

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club
Held on 8th November 2021 at the Rugby Pavilion**

Present: Julian Hussey, Peter Brook, Ayo Fraser, Louis Brown, Noel Gregory, Stuart Briggs, Guy Livingston, Sam Petchey, Dan Butler, Kathy Briggs, Charlie Crane (Zoom)

1. Apologies: Simon Hussey, Allan Staerck, Andrew Livingston, Kevin Hart, Mitch Waters

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The minutes were approved, proposed by Louis and seconded by Stuart. All in favour.

3. Matters Arising:

Julian and Ayo have held two constructive meetings with Irwin Mitchell, following on from the meeting with Dave Stuble, RFU National Club Development Manager. Irwin Mitchell will revert with proposal for next steps in going forward. They have requested documentation including current constitution, leasehold agreement, agreement with the LC and Malcolm Heaver's proposal. Guy Ewart has mentioned the ex-landlord of the New Inn may be interested in running the bar.

Jo Thompson has been asked to reconcile junior membership payments.

Sum up card machine purchased.

Noel confirmed both the prospective Colts are serving apprenticeships.

He is holding fire on writing to the Youth Development officer for the present.

Louis awaiting bulb price from Ricky.

Mystic have materials to produce two more hoardings. Stags and the Market House may be interested.

Louis has laid the ducting to the container, ready for Lloyd to do cabling when available.

Astroturf still to be laid.

JT

4. Chairman's Report:

Still moving forward with the clubhouse project.

Two letters received – one from Malcom Heaver asking on progress and intimating that the LC may withdraw their offer if we cannot complete handover by the end of 2021. The other from former players and ex-committee members outlining queries and options re taking over the bar. Their concerns have been duly noted.

5. Treasurers Report:

Current balance is £71,084.96. Healthy balance but this year's income will soon start to dry up.

Despite chasing Accounts still not received back from Donovan Atyeo.

Stuart to check re sponsorship payments and also standing orders for 100 Club.

SB

6. Secretary's Report:

No report received but various emails from D&W have been circulated.

Ray McMaster has asked whether the clubhouse will be available on 15th January. Stuart will email Simon to check with the LC.

SB/SH

7. VP's Report:

£3855 received to date from 59 VPs. More may have been paid directly by BACS.

In due course Peter will write to those who have not yet paid.

Agreed we need to do a light buffet asap, for both VPs and Sponsors, in small groups over three possible dates – 11th Dec (Weymouth), 8th Jan (North Dorset to include some officials) and 22nd Jan (Bournemouth).

Morrisons are holding their Xmas do in the clubhouse on 11th December 7.30 to 12.00. Guy Ewart to be contacted re possibility of ex-manager of New Inn running the bar.

8. Fixtures:

Excelsior have confirmed that as long as we remove all the rubbish there should be no problem with taking alcohol on the coaches.

Possible lack of supporters/players wanting a coach for Wimborne. Ayo will investigate using a minibus instead.

Guy and Gill will do the food on 27th November.

AF

9. Coaching / Team Management / Captains Report:

Andrew commented that all the players were thrilled to be put in a performance for the club and supporters on Sat against East Dorset Dockers. Spirits are high and we are looking forward to Wimborne away.

Almost all who played on Sat were at training the previous Wed which made a huge difference. Hopefully we have now turned a corner with players also coming back from injury. Definitely targeting Wimborne.

Sam and Ross would like to organise a second weekly session concentrating on fitness.

10. Juniors and Colts Report:

Juniors are doing well. Unfortunately the Colts have been disbanded as players are unlikely to return from Sidmouth.

Quote received from Brights for the top gate of £820+VAT including fitting. Noel to check with Will re 50/50 cost sharing.

Query re concrete hoppers in car park – connected with Watton building site.

Pre-covid Noel had discussed with Nathan the profitability of the Sunday bar. Only profitable on 7 occasions. However two clubs would like to visit in April when a big bar profit would be likely.

Noel will speak to Tom re the QR design on the collection buckets for the Juniors Xmas collection at Morrisons.

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11. Social Report:

Agreed players will follow up on Weston-super-Mare Beach Rugby Fest in August 2022 as pre-season preparation.

Ayo mentioned the possibility of a joint end of season tour to Edinburgh with Crewkerne.

Dan to speak to them.

Raffle has made £475 so far.

Charlie is proposing a social event around the 6 Nations, maybe on Super Saturday. Food to be provided by Spice and Rice. Possibly limited to players and members, not open to general public.

Also thinking of a Players evening pre-Xmas. Need to check with the LC if there is a limit on numbers for insurance purposes.

Possible paint boarding session with Crewkerne on a free Saturday.

DB

12. Grounds Maintenance:

All going well. Drains running ok as keep clearing them.

The top of the roadside pitch is getting bare so will put seed down.

Stuart will check again with Mitch whether the shed is structurally sound. If so, Louis can get a garage door for the front. The existing container may be nearing the end of its life, in which case the container offered to Noel could be used as a replacement.

SB

13. Business Development Report:

Already covered.

14. Club Development:

- a) Safeguarding – some issues at present
- b) School Liaison – still ongoing with Beaminster and Colfox LB/AF.
- c) Publicity – good coverage in Bridport News. Photo of Will Scott presentation with sponsors shirt, team photo, other details of shirt and hoodies sponsorship to be used for weekends when no matches.
- d) Volunteers – Charlie to liaise with Allan re clearing the boiler room.
- e) Development Plan – ongoing.

15. Any Other Business:

- a) Guy has been paid for the old cooker and is using the money towards purchase of new induction pans.
- b) Guy will speak to Tristan re putting down gravel in the rear car park and around containers to alleviate mud problem in winter.
- c) Noel confirmed the lockable cupboard for the kitchen had been ordered.
- d) Agreed to accept Jansen's offer of a framed signed Francois Pienaar shirt to be displayed in the clubhouse.
- e) The cricket pavilion will need creosoting next year.
- f) Agreed to try Clive's collection box again at next home match. Felt that collection buckets might detract from raffle income.
- g) Noel confirmed the juniors will be holding a 2 minutes silence on Sunday.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm, next meeting Monday 13th December 2021