

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club
Held on 14th March 2022 at the Rugby Pavilion**

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

1. Apologies: Guy Livingston, Andrew Livingston

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Subject to amendments that the game on 2nd April against Chard Vets and the Brown Bowler on 16th April will not take place, the minutes were approved, proposed by Noel and seconded by Dan. All in favour.

3. Matters Arising:

Allan confirmed the keep off the pitch sign was done. Will is aware of the problem of keeping dogs off the pitch.

Julian confirmed meeting with Irwin Mitchell tomorrow, 15th March.

Ayo still to check TSB letter with Stuart King.

Simon will check numbers for private party on 25th March (Alice Parker) as Nathan needs to know re bar ordering.

Peter confirmed Cliff Stonestreet would like to book party on 25th July.

Sam confirmed Dave Ford does require booking on 4th June.

Allan has made Will aware of weather concerns re use of roadside pitch for Jurassic Fields camping and parking. Suggested we provide marshals to raise money for the club. Allan to discuss with Will.

Simon to discuss setting up a booking email link on the website with Tom.

4. Chairman's Report:

Many positive comments received about the Tag Festival, so many thanks to Noel and Jasmine for a fantastic job and great organisation. Good to see many helpers setting up on Friday evening but more always required. Jasmine has photos of the winners. Suggested sending report to Bridport News as there will be no match report next weekend. Jasmine and Noel to liaise. Louis asked that a copy of the report and photos be sent to Lizzie, RFU Development Officer, as she could not attend Festival.

5. Treasurers Report:

Current balance is £62,525.93.

Noel advised takings of over £1000 from Tag Festival, Tiny Tots and kitchen.

Accounts now finalised, showing a small profit of £67. Simon will need to send accounts to FCA electronically, a complicated procedure.

Ayo will start to prepare accounts for year end April 2022.

Allan has bought new flags from Bridport Banners at £2.34 each. Invoice passed to Ayo.

Invoice to be prepared for LC covering first full month of bar. Need to understand amount of bar takings.

6. Secretary's Report:

Bookings:

16th April – Phil Ackerman 40th birthday. Bar staff sorted. £100 deposit paid, £100 hire charge.

Check with Nathan if higher bar prices can be charged for non-member bookings.

Claire Moles looking for date end of June for 150 people. Need to check limit for fire regulations with LC. Noel thinks it is 110 people.

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Notice from D&W re body jewellery has been laminated and placed in changing room.
Email from Tom Page, Bath Rugby, re whole day session grass roots training for minis through to seniors. Good to start building relationships with them. Noel to liaise.
Email from Kim re joint training sessions for U15's passed to Pete Dacey and Noel.
D&W email received re referee abuse and complaints about touchline abuse.

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7. VP's Report:

Cheque received from former VP, Peter Croker. Total VP contributions now £4405 from 67 people.

Menu for lunch on 2nd April chosen. Acceptances now approx 50. Chaser email to be sent for replies by 19th March latest so final numbers can be given to Liz. Will Thrower has been invited, not replied yet. Suggested asking Martin Huxter and his wife

Allan is sorting the raffle. Julian to provide envelopes and pens.

Bar will be open from midday to 6pm.

Check the clubhouse not being used for Fencing that morning.

8. Fixtures:

Kevin will write to teams who played in the 10's tournament last year giving them first option this year. Dorchester to have first refusal due to last year's misunderstanding.

Louis suggested Kevin email now requesting referees for the tournament.

Will to be asked re possibility of overnight camping.

9. Coaching / Team Management Report:

Numbers for training have dropped off again. Possibility that some Crewkerne players may come on Thursday.

Much better performances recently, more cohesion in the team. Good turnaround since the New Year.

Great win against Puddletown on Saturday. Aiming for wins in the last two games of the season against Weymouth and Blandford. If so, we could finish 4th in the league.

Ayo to advise whether 53 or 35 seater coach needed for Blandford.

Rachel not available 9th April so need to find bar staff.

