

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club  
Held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at the Rugby Pavilion**

**Present:** Julian Hussey, Peter Brook, Louis Brown, Noel Gregory, Simon Hussey, Ayo Fraser, Stuart Briggs, Dan Butler, Sam Petchey, Kevin Hart, Allan Staerck, Guy Livingston, Kathy Briggs

**1. Apologies:** Dan Butler, Jed Gravelle

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

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

**3. Matters Arising:**

- Ayo to send driving licence scan to Simon Hartley.
- Awaiting response re sponsorship from Bridmet and BBS.
- No response yet from Chris Burton.

**4. Chairman's Report:**

Unfortunately unable to attend Chairmen's Huddle due to Covid.

Need to check that all the names in the D&W Handbook are correct. Julian to send copy to Simon.

The agreement has now been signed between BRFC (Julian & Stuart) and WDST (Fred Fowler & Malcolm Heaver) giving us official control of the building for designated times. Our first function last Saturday went well.

In future when taking bookings hirers will need to commit to cask beers (36 pints) or just bottled beer.

Going forward we need to go through the constitution to ensure correct set up. Existing and proposed documents will be circulated to the committee for feedback to be discussed at the next meeting.

Proposed that the EGM is held together with the Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Suitable notice to be given together with circulation of relevant documents.

Peter thanked the sub-committee for all their hard work in finalising the agreement.

As part of the agreement Allan will give Will a list of all our fixtures. He will also ask for the keys to the bollards for access to the clubhouse.

**5. Treasurers Report:**

Suggested Simon Hartley rather than Irwin Mitchell be approached re setting up a limited company. Ideally this should utilise a different bank.

Will is doing a stocktake which will form the starting balance sheet.

Rachel has requested a second Sumup machine for the bar.

Ultimately we should aim for a cashless bar. Tom to be asked to add this to the booking form.

Current balance is £57,340.81 which includes sponsorship payments for shirts and some hoarding renewals.

Good response from players re subs. Approx 30 want kit.

**6. Secretary's Report:**

Enquiry from Linda Stevenson, Gig Club, for either 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> December, 60-100 people and would like use of the kitchen by Hungry Mule. 3<sup>rd</sup> December probably better date as may have our own function on 10<sup>th</sup>. Agreed Linda should arrange meeting with all interested parties to discuss. Also agreed this would incur an additional charge for use and an

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additional deposit. Does our insurance cover us for third party usage?

3<sup>rd</sup> September booked by Dan for 50 people. Check if Georgie can do as Rachel not available.

2<sup>nd</sup> September 5.30-7.30 Dan Shepherd kick-boxing class.

Sat mornings still booked by Nigel Carter for the Fencing club.

12<sup>th</sup> August Chris Rickard would like to run a tab, 20 people. Agreed he can use club BBQ, charge £20 for gas.

Paul Conde is doing an RFU Safeguarding course online. Still waiting for DBS approval.

D&W AGM has been postponed to 21<sup>st</sup> Sept due to Covid.

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

Nothing to report.

#### **8. Fixtures:**

All participants in the 10's tournament have been circulated regarding viability of playing as pitches so hard. A decision will be made after training on Wed evening. If the tournament is cancelled, then perhaps a Club Day could be held. Crewkerne are keen on this. Perhaps combine with other jobs such as cleaning the undercroft etc.

The Brown Bowler will be held at Crewkerne on 1<sup>st</sup> April.

#### **9. Coaching / Team Management Report:**

Pre-season training going well with good numbers.

Jed Gravelle won the vote for Captain.

Ross is now on board with forwards coaching.

Joint training session with Crewkerne planned, both home and away.

Order placed with Akuma and hoped kit will arrive in good time this season.

Excelsior coaches will be approached by a contact from a football team re special rates for coaches this season. In return suggested they could have an advertising hoarding on the Junior pavilion.

#### **10. Juniors and Colts Report:**

Training day with Bath being held this Wednesday. A working party will fill in holes on Tues evening.

A kit bag for Juniors would cost £32, half of the Junior fee, but there may be a sponsor.

Some pressure from coaches to open the bar on Sundays. Agreed this may be reasonable on days when there are matches but not for training when beer can be sold through the hatch.

Very few Colts are training at present. Julian will chase up.

#### **11. Social Report:**

Need to think about Xmas do for the club.

#### **12. Grounds Maintenance:**

Pitches not being mown at present.

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

Ian Church won 1<sup>st</sup> prize in July's 100 Club and has kindly donated money back to the club.

The sponsors board will be taken to Mystic for updating. The brown club boards also need some updating.

Kevin, Guy and Stuart have done a line cleaning course,

Guy and Rachel will attend the next Cellar Management course organised by Palmers.

#### **14. Club Development:**

- a) Safeguarding – ongoing.
- b) School Liaison – Julia May taken over. Seven parent coaches are going into schools. The Tag Festival is going ahead in October.
- c) Publicity – possible article re Tag Festival.
- d) Volunteers – always required.
- e) Development Plan – ongoing. Still no response from Chris Burton despite Allan having chased again.

**15. Any Other Business:**

- a) Julian to confirm details of the Buskers evening on 18<sup>th</sup> August.
- b) The security chap who was at the event last Saturday is an events caterer and former chef. He may be interested in catering for home fixtures on Sat/Sundays. An informal meeting will be arranged with him.
- c) Julian has spoken to Will re access to the cellar from outside as it is bizarre that Palmers must access through the bar. Will in agreement and is investigating changes.
- d) The Fixture booklets are ready to be printed. It was agreed some of the rules need to be changed (such as date of the AGM), also the membership fees updated. Also an additional note for Clubhouse bookings to contact Simon.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm, next meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022