

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club  
Held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at the Rugby Pavilion**

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

**1. Apologies:** Simon Hussey, Kevin Hart, Jed Gravelle, 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:**

- No problem with Ricky if Louis and Dan fix the floodlights. Guy has put on the combination lock.
- Julian still to contact Will re donation to grouting of the pool.
- Julian also to write to Bridport Building Supplies and Advanced Card Bureau.
- Will to deal with problems in players changing rooms. Shower in referee's changing room also sticking. He will also attend to the leaking guttering.
- Ongoing discussions re fixtures with Crewkerne juniors.
- Palmers have no objection to a board by the traffic lights similar to the Bees board. Unless BRFC can just be added to Bridport Leisure Centre on the brown sign without too much cost, it is probably not worth pursuing. Stuart will contact Dorset Council.
- Niamh Vercoe is emailing all schools to advise girls welcome on Sundays.
- Wording has been agreed re advert for club booking in Marshwood Vale.
- Julian waiting to hear back from Paul Conde re costings on defibrillators.

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**4. Chairman's Report:**

Great day on Saturday. Good to see sponsors and guests at the Soup and Cheese lunch.

Graham from Tiger has offered £500 towards the French trip.

The collection at Morrisons before Christmas together with Pete Dacey's sponsored swim at the Boxing Day West Bay Wallow raised approx £3000.

**5. Treasurer's Report:**

Current balance £47,699.52. £1500 has been refunded to the U13's re the French tour. The 100 Club annual renewals are coming in.

Cleaning invoice for 25<sup>th</sup> December to be queried.

LC to be contacted regarding arrangements for cleaning contract, rates, timing etc.

Bar takings since October over £20k.

Opening account with TSB still to be investigated.

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**6. Secretary's Report:**

Enquiries for clubhouse hire from Abbie Reynolds for Wedding reception on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Simon to advise not possible as Opening game of Rugby World Cup. Mark Hoskins, Bridport Barracudas: Presentation after final gala, outside BBQ, bouncy castle, 2 dates provisionally Saturday 1st and Saturday 15th July 2023, 3.00-6.00pm, same as last year.

Bridport barracudas: AGM Tuesday 17th January 2023 at 7.15pm no bar

Bridport fencing club has paid £52.80 for 3rd, 10th and 17th December - £17.60 per Saturday.

Louis mums party this Saturday. Rachel all good with timings and numbers

Ambulance strikes 11th & 23rd January

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Risk assessments for training sessions

Ben Smith: Facility fund for women's areas extended to end of this month email came today.

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

To date £4329 in donations from 62 people. Peter has around 8 VPs to chase up so may reach £4500 in total.

### **8. Fixtures:**

Last home game of the season is 28<sup>th</sup> January. Awaiting to hear about Cup matches but first fixture would be 25<sup>th</sup> March.

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

After a long break since before Christmas, good to be back to playing and tremendous win in dreadful conditions. Tough game against Lytchett Minster next Saturday but should have a good team despite injuries. Minibus booked to depart 11.30am.

Many thanks to Ross for his coaching this season.

Minibuses to be booked through Dorset Vehicle Rentals for Puddletown and Weymouth.

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### **10. Juniors report:**

Sunday a debacle as matches only cancelled at 8.40am. A communication will be sent to all clubs advising that if pitches are not playable then information needs to be received before 8.00am.

Julie Boddington will hold the re-arranged Safeguarding course on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Niamh Vercoe has been liaising with schools. The Tag Festival will now be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October.

Michelle Green, Battens, has offered to sponsor ties for the U12's at the end of the season. She will provide the artwork for the hoarding.

Paul Conde will run a course on head and neck injuries for coaches on Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7.30pm.

Noel will send details to Stuart for an article in the Marshwood Vale asking for help on twinning. Suggested details also sent to Andrew Livingston.

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### **11. Social report:**

Arrangements are underway for the Past Captains Soup and Cheese lunch on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January. It is hoped for a good turnout.

The players will be holding a social do that evening.

It was agreed that Martin Huxter and his wife be invited to the VPs lunch on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

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

Pitches too wet to be cut. Guy will clean out the ditch. It appears there may be a leak in the pipe in land above the ground. Peter will talk to Darren about possibility of re-routing the pipe if it does need replacing.

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

4 standing orders have been lost from the 100 Club, so now approx 72 members. However this still brings in just over £2000/year for the club. Details will be put on Facebook asking any interested players to contact Stuart.

Saturday's match report has been sent to Bridport News and West Dorset Magazine.

The advert will be put in the Marshwood Vale re hire of the club.

Suggested the list of 100 Club winners be put on the bar each month to promote it and encourage more to join.

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**14. Club Development:**

- a) Safeguarding – course re-arranged for 31<sup>st</sup> January.
- b) School liaison – very positive.
- c) Publicity – ongoing.
- d) Volunteers – more always required. Past Captains lunch could be ideal day to promote VPs and 100 Club.
- e) Development Plan – Ben Smith more concerned with ladies rugby at present.

**15. Any Other Business:**

- a) Louis commented that the RFU will take a hard line on any age-grade teams found to be taking part in “drinking” games.
- b) Paul Conde has commented that several ice packs seem to have disappeared. Allan suggested that the majority should be kept in a lockable box.
- c) On behalf of BRFC Enterprises, Stuart thanked Guy for his superb job in cleaning and decorating the cellar.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm, next meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm