

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club  
Held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at the Rugby Pavilion**

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**Present:** Peter Brook, Allan Staerck, Ayo Fraser, Louis Browne, Kathy Briggs, Charlie Samways, Lloyd Vercoe, Niamh Vercoe, Timmy Edwards, James Keen

**1. Apologies:** Julian Hussey, George Hussey, Simon Hussey, Guy Livingston, Pete Dacey, Rob Sullivan, Ross Duncan, Sam Petchey, Chris Wood

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

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

**3. Matters Arising:**

- Julian still to speak to Richard Balson re social evening. JH
- Peter has spoken to Allan Haggerty who is willing to help ref the 10's tournament. Contact details to be passed to Louis. PB
- The new container is in place. Many thanks to all concerned especially Louis. AS
- Allan still trying to source 12 new brush heads for the boot scrubber.
- Floodlights now replaced. Thanks to Lloyd and Louis.
- Prohibition, the burger van, confirmed for the 10's tournament. Proving difficult to find a band for the evening.
- Louis has asked Clive Rendell to quote for re-routing the drainage pipe which will probably be done April/May next year. It would cause less disruption if it could be tied in with the development work.
- Prices obtained for Cruz Campo and Moretti lagers. Committee decision to change to Moretti. Lloyd will advise Guy. LV
- The defibrillator still needs to be installed. LV
- Non-starter re social day with Tuilagi lager as it would have to be stocked at the bar and we cannot buy outside of Palmers.
- Sponsorship draw held on Sat 5<sup>th</sup> July. Shirt front – Creative Solutions, back – TGM Electrical, sleeve – Taj Mahal. Sarah Samways may be interested in taking over sponsorship next year. Peter will speak to Julian re contacting the sponsors to thank them for their support. PB/JH
- Allan confirmed that Wipeout World have not made any booking so far. The LC will advise if this changes.

**4. Chairman's Report:**

No report.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

Current balance is £71,229.38. This includes payment for the container but lights still to be paid.

Outstanding invoices for shirt sponsorship will need to be chased up.

Some senior players already paid subs for next season.

**6. Secretary's Report:**

No report.

**7. VP's Report:**

Nothing to report.

## **8. Fixtures:**

Still looking for one more pre-season fixture.

Fixtures for next season have been confirmed. Still some issues with timetable but much better than last year.

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

Pre-season training starts tomorrow for 9 weeks. Pre-season meeting held with the players after the touch sessions. Numbers good but discipline needed for some players to respond to messages.

Club shop is now live on the website.

The senior kit order will be finalised this week so that it will arrive for the start of the season.

Once players have paid their subs they receive a voucher in order to access kit.

Hoping for around 30 players including Colts for Tues training and 20 on Thurs. To date 3 players confirmed they will not be playing next season.

Still trying to sort out strapping for next season. Hoping to get a pool of people to cover.

## **10. Junior's report:**

To date 7 schools confirmed for Tag Festival on 19<sup>th</sup> October. 11 entries last year.

Wednesday touch sessions will continue until the school holidays.

James will draw up a timetable document to be completed from Colts down the age groups to set up training days/times.

James and Lloyd will also carry out a kit check.

## **11. Social report:**

Timmy will try to source a band following the 10's tournament.

Oz and Timmy will remain on the committee next year though Oz will not be able to attend meetings.

Agreed that the date for next season's Club dinner should be decided at the next committee meeting so that a speaker can be booked well in advance.

## **12. Grounds Maintenance:**

The roadside pitch will be fully marked up on Tuesday. Any help appreciated.

Derek Christison is helping to mow every other week.

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

Nothing to report.

## **14. Club Development:**

a) Safeguarding – Need to book a further 'Play Safe' course as no coach is allowed to help unless they have attended a course. Niamh will book a date, probably a Monday.

Some DBS are due for renewal in the next 3 months. Charlie English has a list.

b) School liaison – already covered.

c) Publicity – copy of next season's fixtures in the Bridport News.

d) Volunteers – ongoing.

e) Development Plan – Planning permission for the External Alterations is now in and we managed to get the fee reduced by around £800 to £363. Once we have confirmation the Planners have registered the Application, we will be given the timescales for the decision and can think about some local people to approach to submit letters of support.

## **16. AOB:**

a) The AGM will be held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. All supporting documentation has been

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circulated including the List of Officers.

b) Peter suggested that Noel be offered a Life Honorary Membership. Agreed unanimously.

c) The Captains board will be updated at the end of the season.

d) Simon Bareham has offered to donate a cold tub. Agreed to discuss further at the next committee meeting.

e) Lloyd mentioned the QR code for the kit. VX3 will donate a board. The QR code could also be put on smaller posters for the toilets.

f) Lloyd will change the lighting in the clubhouse in August and suggested re-doing behind the bar at the same time. The club will pay for lights and materials.

g) The kitchen and the bar have passed the DCC inspection with flying colours. The Grade 5 sticker has been put on the main door.

h) Guy had circulated the list of bookings for the rest of 2024. Any Xmas events need to be booked with Gill asap.

i) Guy had raised the issue of cleaning with Ayo as last Sunday the cleaners were on site for no more than 30 mins. This needs to be investigated and other companies asked to tender. Ayo has received a bill for June for £592 which he will not pay.

**PB**

**AF**

Meeting closed at 8.02 pm, next meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 6.30pm