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10. Captain's Report:

Sent in advance. 'From my side of things, I've been really pleased with the uptake in form from the team. We are currently struggling for numbers on a Thursday at training, but I'm hoping with only two games to go these should pick up again.'

11. Juniors and Colts Report:

Noel liaising with Will re ventilation shaft in the kitchen.

Likely that the numbers for the twinning visit will be less than 40. This will need to be confirmed with Freshwater. This could change if travel restrictions lifted.

Morrisons are happy for the Juniors to bag pack during Easter week. This will be a great help in covering costs for the visit. Total spend is likely to be in the region of £3500. Noel will organise the bar for this weekend.

Noel is liaising with Vanessa re food for Brett's 50th.

7 children have been recruited recently. Agreed they should be registered for this season but not pay this year.

Nick Scott will take on the Tiny Tots. Noel to speak to him.

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12. Social Report:

Gavin is organising a band for Brett's do. Vanessa to be asked re timing.

Liz can provide catering for the End of season dinner either Fri 20th or Fri 27th May. Players to decide on preferred date.

Louis confirmed that all RFU officials have other commitments. Ben Kay would charge £3500. Stuart will speak to Sidmouth re Phil Dolman.

Tickets should be maximum £30, ideally less.

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13. Grounds Maintenance:

Report sent in advance.

'Re Pitches - Tractor fixed, stripped out the fuel tank.

All pitches mowed last week, grass seed hopefully planted with little boots on Sunday.

Next mowing I will drop the mower down an inch.

Other thoughts - We made nearly £44 on sales coffees sausage rolls etc, so covered the cost of the 1st team food. Will look at doing similar for the last England Game on Saturday?

I will get change for the bar, all arranged.

Who is responsible for the broken slabs on the way to the ramp? I can see a claim being made there before long. There are some paving slabs by the tractor shed.

Also I see the end has come off the sleeper wall down to the pitch.

Sunday after the rain the 1st team pitch had a pool of water opposite the gym, is the roof gutter still leaking?'

Allan has written to Will re the paving slabs. Agreed the slope is getting worse. Julian has some 2' paving slabs which can be used to form steps. Suggested putting up a sign that club not held responsible in case of accidents.

14. Business Development Report:

Meeting to be held with Irwin Mitchell Tues 15th March re clubhouse proposal.

Emily Palmer is very pleased with the photos of the Dryrobes. Players appreciative.

15. Club Development:

a) Safeguarding – still looking for permanent solution

b) School Liaison – Looking to move the Tag Festival to the start of the season, October.

Suggest avoiding a Saturday with a first team home fixture.

c) Publicity – thanks to Peter for the match report against Oakmedians.

d) Volunteers – need to push for more

e) Development Plan – ongoing.

16. Any Other Business:

a) Agreed that the bar should open at 1.45 and close prompt at 10.15 on Sat 19th March.

The tables need to be put back ready for Sunday morning at the end of the evening. Food (sausage rolls) to be available at end of first game and end of second game, not during the matches.

b) All the old towels in the boiler room have been washed. Allan needs contact for sending them to Ukraine.

c) Louis thinks the kitchen needs a deep clean, last done in October 2020. Get dates from Jack, SW Cleaning.

d) Following the Tag Festival Sam confirmed interest expressed in girls' rugby. The wife of the U7's coach used to play rugby for the SW and is interested in becoming a referee. Need to keep parents involved.

e) Sam mentioned Pete Dacey will join the training session on Thursday. Problems with poor Colts retention, though there will be 5/6 U18's next year. Talk to Jesse re aligning his training with senior training.

f) Stuart had contacted Ian Brazier with details re the hoardings but he has not responded

further. He will contact Chris Hanger and Hugo Busby.

g) Ayo will contact Simon Hartley to check how quickly he could approve this year's accounts. Date for AGM can then be fixed.

h) Sponsorship opportunities should be promoted earlier this year, so that kit orders can be placed in good time for the start of the season.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm, next meeting Monday 11th April 2022

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