

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club
Held on 11th September 2023 at the Rugby Pavilion**

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

1. Apologies: Simon Hussey, Sam Petchey

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

3. Matters Arising:

- Agreed that samples of smaller items of junior kit to be sold, ie shorts, socks, hats etc will be displayed in the old dart board cupboard with price lists and photos. All other items will be available via the website. Check if Akuma willing to provide samples.
- Gill has taken over the clubhouse bookings. The website will need to be updated. Suggested that flyers are printed advertising clubhouse available for hire to be left with the LC and inside the clubhouse. Also possibility of scanning a QR code.
- Julian spoken to Balsons re direct invoicing.
- New TV in place.

4. Chairman's Report:

In Simon's absence correspondence from the RFU will be sent to a new email address and circulated by Julian.

Many thanks to all involved in fitting the new TV. Really positive feedback received.

The Tens tournament was a great day.

The Pizza van proved very successful last Saturday. Possibility of continuing with this if available. Ross to think about food for the players this Saturday.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Current balance is £48,713.25. A few Juniors have signed up but will need to start chasing after three weeks.

So far only 2 Seniors have paid their subs. They are not insured unless paid.

Invoices for approx 20 hoardings will be sent out this week.

Since 1st September the bar takings are over £6k.

It was agreed that a new account be opened with Barclays, Ayo and Julian to be signatories. All in favour.

6. Secretary's Report:

Julian has been in correspondence with D&W regarding Simon and Stuart.

Golden roles have been updated on GMS.

7. VP's Report:

A proof of the new fixture book had been circulated by Peter for comment. Various corrections and changes had been received and will be incorporated into a final version for Creeds.

Due to a change in some fixtures the VPs lunch will now be on 2nd March.

8. Fixtures:

Agreed that kick off for Ellingham and Ringwood be changed to 2.30pm.

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PB

Due to England v Chile ko 4.45 on 23rd September, have suggested 1.00pm ko at Blandford and awaiting confirmation.

Due to problems at Wheatsheaf home and away fixtures at both Wheatsheaf and Oakmedians have been swapped round to avoid having a run of away matches at the end of the season.

9. Coaching /Team Management/Captain's report:

We still only have one game in October so will look for a friendly on a vacant Saturday.

Allan confirmed one new ball will be provided for each home game.

To date 13 players confirmed for Saturday with 11 not available which includes injured players. Need players to commit.

Rumours that Dorchester 2nds might be folding so possibility of some players from there.

Good numbers at training including Colts.

Ayo has resubmitted safeguarding audit to Julie Boddington so hopefully some Colts may be registered to play this Saturday.

Charlie would like the grass to be shorter. Guy advised that the line markers are broken but pitch will be marked for Saturday.

Charlie suggested the TV by the bar needs to be better utilised, perhaps by setting up as a separate area.

10. Colts report:

20 have said they will join, with 4 potentially playing up, so hopefully there will be a side.

Lloyd will pass contacts for Colfox and Woodroffe to Pete.

11. Juniors report:

- To date 5 companies would like to sponsor in some form.
- £3500 is available from James via West Bay Days. This will not be given as a lump sum but used for specific projects.
- Lloyd would like to open an account with Bookers so that they can bill us direct.
- Last season those involved with the Junior section went out for Xmas drinks. Lloyd suggested this year the whole club get together. Agreed date to be Friday 24th November.

12. Social report:

Club opening hours for World Cup to be promoted.

Discussion on end of season dinner. Quotes obtained for marquee, various speakers, hog roast (Framptons). Estimated ticket price £65/70 based on 200 guests. Palmers will provide an outside bar. Decided on weekend of 3rd (Juniors) and 4th May (Seniors). Availability of Scott Quinnell to be checked. Event insurance will be required in case of bad weather.

Too late to obtain a band for New Years Eve but suggested the club should be open for a ticketed event.

13. Grounds Maintenance:

Rabbits no longer a problem.

Agreed the white lining machines should be regularly serviced.

It was felt that the LC should have already cut the hedges. Allan will chase Will.

14. Business Development Report:

Dave Bolwell has offered to help with the 100 Club. Kathy is happy to continue running this with his help.

RS/TE

AS

15. Club Development:

- a) Safeguarding – board has been updated and everything progressing well. Important that all committee members are DBS checked.
- b) School liaison – 11/12 schools have already signed up for the Tag festival on 14th October. Dave Bolwell, as Mayor, happy to come on the day to help publicise.
- c) Publicity – Kathy will send email contacts for Bridport News and West Dorset Magazine to Charlie and Lloyd.
- d) Volunteers – more required.
- e) Development Plan – ongoing.

16. AOB:

- a) Gav Norman has suggested we approach the LC regarding a windsock for the Air Ambulance. Allan to ask. **AS**
- b) Malcolm Heaver commented on the bad state of the floor. Guy Ewart will be asked to check it. **JH**
- c) A working party is needed to smarten up the Entrance hall now that the new lighting is in place. The changing room ceiling also needs attention.
- d) Louis has approached Direct Sports Lighting for a quote to fix the existing structure of the roadside lights. Alternative training space required. Possibility of using the back of first team pitch, or indoor space in the winter such as Woodroffe or Colfox. Bring ideas to next meeting. **ALL**
- e) Do we have change of strip?
- f) Planning notice issued for solar panels. Scaffolding will be put up.
- g) Need to start fundraising for incoming French tour. PD to speak to Ben Stevens.
- h) Agreed Shelley and Rose's pay be increased to £11/hr. It was confirmed at a previous meeting that Rachel's 50th would be on 27th October, the day of the RWC 3rd place play-off.
- i) As clubhouse in use on Sunday evening, cleaners to be asked to come in Monday at 7am. If not possible, then clean at normal Sunday time.
- j) Louis will circulate the Discipline policy for comment. This policy is standard practice for most clubs. **ALL**
- k) Boards will be put up on the cellar walls to facilitate cleaning. Also a schedule of when lines cleaned for audit purposes. Alex (Palmer) will be cleaning the lines from now on.
- l) Charlie asked whether we should hold a Halloween event – agreed.
- m) Allan will collect the updated Sponsors Board from Mystic.
- n) Allan has been quoted £800-850 for the medical room flooring. Suggested we explore other options.
- o) The Francois Pienaar shirt will be displayed in the club house.
- p) A couple of the Junior travel bags are still missing. To be chased up.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm, next meeting Monday 9th October at 7pm