

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club
Held on 14th August 2023 at the Rugby Pavilion**

Present: Julian Hussey, Peter Brook, Allan Staerck, Guy Livingston, Kathy Briggs, Ross Duncan, Lloyd Vercoe, Sam Petchey, Rob Sullivan, Timmy Edwards, George Hussey, Charlie Samways

1. Apologies: Simon Hussey, Stuart Briggs, Ayo Fraser, Pete Dacey, Louis Browne

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

- Contact made with Francesca Taylor regarding bar work.
- Planning to open the club on Saturdays and Sundays for the World cup games. Also the opening game on Friday 8th Sept.
- Given the club commitments with the World Cup, decided to push back the Club Day on 2nd Sept to Christmas.
- The website has been updated with this year's sponsors.
- The LC are happy with the current brown sign so not willing to contribute towards a new one incorporating the Rugby club.

4. Chairman's Report:

Welcome to all the new members of the committee.

Thanks for the work on the door to the new medical room.

Need to keep the club going forward, great potential for revenue over the World Cup.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is £48,153.74 and accounts for recent senior kit order of shirts, shorts and socks (£2,240.24).

Trying to complete paperwork to move our Barclays account to the correct type of account.

Signatures will be required from Julian and Simon and will progress on return from holiday.

AF

6. Secretary's Report:

Kathy will send Simon a list of the Officers elected at the AGM to be sent over to D&W for the handbook.

Phil Wright has emailed re leisure clothing with the club badge on it. Agreed we cannot give him the club logo. Lloyd suggested a display of all club clothing in the clubhouse so orders can then be placed via the website. He will liaise with Susanna and Ayo.

The RFU have sent round the details of the safeguarding self-audit for age grade rugby which has been forwarded to Lloyd.

Ayo has paid the premium for the personal accident loss insurance so the 1st XV and the training squad are now covered.

There has been a lot of interest in the junior rugby with lots of enquiries coming through which I have passed on to Lloyd.

Agreed that Simon and Guy will liaise with Gill taking over the clubhouse bookings.

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SH/GL

7. VP's Report:

Peter will be taking the fixture book to Creeds for updating. Copies to be given to VPs and Sponsors and possibility of selling them for charity. This year the book will also include Past Captains. Suggested that dates for Past Captains Day, Fireworks, VPs lunch be included to

give advance notice of these events. As well as website also include other social media details. Agreed the proof should be circulated to the committee for input prior to final printing.

PB

8. Fixtures:

Four definite teams for the 10's tournament plus maybe Puddletown though they are struggling for players. Teams to arrive from 10am with first match at 11am. Tom will finalise playing matrix. Bar to be open from 11am. Volunteers needed to help with food from kitchen.

To date no referees as they have both pulled out. Peter will contact Alan Haggerty to see if he is interested. Teams will be asked if they can provide anyone.

Two friendlies against Puddletown have been arranged – home 4th November, Firework night, and away 4th Feb – 6 Nations England v Scotland so may need early kick-off.

No pre-season games arranged so far. Charlie to contact Huish.

George will speak to Blandford re Sept 24th to see if game can be re-arranged for the Friday evening.

D&W cup forms have been sent off.

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GH

9. Coaching report:

12+ players available for the 10's tournament.

Training going well. Good attitude within seniors and colts benefitting from this.

Charlie working to bring past players back into the club. Important to understand why they stopped playing. Need to nurture talent and make sure rugby is enjoyable and social.

10. Captain's report:

Pre-season good. Charlie sees his role on committee as liaising to bring juniors and colts through. Clarity needed on whether there will be a Colts team this season. Suggested that they could play 10-a-side fixtures if not sufficient numbers for a full team. The colts need to be kept motivated and encouraged that they can make the move up to the senior team when ready. Contact with the schools, especially Woodroffe, to be made next term.

11. Juniors report:

- The Safeguarding report needs to be updated as last done in 2019. Hopefully Simon Peck can provide Lloyd with a digital copy. Also the Clubhouse board should be updated to include photos of the safeguarding officers and documents uploaded to the website.
- Lloyd will go to Bookers to buy stocks for 6-8 weeks. He queried whether there was a club credit card to use for expenditure rather than submit bills and be re-imbursed. Allan will purchase size 4 balls and bibs.
- Julian will ask Balsons if they will invoice us directly.
- The bar will be open on Sundays for junior fixtures. Agreed left over beer can be sold at a cheaper rate to avoid wastage. It was agreed to put a small TV behind the bar which Lloyd will wire up. Also the main TV will be moved to replace the existing one by the window and a larger TV (80") purchased as a replacement to provide better coverage. Lloyd to investigate.

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JH

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12. Social report:

Rachel and Billy are happy to run the bar and Billy will take over cleaning the lines.

Suggested that Rachel and Billy go on a licensee course. Rachel has suggested a meeting of all those involved behind the bar and that a list of those authorised to work is behind the bar. George will train Charlie and Sam to open the bar after training.

Oz and Timmy are planning one event per month on a Saturday where there is no game,

including Daragh's leaving do. Also looking at events over Christmas and New Years Eve. Important that dates are fixed well in advance to be able to promote early enough. Looking into costs for hire of marquee for Junior/Senior presentation weekend.

13. Grounds Maintenance:

The pitches have been mown using the council mower with a collection box for the cuttings. All pitches will be marked and white-lined on Thursday.

14. Business Development Report:

Details for the Baby shower on 27th August and Wedding on 1st Sept need to be finalised. Kathy to pass details and phone nos if possible to Guy.

Ackermans revised hoarding now ready which Dave Cutting has collected. George to liaise with Dave.

15. Club Development:

- a) Safeguarding – already covered.
- b) School liaison – covered
- c) Publicity – ongoing
- d) Volunteers – always required
- e) Development Plan – ongoing.

16. AOB:

- a) Offer of help from a former coach discussed. Agreed happy with current coaching set-up.
- b) Agreed Guy to act as conduit to Rachel re club opening hours. John Bandey updates the board on the roadside pitch with future events.
- c) Offer of small football table declined as not in good condition.
- d) Allan will purchase wood to complete the medical centre if we have nothing suitable in stock.
- e) Lloyd will provide Charlie with details for school liaison.
- f) Updating of club boards in hand. Allan will take Sponsors board to Mystic.
- g) Guy has purchased a new padlock for the floodlights which Allan will fit.
- h) Louis confirmed the double-glazed door for the medical room has been fitted and all monies have been paid and settled.
- h) Kathy will send out details of Six Nations tickets when known.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm, next meeting Monday 11th September at 7pm