

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club  
Held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Rugby Pavilion**

**Present:** Julian Hussey, Allan Staerck, Peter Brook, Guy Livingston, Ayo Fraser, Louis Browne, Kathy Briggs, Lloyd Vercoe, Timmy Edwards, Charlie Samways, Rob Sullivan, Ross Duncan, George Hussey, James Keen

**1. Apologies:** Simon Hussey, Sam Petchey, Pete Dacey

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

The minutes were approved.

**3. Matters Arising:**

- Julian to ask Karen to check with Sharps whether till transactions can be rounded up.
- Palmers to fund new post protectors. Julian to speak to Josh.
- Need to create space in the kitchen by moving the freezer before continuing with purchase of new fryer. Work to be done over the summer.
- Agreed Football club can use the field for parking on 22/23<sup>rd</sup> June. Suggested opportunity for fundraising by the juniors with buckets.
- Puddletown have not replied re re-arranging the cancelled fixture.
- President Match potentially 11<sup>th</sup> May or 13<sup>th</sup> April depending on progress in the Cup.
- Impossible to do work on the floodlights due to the weather. This will be in June prior to next season.
- Peter will write to Mark Banham thanking him for his work in setting up the girls' teams.
- Agreed Pete to write to Robert Wheelwright regarding his comments on the proposed development.
- Allan will speak to Will regarding sharing the cost of installing the defibrillator as both BRFC and the LC will be using it.
- New chairs have been bought. Some of the older ones to be kept but Allan will take the remainder to the tip.

**4. Chairman's Report:**

A very successful VPs lunch, many thanks to Allan and Guy for putting out the new tables and to Lloyd for arranging to purchase them.

Charlie Groves has been very supportive of the Juniors fundraising. £700 raised by car washing the previous Saturday with two more Saturdays arranged.

Many thanks to all those who have helped behind the bar on various occasions. We need to keep pushing events.

There will be a coach for the Wheatsheaf game on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

Current balance is £56,000.54 which includes new purchases of tables and chairs.

Revenue from the bar £67k to date this year.

Bar licence has now been renewed. Allan will check for post at the LC regularly.

**6. Secretary's Report:**

Email regarding D&W Development Day for U17's on Sun 5<sup>th</sup> May to be passed to PD.

John Constable is looking for support for re-election.

Will has ordered the sanitary bins.

Agreed that the Childrens camps over the summer can use the kitchen. In return the LC will be asked to contribute to the commercial deep cleaning of the kitchen to include the fan

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ducts and intensive oven clean.

### **7. VP's Report:**

Potentially one more VP to donate.

£660 taken on the raffle at the VPs lunch which will be included with the VPs fees.

Extremely good lunch with around 75 attendees.

### **8. Fixtures:**

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> double header cup and league game away at Oakmedians. Kick off should be 2.30pm in case extra time required for cup match If a draw after 80 mins.

Minibus booked but agreed to return to BRFC for food.

Date to be fixed for 10's tournament. GH to check with Carnival Committee but likely to be 17<sup>th</sup> August.

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

Currently 6<sup>th</sup> in the table, following a couple of good wins but a loss to Lytchett. Three games remaining this season of which two are away. There are a few injuries to key players this week but hopeful of a strong team against Oakmedians.

Many thanks to Ayo for arranging indoor training during the bad weather. Numbers still good.

Thanks to the VPs for their support at the Lytchett game.

The deal with Akuma is coming to an end so will be looking at other brands as well for next season.

### **10. Juniors report:**

Unfortunately the U14's boys are getting beaten badly every match and need to be encouraged to stay. Agreed that next year they will play in a round robin format against clubs like Weymouth, Yeovil and Crewkerne.

A group of coaches has stepped in to help with the U16's girls following Mark Banham stepping down. The committee will write to Mark thanking him for his time and efforts over the years in particular with setting up girls rugby.

First Aid course has finally been arranged for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May. As the clubhouse is already booked that day, Julian offered the use of the AG Down dining room. Once the course has been completed every year will have either an RFU or Level 3 qualified first aider.

James Keen is working with Tom to update the website and drive digital awareness forward.

They are intending to set up a platform for each age group for parents to access information – example [Bridportrugby.co.uk/club/u10](http://Bridportrugby.co.uk/club/u10). Seniors also to be included. With our own domain it will also be possible to eventually set up a separate email address for each section, such as Safeguarding, Club bookings, Seniors etc whereby emails can be received and forwarded on to the person responsible without personal emails being used.

James has also registered on Fill your boots which is a club finding website.

It is important that match reports and other club information are regularly updated on social media including the website to help promote the club.

James was thanked for his work so far.

Fundraising for the French tour progressing well, with a collection at the VPs lunch, ongoing car wash at Groves over three Saturdays and a collection at Morrisons on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Cake sales to be targeted at weekends the club is very busy.

### **12. Social report:**

23 tickets sold so far for the Club Dinner. Unfortunately many of the younger players are not aware of Mark Regan so not interested in attending. Agreed need to make a big push on

ticket sales after the Six Nations has finished. Advertising flyers to be put on tables on Saturday and email including booking link to be sent to VPs.  
As Award Sponsors, Phil Frampton and Jim Jones, need to be invited.

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**13. Grounds Maintenance:**

Grass needs to be mown.

Now buying white liner from HuckNets, maybe they can sponsor next year. Guy set up account with them.

**14. Business Development Report:**

Jason at Footprints is interested in a hoarding.

Will need to decide how to tackle sponsorship this year.

**15. Club Development:**

a) Safeguarding – need a dedicated email address. Niamh will be updating the boards.

b) School liaison – will be looked at in off-season.

c) Publicity – Allan suggested using plastic glasses for advertising. As we already have pint glasses from Palmers and the Round Table, he will price up a 2 pint glass. Agreed that until after final whistle, all drinks should be in plastic glasses.

d) Volunteers – James welcomed to the committee.

e) Development Plan – Pete to write to Robert Wheelwright re his concerns about patio heaters. Once finalised, planning for the development should be fairly quick. Agreed on one size single brick, grey with silver lettering, at £45 each.

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**16. AOB:**

a) End of April is the end of the financial year so any outstanding bills need to be paid before then. Would like to hold the AGM asap this year though this will depend on how quickly Simon can prepare the Accounts. A new Secretary and Vice Chairman will be required.

b) Ayo will approach 4/5 kit suppliers including Akuma for quotes and hopes to have samples for the next meeting.

c) Oz suggested a social event is made of the Sponsorship draw evening.

d) Suggested the Juniors are asked to help with the Food Festival parking 15<sup>th</sup> June 9.00-3.30.

e) Information regarding Junior fixtures will be on the website next year.

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Meeting closed at 8.30 pm, next meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm