

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club  
Held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the Rugby Pavilion**

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

**1. Apologies:** Andrew Livingston, Sam Petchey

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

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

**3. Matters Arising:**

Decided that we will not get involved with the Jurassic Fields parking.

Stuart has emailed Chris Hanger re the hoarding and is awaiting a response. Tim MacDonald will take up a hoarding at the beginning of next season.

Sky will be showing England's summer games against Australia and the Autumn Internationals are on Amazon Prime which can be viewed via Sky. They have offered a basic 12 month contract which includes all their sports channels for £229/month ex VAT to be activated by May 27<sup>th</sup>. This includes a 90 day trial period with cancellation after 60 days.

Stuart proposed and Guy seconded that we take for the trial period, cancel and then rebook for the Autumn Internationals. Total cost approx £1100-1200. Passed with one against and one abstention. Will check whether any upgrades available for the Skybox.

Allan had attended the Women's and Girls Forum zoom meeting. The age bands for girls will completely change next season. Lizzie O'Connor also mentioned payment for getting coaches into schools.

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**4. Chairman's Report:**

Julian apologised for not being able to attend the Junior Awards evening.

First draft of the Licence agreement has been received from Irwin Mitchell which needs to be checked against the 2007 agreement. IM also need to provide an update on the Constitution.

Meeting to be held next week to discuss this, also end of season review and sponsorship.

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**5. Treasurers Report:**

Probably owe LC approx £500 this year after taking into account grass cutting and refund of bar staff costs.

Current balance £56,789 with approx £2k still to be paid out. Huge expenditure over the past couple of months. Ignoring the £51k from the deposit account, this leaves our current balance around £3k with no income for the near future.

The year-end accounts should show a small profit.

**6. Secretary's Report:**

Simon has spoken to Tom re the bookings link on the website. Terms and conditions need to be included.

6<sup>th</sup> August – booking by Lou Middleton, deposit and hire fee paid. Hog roast planned.

27<sup>th</sup> May – Rachel confirmed for bar at Club Dinner.

Morrisons Family Day to be held at beginning of next season.

4<sup>th</sup> June – Dave and Hayley Ford may require bar extension as Jubilee Bank holiday weekend.

**7. VP's Report:**

Nothing to report.

### **8. Fixtures:**

5 teams have now confirmed for the 10's tournament on 20<sup>th</sup> August. Chard and Rory's charity team will not be playing this year. Kevin will invite Dorchester.

No response yet from Gerald Burden re permission to run the tournament.

Louis will liaise with Jesse re refereeing that day.

Noel confirmed the Juniors will help with cooking burgers etc.

When fixture list for next season is known, if there is a game on 17<sup>th</sup> September we may need to request a change as this is Dave Cutting's wedding day.

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

Pre-season training will start officially in July, though Ayo hopeful of starting something in June.

Sam sent comments that he is keen on getting players to work on fitness and wants very pro-active pre-season.

Ayo is starting his Advanced Coaching in July.

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

The Junior Awards evening was a great Club Night and a good send-off for Jesse but an expensive evening. Cost of medals was £900.

Three people expressed an interest in taking a hoarding. Noel has contact details. Stuart to follow up.

Income for the Lege Cap-Ferret visit was £4712, expenditure £4007 so a surplus of £705. Bag packing at Morrisons at Christmas and Easter is essential to raise funds for these tours.

The U17-U18's will visit France in the October half term, going out Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>, returning Sat 29<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Conde is prepared to be the First Aider for Junior (and possibly Senior) games for a contribution at the end of the season rather than payment per session. Agreed he should get DBS clearance.

£1087 will be banked tomorrow, this is from Tiny Tots, kit sales etc.

Our coaches are going into 17 schools. Check whether we are eligible for funding as mentioned by Lizzie O'Connor.

Julian has been in contact with potential Colts re going forward next season and the tour to France in October.

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

Liz would like access to the clubhouse mid afternoon to set up for the Club Dinner. The disco will also set up 5-5.30 and then return later. Ask them to provide microphone for use during presentations.

39 tickets sold so far. VPs to be emailed that limited number of tickets still available.

Small raffle to be held.

England matches against Australia on Sat 2/9/16 July, all kick-off 10.55am. Bar to be open and breakfast to be available. Suggested small raffle at each match.

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

Nothing to report. Pitches have been mown.

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

Meeting to be held to discuss IM document.

Deadline for registering interest in Autumn International tickets was today. New Zealand sold out, 13 tickets left for South Africa. Stuart will email VPs and Sponsors to see if further interest.

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

- a) Safeguarding – Noel has meeting with someone who may be interested.
- b) School Liaison – ongoing. Allan suggested that we donate some old balls to Colfox and Beaminster.
- c) Publicity – good article on the visit of Lege Cap-Ferret last week. Andrew’s article on Brett will be on the back page of the Bridport News this week.
- d) Volunteers – 9 coaching volunteers this year, more than ever known.
- e) Development Plan – ongoing.

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

- a) Allan advised that Malcolm Heaver is very against dogs on the premises. We need to ensure that the Licence Agreement states there is no objection to well-behaved dogs on leads. Allan also advised it is our responsibility to ensure there is no broken glass outside.
- b) Louis confirmed new laws coming into force on clarification of breakdown and tackle height. Also global law trials to be put in place.
- c) Guy commented that fuel for the tractor had doubled in price.
- d) Louis confirmed arrangements in hand to refurbish shed this summer. Noel has a working party organised to fix the Junior shed.
- e) Louis is happy to take over as Disciplinary Officer for the club. This will be ratified at the AGM.
- f) Julian mentioned that the Junior Shed could be prime advertising space. He also wondered whether we might be able to charge for standing on the veranda.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm, next meeting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022