

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club  
Held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at the Rugby Pavilion**

**Present:** Julian Hussey, Peter Brook, Louis Brown, Noel Gregory, Ayo Fraser, Stuart Briggs, Allan Staerck, Guy Livingston, Simon Hussey, Jed Gravelle, Kathy Briggs

**1. Apologies:** Kevin Hart, Dan Butler, Sam Petchey

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

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

**3. Matters Arising:**

- Allan now has a key for the referee changing room.
- Guy will put the combination lock on the floodlights tomorrow. Peter has spoken to Ricky Stubbs. He and Louis have been in contact but due to business commitments it will be New Year before Ricky is available. Suggested Louis and Dan correct the upturned floodlight. Peter will phone, then email Ricky hoping he will not be offended if we ask another party to look at the other floodlights.
- Julian still to contact Will re donation to grouting of the pool.
- Julian also to write to Bridport Building Supplies and Advanced Card Bureau.
- Simon to confirm time extension for ballet lady on 29<sup>th</sup> March.
- Sponsors to be emailed re Soup and Cheese lunch on 7<sup>th</sup> January.
- Mystic will update the boards as soon as possible

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**4. Chairman's Report:**

Fantastic results over the past few weeks, also a great atmosphere in the clubhouse for the international matches.

Will need to maximise income in the New Year by promoting Six Nations fixtures as only two home league games.

Good atmosphere also yesterday with Juniors and parents when handing out the kitbags.

**5. Treasurers Report:**

Current balance £44,920. Major contributor to decrease over the past month is refund to U12's, U13's and U14's for flights booked for French trip. Also payments to Palmers re bar stock.

Noel has obtained tickets through various sources and will be taking some juniors who cannot go to France to Twickenham for the England v Italy game.

Problems with the showers in the players changing room to be looked at in-house. Allan to write to Will to advise and ask him to check the roof as this could be source of the leaks. Also the guttering over the balcony is in need of attention.

Opening TSB account still to be investigated.

Concerns that electricity bill not yet received. The coolers in the cellar have been switched off so they are not running 24 hours/day. Combination lock on floodlights will help to monitor usage.

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**6. Secretary's Report:**

Noel has completed the Safeguarding self-audit

Papa John's Cup has been entered.

Crewkerne Juniors, U7,8,9,11 and 13 are looking for fixtures in the New Year. Noel to discuss with Charlie English.

FCA missing 2020/2021 returns although these were sent off immediately. Simon will need

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to complete the process again. All needs to be done online.  
Malcolm Heaver has confirmed that the LC has signed a new lease with Palmers through to 2050. This is positive for BRFC as it gives us more opportunity to apply for grants. However the rent will gradually increase.

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

Subscriptions received to date - £4074 from 58 people.  
Peter will send 10 names to Ayo to be checked re BACS payments.

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

Nothing to report.

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

Coaching has been very good. Imperative that Ross stays next season.  
It will be a tough second half to the season with many away games. Players need to be encouraged to travel.  
Social evening to be held after first home game on 7<sup>th</sup> January.  
Minibus to be booked with Excelsior for 14<sup>th</sup> January against Lytchett Minster, leaving 11.30m.

#### **10. Juniors Report:**

Agreed that only the U15's and U16's will collect at Morrisons as the proceeds are for the French trip. Now only six tills so will use the sum-up machines as well.  
The kitbags for the Juniors were well-received, with sponsorship from the Logstore (£1500), Battens (£500) and possibly one other.  
Suggested that a sponsor be found to provide ties for the U12's at the end of the season at a cost of £350 which would include a hoarding for one year. Subsequent cost of the hoarding is £200/year.  
Safeguarding meeting to be arranged through Julie Boddington in January. Clubhouse only available from 7pm on Monday to Wednesday.

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

Past Captains Soup and Cheese lunch to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> January. Peter to ask Simon Bareham if he would like to be involved in organisation.

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

Previously pitches too wet to cut. Will be done once frosts over.

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

Cleaning of the lines and stock ordering progressing OK.  
Many thanks to Louis for doing the bar on Sunday, though not worthwhile opening every Sunday.  
The Daggers has now been adopted in publicity rather than the Blues.  
Emails have been sent out re annual payments to the 100 Club. To date two members not renewing. Suggested that at home games application forms for the 100 Club could be handed out to encourage new members.  
Ayo needs to check whether all Standing orders for 100 Club are still in place. He will scan bank statements from September onwards and send to Stuart.  
Jed/George have ideas re encouraging players to stay longer after matches. New multi-games tables cost around £750 but may be better to investigate second hand on eBay.  
Agreed initially to provide dart board to be kept in converted TV cupboard. Guy to check

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whether he has one available.

Recruitment should start even earlier this year with posters in Bucky Doo, Spoons etc. Jed to provide posters for Julian to print.

Stuart will speak to Darren re putting a board by the traffic lights similar to the Bees. Not sure whether this is Palmers land or responsibility of Highways Agency.

Possible joint advertising – BRFC and LC. Allan to contact Will.

Suggestion of advertising in Community tent at Melplash Show. Enquire when next year's details available.

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

a) Safeguarding – Noel and Julian have spoken to two possible interested ladies. Would like to try to build a safeguarding team. Julie Boddington's target is one person for each age group.

b) School Liaison – schools to be circulated that girls are welcome on Sundays – Years 8+9 (U13's and 14's) and Years 10+11 (U15's and 16's)

c) Publicity – need to increase awareness that clubhouse available for outside booking. Stuart will email Jed with wording to put In Marshwood Vale, maybe also contact Yellow Diary?

d) Volunteers – U15's and 16's to shake buckets at home games for French trip.

e) Development Plan – still awaiting contact from Ben Smith.

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#### **15. Any Other Business**

a) Malcolm Heaver has emailed regarding the state of the benches. Agreed to do a clean-up in spring.

b) Not possible to combine the LC and BRFC defibrillators as different types. Paul Conde to be asked to research costings etc. BRFC already have a cabinet.

c) Peter reminded Julian that he was to send fixture booklets to the sponsors.

d) Confirmed that the bar has been organised for Louis's mum's birthday party on 14<sup>th</sup> January. It was also agreed that he could use the kitchen.

e) Allan proposed a vote of thanks to Gill Livingston for mending three tackle bags.

f) Allan and Louis will fix the up and over door on the container in the New Year. He also has a door to be fitted in part of the Undercroft.

g) Stuart will send two photos taken at the Bournemouth game on 'How to be offside at the scrum' to Jed for him to do a poster.

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Meeting closed at 8.50pm, next meeting Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm