

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club  
Held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at the Rugby Pavilion**

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

**1. Apologies:** Kevin Hart, Noel Gregory, Dan Butler, Jed Gravelle, Sam Petchey, Jesse Johnson, Charlie English

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

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

**3. Matters Arising:**

- Allan has requested a key to the referee changing room and will chase up.
- Stuart has submitted suggestions for draft hiring agreement (discussed later).
- Julian is in contact with Woodroffe School re their girls joining ours in training.
- Awaiting news from Noel re accommodation for twinning tour as usual accommodation not available.
- The LC are not keen on an electric fence to try to control the rabbits.
- Julian/Allan will try for a zoom meeting with Ben Smith re the Development Plan.
- We will use minibuses for away games pre-Xmas.

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NG

**4. Chairman's Report:**

Julian thanked everyone for all their hard work over the last month.

The LC have agreed that BRFC hold a firework display on 5<sup>th</sup> November. Cost of fireworks is £2500. Entrance costs agreed as Family ticket (2 adults + 4 children) £12 to include packet of sparklers. This was subsequently amended to 2 adults + 2 children. Adult £6 and child £2.50. Simon has advised the fire brigade and police of the event but no response from police as yet. The event is covered by RFU insurance. The LC have asked for a donation. As this is the first time we have run this event, we cannot commit to that as yet but the LC is welcome to run a stall on the evening. Tom is keen to get a marketing campaign underway asap. Julian will provide him with the details. The players will be expected to stay and help after the game. Gates to open at 7pm (changed subsequently to 6pm) with firework display at 8pm.

JH

**5. Treasurers Report:**

Ayo is having problems setting up the bank account for the new bar company. He has a meeting with Simon Hartley shortly and will get his views. It may be best to open another bank account with Barclays for BRFC Enterprises.

Current balance is £56,144.62 which includes payments from 130 Juniors and 24 Seniors.

Outgoings include a large Junior order for approx £4k and new tills £2k.

New hoardings on order – Bridmet, Domvs and Chesil Taxis. Enquiry from Mercato Italiano. Need to check all Standing orders still in place for the 100 Club.

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**6. Secretary's Report:**

The Barracudas presentation evening has been re-scheduled for Sat 15<sup>th</sup> October.

Enquiry from Gemma Andrews re Bingo evening on Fri 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Various emails re girls rugby passed on to JH/NG.

Havant RC would like to do a rugby tour on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Details passed to Charlie and Noel.

Colfox 6<sup>th</sup> year party on Fri 9<sup>th</sup> December discussed. Agreed need security, one at door and one outside. Pupils to wear ID badges otherwise no admittance. Also wristbands to confirm age and whether allowed to drink alcohol.

Ruth and Liz Thomas event on Sat 19<sup>th</sup> November starting 4pm also discussed. As the club will be showing the autumn internationals from 3pm onwards, it was agreed Simon go back to them and offer Sunday afternoon (20<sup>th</sup>) as it would not be a good environment for them with potentially 80 people wanting to watch TV.

Hiring agreement – agreed in principle that hire charge go up to £150 from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. Max attendees 80 sitting, 120 standing.

Bar available from 7pm to 11.30pm with premises to be vacated by 12 midnight.

£100 refundable deposit payable.

Catering and use of kitchen also discussed.

Stuart will modify the draft agreement and send to Tom to put on website.

Mystic will be asked to do roadside signs and it was suggested laminated posters be circulated in surrounding villages advertising as a venue for hire.

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SB

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

Subscriptions received to date - £2205.

### **8. Fixtures:**

East Dorset Dockers away confirmed for this Sat 15<sup>th</sup>.

Agreed that we will have coaches for Swans and Wimborne (last game of season) and minibuses for the other away games.

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

From Sat we will be starting on a run of six games over the next seven weeks. Hopefully we have a good squad for this Saturday away at East Dorset Dockers.

### **10. Juniors Report:**

Bath are organising two more training sessions at Bridport for U12s to U16s from 4-7pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. As Monday 14<sup>th</sup> would be our next committee meeting it was agreed to re-arrange this for Wed 16<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm to be followed by the EGM at 7.30pm.

The Junior Tag Festival was very well-organised but sadly the usual lack of volunteers. There was great press coverage in the Bridport News. Stuart will send Noel details of the West Dorset Magazine for possible coverage in the next issue.

SB

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

Need to think about Xmas do for the club.

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

Guy mowed the pitches today.

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

Sky have offered a package for the Autumn internationals starting 29<sup>th</sup> October until the last match for £219+VAT. Agreed Stuart should go ahead and book.

Two new tills are being installed in the bar tomorrow. The prices will already be uploaded.

Julian will arrange for a bottle collection every fortnight.

Mystic will update the Honours boards as requested. Also the Sponsorship board outside the clubhouse.

SB

JH

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

a) Safeguarding – still no volunteers.

b) School Liaison – great publicity for the Tag Festival in the Bridport News.

- c) Publicity – ongoing with start of run of matches.
- d) Volunteers – always required.
- e) Development Plan – Zoom meeting to be held with Ben Smith

**15. Any Other Business**

- a) Guy will discuss ongoing help with Sunday food from his Ukrainian family.
- b) Saturday match food will continue to be done in-house with the usual volunteers as no response to any adverts for outside caterers. We must get the players involved in helping post-match. The kitchen needs to be clean for Sunday mornings.
- c) Allan advised that the electricity bill will obviously increase considerably. The LC will work to change all the lights in the clubhouse to LED. Guy will get a combination lock for the floodlights to ensure they are not used by third parties. Ricky still needs to look at the floodlights.
- d) Louis will fix the garage door on the shed.

GL

Meeting closed at 9.00pm, next meeting Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6.30pm