

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club  
Held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at the Rugby Pavilion**

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

**1. Apologies:** Kevin Hart, Mitch Waters, Dan Butler, Charlie Crane

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

The minutes were approved, proposed by Noel and seconded by Guy. All in favour.

**3. Matters Arising:**

Junior membership payments still to be reconciled.

Checking of Sponsorship payments and 100 Club standing orders ongoing.

Ray McMaster has been advised that the clubhouse will not be available on 15<sup>th</sup> January. He has found an alternative venue.

The top gate has been fitted. Cost split 50/50 with the LC.

The collection buckets are all ready for the Juniors Xmas collection at Morrisons.

The shed is structurally sound. Negotiations re obtaining garage door and cement in hand.

JT

**4. Chairman's Report:**

Meeting just held with Malcolm Heaver and Will Thrower re the proposal to take over the bar. Will wants to step away from being the DPS (Designated Premises Supervisor) as this means he should be on site when the bar is open. It was proposed by Stuart and seconded by Simon that the committee find someone to take on this role. All in favour.

Discussion took place re possible candidates – Martin Huxter, Donal Falvey (ex landlord of the New Inn, Eype). Stuart will email Guy Ewart to ask if Donal is interested.

We await the proposal from the LC regarding the transition period.

SB

**5. Treasurers Report:**

Current balance is £66,858. Expenditure includes International tickets and the top gate.

The Xmas party will make a small loss due to lack of numbers.

Stuart is chasing 100 Club payments and needs to check standing order payments with Ayo.

SB

**6. Secretary's Report:**

Email passed to Noel regarding Rugby Rocks festival, 29<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May. At £80 per person including camping, too expensive so no.

Re-arranged booking for Morrisons on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Simon to confirm to Kelly this must take place.

Booking confirmed with Kelly from Pauline Weld, Dorset Council, on 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Various emails from D&W circulated.

Noel has placed a personal order for the beanies/bobble hats. Agreed he would make this up to 10 items to maximise postage & packing charge of £3.50.

Charlie Crane has resigned as Volunteer Co-ordinator.

SH

**7. VP's Report:**

£3995 received to date from 62 VPs. There may probably be a further 6 to pay. Ayo gave Peter a list of those VPs who had paid by BACS.

Stuart will need to check that people who have applied for Six Nations tickets are still current VPs.

Soup and cheese lunch on Saturday went well.

### **8. Fixtures:**

Kevin has emailed Sherborne re the fixture this Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December. They have now cancelled six matches, ie over 25%, so should be expelled from the league.

### **9. Coaching / Team Management / Captains Report:**

Numbers at training are decreasing. Only 10 last Wednesday which is very disappointing. Andrew hopes that there will be players back from injury in the New Year. We need to learn from our losses and move on. Social events after games have been good for morale. Sam said that the Tuesday fitness sessions had started well but he and Ross were becoming frustrated at the lack of commitment. Possibility of opening them up to other age groups and will review in the New Year.

### **10. Juniors and Colts Report:**

The Juniors will be collecting outside Morrisons from 20-24<sup>th</sup> December.

The Tag Festival will be in the morning of 12<sup>th</sup> March. Morrisons will provide the food. Nadia has handed over Schools Liaison to Ryan Hobby.

22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April – visit of Lege Cap-Ferret

30<sup>th</sup> April – visiting teams from Weybridge Vandals – U13, U14 and U15.

140+ juniors registered from Tiny Tots through to U16s. Need to reconcile payments.

### **11. Social Report:**

Saturday's karaoke evening was very successful.

Ayo feels that the end of season event should be a formal club dinner, combined with the Presentation evening, to include partners. There is a capacity limit of approx 70 seated in the clubhouse. A date will be set at the January meeting. Suggested that ticket sales initially to players and partners, then opened up to the rest of the club.

The next Soup and Cheese lunch will be on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> January before the match against North Dorset. Kathy will email VPs and Sponsors. Also some North Dorset officials to be invited.

KB

### **12. Grounds Maintenance:**

The grass needs another cut. A new thermostat has been purchased for the tractor.

Guy has got the necessary materials to repair the shed roof.

### **13. Business Development Report:**

Unfortunately Emily Palmer had to cancel the meeting arranged with Julian and Stuart. To be re-arranged for early January.

Emily has put in a request to the Brewery fund for £1000 sponsorship for waterproof tops.

### **14. Club Development:**

a) Safeguarding –

b) School Liaison – Ryan Hobby taken over from Nadia.

c) Publicity – no coverage in the Bridport News when the Sports Editor is away. The match report against Weymouth should be on the back page this week.

d) Volunteers – a new Volunteer Co-ordinator is needed as Charlie has resigned. Noel advised it has been a good season for recruiting coaches for the Juniors. As some of them are contributing money, suggested they should be considered as VPs. Noel and Peter to liaise.

e) Development Plan – ongoing.

NG/PB

### **15. Any Other Business:**

a) If a speaker is required for the Club dinner, Louis suggested he could ask an RFU referee,

such as Wayne Barnes.

b) Allan asked if the scrummaging machine was still being used and if so could it please be covered up after use. Noel will send a note to the Junior coaches asking them to ensure this happens.

NG

c) Allan commented that equipment seems to move in the Weights room though nobody has signed in. Signing in needs to be re-emphasised.

d) Peter will make Kevin Chappuis an honorary VP and ask him if he would like to come down to home matches. He is happy to provide cover if needed.

PB

e) Guy had noticed the Juniors on the first team pitch without padding on the posts. It has been taken off due to potential vandalism and is kept in the Undercroft. Suggested trialling leaving it out.

f) The freezer is struggling to keep a constant temperature. Guy suggested putting an opening over the door to let more air in. Noel will speak to Ben Stevens.

NG

g) Julian has spoken to Highlands End. Chilled food can be delivered to them which we can collect for our match day meals. Numbers would need to be emailed by midweek.

h) Louis advised that Charlie English has done a superb job with the Junior fixtures. As Kevin wants to step down as Fixtures Secretary next year, we should consider asking Charlie if he would like to take over.

i) If the Sherborne match does not take place on Friday, the Junior coaches are meeting at the White Lion from 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm, next meeting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022