

Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club

Held on 12th February 2020 at the Rugby Pavilion

Present: Julian Hussey, Allan Staerck, Peter Brook, Guy Livingston, Ayo Fraser, Louis Browne, Lloyd Vercoe, Timmy Edwards, Charlie Samways, Pete Dacey, George Hussey, Ross Duncan, Niamh Vercoe

1. Apologies: Simon Hussey, Sam Petchey, Kathy Briggs, Rob Sullivan

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes were approved.

3. Matters Arising:

- Need to keep momentum going with fundraising for French tour. Pete will contact Ben for updated situation. **PD**
- Lloyd asked whether it would be possible for till transactions to be rounded up. Julian to ask Karen to check with Sharps **JH**
- Diary date email to be sent to the VPs regarding the lunch and the Awards Dinner on 4th May.
- Recycling will all be in place for next season.
- Showers are all fixed and hot in the Ref's changing room.

4. Chairman's Report:

Palmers are very supportive of the new development plans. Emily is very happy with the proposals.

LV

Palmers have earmarked £500 for funding for the club. Lloyd to discuss with Jim Jones and review the opportunities.

Good meeting with the LC and they confirmed that we can now use the pavilion from 6.00pm on Mondays. It was agreed that meeting times would change to 6.30pm from now on.

LC will paint out the changing rooms in the closed season. We need to consider how we will assist with this.

PD/LV

PD and LV to look at options for a new fryer in the kitchen. Possibly discuss with Palmers as to who they use. Consideration needs to be made for potential fire suppression system for insurance purposes.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is £57,524.94 incl. final LC payments.

Bar had taken £58,000 as at the end of Jan 2024.

A donation of £2.5k had been received from Watertight with a request that it be spent on new balls £320, Club puffer jackets £2,000 and an Advertising banner.

6. Secretary's Report:

Ayo

Ayo to review and respond to the Annual League consultation.

Sadie Lawson the D&W Club developer was available for a 1-to-1 drop in for clubs at Swanage & Wareham on 14th March. Any one interested was to make an appointment. The football club want to use the field for parking for a football festival on 22nd/23rd June. JH to discuss with them about getting a donation for using the pitch. Also, a possible opportunity for fundraising with kids with buckets. **JH**

7. VP's Report:

Complete for this year with a total received to date £5,087 from 66 VPs. VPs lunch is booked for 71. **AS**
Raffle to be done with 6 prizes already secured – AS to sort out.
Peter confirmed the sad news about the passing of Mike Wotton, who was an honorary member. Peter confirmed that the family had donated £800 + Gift Aid (£1,000) to the Club, and Mike's son, Ian Wotton, would like this split equally between the bar and club funds.

8. Fixtures:

- Puddletown cancelled fixture to be rearranged. **GH**
- Date for the Ten's tournament to be agreed and invites sent out.
- GH confirmed that we had been pulled out of the Papa John's Cup due to logistics of the fixtures.
- A request had been made by an ex-player's family to hold a memorial match for John Butler who had sadly passed away. It was agreed that this commemoration could be tied in with the President's Match in the form of a Minute's Silence. **CS/GH**
- President's Match date to be Confirmed.

9. Coaching / Team Management /Captains report:

- Ross confirmed that there were some good results recently.
- The team now had good numbers (36nr) which was helping generate some good competition for squad places and keep people motivated, with really positive response from players asking how to improve.
- with the improved numbers it was discussed that next season there was a possibility for some 2nd Team friendly fixtures.

10. Juniors report:

All good at the moment with new players still joining.

LV confirmed 4nr floodlights are now out with a minimum of 2nr floodlights need to be replaced @ £300/ea and Pete George is happy to do the lights at cost. LC have confirmed they also want to do some floodlights so LV will look at arranging to get both sets of works done at the same time to split the cost of a cherry picker. **LV**

Estimated cost of £2k, which was agreed by all to spend. LV to advise when this could be done.

PD advised of an email received from a parent about concerns regarding the development of the Girls U 16's team. This had also been reinforced by a message by one of the volunteers. It was agreed that they needed some help. **PD/AYO/JH/LB**
PD/Ayo/JH/LB to meet to put together a plan

PD advised that the use of the ProActive App recommended by the D&W RugbySafe team was getting better and more teams were using this correctly to log Pitch Risk Assessments and injuries.

PD advised he would also be organising an RFU First Aid course in order to increase the numbers of the qualified First Aiders, now there was bigger emphasis on each team needing one home and away. PD to confirm when organised. **PD**

General concerns were raised about the future of the Lege Cap Ferret touring arrangements. It was agreed that when the French Tour team were over, a discussion would be had with Renier about the future of the tour and possibly suggesting every other year.

11. Social report:

It was agreed that on the Club Diner evening we should look to get food out asap so that the maximum time could be had with Mark Regan, which would be arriving at 7pm. Oz is chasing the old players about the dinner and the tickets were now offered to the First team for early sales and to push sales.

It was suggested to wait until after the 6-Nations to finish before pushing sales hard. **NV**
NV to check to see who had signed up to date.

It was suggest that there should be a band organised for the last game of the season. **GH**
GH to ask Shelby's Elbow.

Guy confirmed the Barracuda's would be using the Club on 13th July – No charge will be made but we would open the bar for them.

The Ladies' Circle may want to use the kitchen for their fun run. It was suggested that they should be charged £50 for the use. **GL**

Discussions held about closing time. Guy to look at organising some more bar staff for home games or asking Rachel to come in later so the bar can stay open longer.

12. Grounds Maintenance:

- Guy confirmed the line marking paint was found at the football club.
- Sean would be marking the pitches again on Thursday. **GL**
- Guy confirmed the little cabin roof requires repairing.

14. Business Development Report:

Nothing to report

15. Club Development:

- a) Safeguarding – an issue had been raised by U10's, which was not being seen as a Safeguarding issue but LB had stepped in to help. **ALL**
NV reconfirmed that all Committee members need to have completed the requisite Courses and be DBS checked.
- b) School liaison – ongoing.
- c) Publicity – PD/CS confirmed the article regarding Albert Jovanovic had now gone into the local papers.

d) Volunteers – the Team Manager’s role was being pushed and LV/NV and Jesse Johnson were developing a Volunteers Application Form for use.

It was agreed that the Club Secretary role required to be looked at.

e) Development Plan – PD presented updated plans for development of the raised deck/viewing area. Comments requested in order to finalise drawings.

PD

All agreed to press on and find out costs to get through planning process.

16. AOB:

a) LB confirmed that the U12’s game against Dorchester required as much support as possible from Committee members and senior team players.

b) It was confirmed that Shelby’s Elbow had been confirmed for 6th April for £250.

c) AS to check with LC about the installation of the Defibrillator and what people needed to be in attendance for training. LV to confirm location.

AS/LV

d) A quote for foldable tables was circulated. All agreed to buy 10nr tables for c. £1200.

e) TE commented that some of the older chairs are starting to break. TE to count up and advise.

TE

Meeting closed at 21.22pm, next meeting Monday 11th March at 6.30pm