

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

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

1. Apologies: Kevin Hart, Simon Hussey, Jed Gravelle, Sam Petchey

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

3. Matters Arising:

- Allan will again chase up a key for the referee changing room.
- Hoardings – Mercato Italiano interested and will submit design in due course. Chesil Taxis is up. Bridmet and Domus will be ready soon.
- The Hiring Agreement is now on the website.
- Guy still to get combination lock for the floodlights. Peter will contact Ricky Stubbs on behalf of the Trust regarding the floodlights.

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4. Chairman's Report:

Many thanks to all involved for a great evening on Sat 5th with the firework display. It was good to see the support from the players. However we need to encourage more help from the Junior section as it is always the same coaches who are involved. After the SGM this Wednesday an email will be sent requesting more help.

Agreed the fireworks will be booked for next year, Sat 4th November.

Julian will email Will to advise that we will make a donation towards the grouting of the pool once the figures are finalised.

Thanks will also be sent to Bridport Building Supplies for the Hi-viz jackets and to Advanced Card Bureau for the lanyards.

Thanks to Gill for the match food on Saturday.

No news from the solicitors regarding the legacy from Di Matthews.

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5. Treasurers Report:

Current balance £59,152.39 which includes £10,800 relating to the junior tour – 108 signed up, deposit £100 each. Outgoings include Irwin Mitchell invoice £6k, new tills £2k, cleaning £800 and £5750 for junior kit, although some of this will be reimbursed in sponsorship.

Electricity and water bills not yet received.

Barclays will not open new business accounts at present even for existing account holders.

Guy will check with TSB re opening an account with them.

Stuart King has passed the Council raffle draw registration form on to Ayo for payment.

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6. Secretary's Report:

Report in advance from Simon.

Apologies from John McHugh for the special general meeting

Tracey Smith Colfox 6th form admin waiting for approval for security, will chase her up tomorrow.

They've not used wrist bands before. The students who are over 18 must provide photo ID or they will not be served. No ID no alcohol.

Morrisons Xmas party 4th February 2023

Ballet lady has asked for a one-off extension for Wednesday 29th March 2023 until 8.30pm not given an answer yet. Committee agreed to this.

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Clubhouse weekday access is
Monday from 7.00pm
Tuesday from 7.00pm
Wednesday from 7.00pm
Thursday from 7.30pm
Friday from 5.00pm

7. VP's Report:

Subscriptions received to date - £3929 from 56 VPs.
Email has been sent to all VPs advising Annual lunch will be on Sat 25th March 2023
Ayo to check BACS payments. Next year Peter will request in his letter than anyone paying
by BACS should advise him of amount paid for his records.

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8. Fixtures:

Apologies were sent to the referee for our oversight in not buying him a drink on Saturday.
Suggested that in future we have cards made up to give to the referee on arrival for him to
pass over for free tea/food/pint etc.

9. Coaching / Team Management Report:

Numbers at training have picked up again recently. Although we have some injuries, we now
have more strength in the squad and also a couple of Colts playing for the seniors.
Brilliant performance on Saturday but very important that we kept doing the basics well all
match.
Having food and drink after Wed training sessions is important for morale.

10. Juniors Report:

Morrison's are cutting down the number of tills to 6 at Xmas so will need to use a Sum up
machine.
Bingo nights to be advertised on social media. Limit of 80 people.
Opening the bar on Sundays is only worthwhile on a couple of large occasions.
Agreed Noel to make donation of £100 to Stepping Out.
Lege Cap-Feret can only accommodate 50/55 for the tour so only the U15's and U16's can go
to France, not the U12's, U13's and U14's.
Ben Stevens is trying to arrange a tour through our twin town of St Vaast la Houge for them
though there is a danger that a return tour may be requested. Parents will have to
contribute as fund raising for twinning tours will not cover all expenses.
Allan suggested the possibility of tours to Jersey/Guernsey.

11. Social Report:

Tom has organised a Xmas do for the players on Sat 3rd December after the match against
Bournemouth leaving at 6m for curry at the Sundorbon and onto the Woodman for a skittle
evening. The committee expressed surprise and disappointment that the players were not
supporting the club and bar. It was suggested the event be held in the clubhouse and an
alternative date be arranged for players curry and skittles night.
Sponsors Soup and Cheese lunches will be held on Sat 26th November and Sat 7th January.
Past Captains Soup and Cheese lunch for both 1st and 2nd team captains to be held on Sat 28th
January.

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12. Grounds Maintenance:

Pitches mowed last week.

13. Business Development Report:

The Clubhouse Hire document is now on the website. Stuart proposed and Allan seconded that the hire charge should be £150 effective 1st January. All in agreement. Document to be updated immediately.

Stuart proposed and Noel seconded that in recognition of her work Rachel's pay should be raised to £11/hr with immediate effect. All in agreement.

Some discussion re the membership cards which Sharps will sponsor. An exact discount might mean prices requiring small change rather than rounded up. Julian suggested signs initially 'Card payment preferred' leading ultimately to 'Card payment only'.

Stuart hopes to get Sharps to do a training course on the tills before Xmas so other committee members could help out behind the bar when it is busy.

Stuart to chase Mystic regarding updating the Honours Board, also the advertising banner re clubhouse hire.

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14. Club Development:

a) Safeguarding – course being held on Thursday.

b) School Liaison – quiet at present.

c) Publicity – good coverage in both Bridport News and West Dorset Magazine.

d) Volunteers – always required.

e) Development Plan – awaiting contact from Ben Smith.

15. Any Other Business

a) The SGM is this Wed. Although any observations on the document were requested in advance of the meeting none had been received to date. The purpose of the meeting is solely to adopt the new constitution for the club as the document cannot be changed.

b) Allan stressed the importance of only buying bar stock from Palmers in case of any spot checks. He was reassured that we do only purchase from Palmers.

c) Guy referred to the recent email from the RFU regarding management support for pitches affected by wet weather and will ask for an inspection visit from an advisor.

d) Stuart will ask Tom to post details of Saturday's internationals on social media. First match is Italy v South Africa at 1pm and the bar will be open from then. Sausage rolls and pasties to be available.

e) Line cleaning is being done every week by Stuart and Guy.

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Meeting closed at 9.10pm, next meeting Monday 12th December 2022 at 7pm