Bream are bringing a large contingent of players/coaches and supporters. Kevin to reinforce that only alcohol from our bar can be consumed on the premises. Bar will be open from 1pm. Pasties and sausage rolls to be available from then.

Kevin is standing down as Fixtures Secretary. A note will be sent from Peter to all VPs to see if anyone might be interested in taking on the role. A similar request will also go to the Players group.

An email received from D&W re entering the Plate competition will be considered after Saturday.

A touring team from Wales would like to play on Sat 20th May. The Welsh rep needs to speak to D&W for permission and we should apply to D&W as well.

9. Coaching / Team Management / Captains report:

Low numbers training but hopeful of a decent squad for Saturday.

10. Juniors report:

Ben Cohen is confirmed for the Junior Awards evening on Friday 12th May. He will present the trophies and give bands to all the juniors. Liz is doing the catering.

The U12's and U13's collected £1312 at Morrisons over Easter. Morrisons are happy for collections to continue at Christmas and Easter so important to ensure Ben Stevens is introduced to them for next year.

It is essential an over 18 is in charge of the kitchen on Sunday as Noel is away on the French tour.

Louis will speak to Tamara Argent who is training as a referee.

Sunday 23rd April is the Girls first match, ko 10.30 against Chard. It has been suggested the Mayor be asked to blow the whistle for kick off. Stuart will ask him via Dave Bolwell.

The Juniors leave for France this Thursday, returning Sunday. It is expected we will be asked if the Seniors will tour next year. Ayo feels that cost could be an issue.

Sam has family connections with Maesteg Rugby Club who would like to send a touring side to play against Bridport in 2024.

11. Social report:

Club dinner confirmed for Sat 13th May, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Ayo suggested a band, possibly Shelbys Elbow, following dinner and presentations which would be open to all. He will investigate. With a band ticket price to be £30. Sponsors to be invited – Palmers, Framptons

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and John Dalton.

Stuart will send an invitation out to the Committee and Ayo to the Players. Suggested maximum 50.

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12. Grounds Maintenance:

Guy has mowed twice but not the pitches. Louis mentioned that over the season the goal and try lines have become out of kilter. Next season Guy will mow the white lines with the hand mower to try to rectify this.

13. Business Development Report:

Peter and Stuart had a good meeting with Jim Jones. Palmers have increased their prices by 6% from 1st April. Agreed that our prices should be increased by approx 10%. Stuart will input the new prices on the till this week.

Jim Jones will put a keg of Dorset Pale behind the bar at the Club Dinner and offer a complimentary glass to everyone on arrival.

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14. Club Development:

- a) Safeguarding – the possible candidate has stepped down. Suggested that Peter also include the vacant Safeguarding position in his email about the Fixture Secretary.
- b) School liaison – Jesse and Lloyd covering this.
- c) Publicity – continuing good coverage in the Bridport News. Short article to be sent for this week covering the French tour and Saturday's Cup match.
- d) Volunteers – more always required.
- e) Development Plan – meeting went well.

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15. AOB:

- a) Charlie's request re raffle and fundraising buckets at the match against Bream on Saturday in aid of Ross Duncan's Charity 100k coastal walk for Dorset Mind was unanimously agreed.
- b) Tens Tournament will be on Sat 19th August. Ayo feels price should be increased. Sam will take on organisation with Kevin this year. He feels it should be pushed from now and will bring back ideas to the next meeting.
- c) Louis will circulate his write up following the Tackle Height forum.
- d) Allan has sweatshirts for Paul Conde and Rachel.
- e) Allan will confirm to Will that we have no objections to the Food Festival parking on Sat 17th June.
- f) Agreed the Bottleman will come as and when needed.
- g) Peter outlined a list of projects that need to be carried out over the summer including a proper safe pathway to the Undercroft, fitting the garage door to the container, creosoting the Junior Pavilion, new tops for the leaning posts, floodlights.

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Meeting closed 9.05pm, next meeting Tuesday 9th May at 7pm