

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club
Held on 10th January 2022 at the Rugby Pavilion**

Present: Julian Hussey, Peter Brook, Louis Brown, Noel Gregory, Stuart Briggs, Dan Butler, Kevin Hart, Sam Petchey, Allan Staerck, Kathy Briggs, Guy Livingston (Zoom)

Susanna Pocull was welcomed to the meeting and introduced to the Committee. She has a background of merchandising experience and is taking over from Allan as Junior Kit Procurement Officer. Allan was thanked for his many years of sterling service. The club will retain ordering of rugby balls but the rest will be passed over to Susanna. More 'Electric Palace' tops are needed. Alasdair Warren is not prepared to pay for the printing of the logo and Julian is waiting to hear if he would object to us paying for this. It was agreed that unwanted rugby kit should be donated to Hooke School to be flown out to schools in Malawi. Guy will contact Fiona Boggis to discuss and arrange.

1. Apologies: Simon Hussey, Ayo Fraser, Andrew Livingston

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

3. Matters Arising:

Reconciliation of Junior membership payments ongoing.

Stuart confirmed that we have gained three new members to the 100 Club and lost two.

Total amount raised is approx £2400 pa assuming all standing orders still in place.

Noel confirmed that most of the Junior coaches use the scrummaging machine and would like to keep it. It will be covered after use.

Peter will contact Kevin Chappuis re becoming a VP and ask him to come down to the remaining four home matches if he is available.

Noel has contacted Ben Stevens re putting an opening over the kitchen door to increase the airflow. He will revert with costs. Noel will also ask if he can repair the shed roof. Allan offered to help if necessary.

4. Chairman's Report:

Thanks received from North Dorset for lunch on Saturday. Also complimented on our white lines. Hopefully we will get a more balanced side out in the coming weeks. It was good to see the Juniors out yesterday, every game was won and 106 meals served, so overall a good weekend.

5. Treasurers Report:

Current balance is £69,423, nothing major to report.

6. Secretary's Report:

Abi (from Stags) is happy to work behind the bar in January. She would also like to book the clubhouse for 28th May. Several other potential bookings including John Trump so need to find a DPS asap.

Various emails from D&W circulated.

7. VP's Report:

£4330 received to date from 66 VPs which is not far short of our best year 2019-20 with 68 VPs. It was suggested that Alan Hegarty become an honorary VP for his help with junior refereeing.

After some discussion the VPs lunch will be held on 2nd April which should have been our

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home game against Sherborne. Efforts will be made to arrange another game. Stuart will contact Giles Greening to ask if he could provide 3 course lunch.

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8. Fixtures:

Kevin had received a thank you email from North Dorset re Saturday's lunch. The 10's tournament will be held on 20th August and he will start contacting teams next month.

9. Coaching / Team Management / Captains Report:

Sam felt that training had been quite poor. Tuesday had been called off but only 9 were there on Thursday. Sam and Ross have been running fitness sessions on Tuesdays but very disappointing numbers and lack of commitment. Even though we lost on Saturday, the atmosphere was fine and better than expected performance.

10. Juniors and Colts Report:

Contact made re Tag Festival on 12th March. 12 schools will participate. Noel is applying to D&W for the visit of Lege Cap-Ferret in April. On Sunday the Juniors won all their games against Honiton. There is a lot of dog mess on the roadside pitch. Action needed to stop dog walkers. Allan will discuss with Will. Several U16's are looking promising as Colts next year.

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11. Social Report:

Raffle has now taken around £450.

12. Grounds Maintenance:

Grass ok lengthwise at moment. It will probably need cutting at the end of the week. Problems with the rabbits again. Louis will action.

13. Business Development Report:

Julian and Stuart had a very good meeting with Palmers, who are very supportive of the club. They have given us £1100 in sponsorship. Suggested we use this to purchase 5 Dryrobes. Other manufacturers are cheaper but the quality is not as good. Palmers to be invoiced directly so they can reclaim the VAT.

Darren will see if the glasswasher behind the bar can be repaired. Peter proposed and Noel seconded to purchase a new one at a cost of approx £1900. All in favour.

For the Morrisons party on 22nd Jan the LC will not provide staff to man the bar after 9pm. Martin Huxter has obtained a Temporary events licence and will staff the bar from 6pm. Meeting to be arranged with Will to liaise on arrangements. Who will take the profits from the bar on this occasion? Stuart and Noel to meet Martin on Sunday.

A new DPS needs to be in place by end of January. Martin Huxter has agreed to take this role on. Meeting to be arranged with Palmers, BRFC and LC.

Stuart will order 24 soup bowls through Amazon, cost approx £45.

The clubhouse proposals need to be brought forward for discussion before 31st July. 4 weeks notice of an EGM has to be given. It may be possible to discuss at the AGM which could be held in May/June.

Allan mentioned that Ian Brazier may be interested in taking a hoarding. Ackerman Engineering also in hand.

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14. Club Development:

a) Safeguarding – Noel Gregory pro tem

- b) School Liaison – Tag Festival in hand
- c) Publicity – OK
- d) Volunteers – Susanna Pocull taking over as Junior Kit Procurement Officer
- e) Development Plan – ongoing.

15. Any Other Business:

- a) Louis has been asked to sit on an RFU Laws committee for Level 5 and below so any suggestions welcomed. Many congratulations offered.
- b) Louis is still sourcing shed doors.
- c) Kevin happy to stay on as Fixture Secretary but it was suggested looking into player group for possible replacement.
- d) Julian and Noel are putting together itinerary for the French visit. The bag packing at Morrisons raised the funds to cover airport transport.
- e) Allan commented that the Boiler room is once again an absolute tip and needs clearing.
- f) It has been too wet to access the lights on the training pitch.
- g) Noel and Stuart are meeting James Cox, Highlands End, to discuss food for both Seniors and Juniors.
- h) Agreed that more help is needed in the kitchen on Saturdays.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm, next meeting Monday 14th February 2022