

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bridport Rugby Football Club
Held on 9th August 2021 at the Rugby Pavilion**

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

1. Apologies : Guy Livingston

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

3. Matters Arising:

None.

4. Chairman's Report:

Julian advised the committee of a meeting that had taken place with the LC who are giving us the opportunity to take over the running and hiring of the clubhouse. We will lose the grass cutting income but keep all takings from the bar. We need to take advice from our solicitor and accountant and a separate sub-committee, comprising Julian, Ayo, Stuart, Noel, Drew and Dan, will be set up to take this forward. This would be for one year initially and if successful for a further three years. This will have implication for the constitution. Julian will inform the AGM of this opportunity and that full proposals will subsequently be brought to an EGM.

One member was not happy that VPs would not be allowed to vote at the AGM. Since the constitution will be amended, the present status quo will stand this year.

Nominations for the appointment of Officers at the AGM were discussed. These will be circulated via GMS and nominations from the floor will be taken on the night. Noel mentioned that according to Simon Peck our current constitution stipulates the need for three ex-officio members.

Ayo will not have the audited accounts from Donovan Atyeo but will present a brief synopsis and income statement.

5. Treasurers Report:

Current balance is £62,900 which includes £51,000 from the closed Nationwide account and £11,700 from sponsorship, international tickets, grass cutting income and payment for the lateral flow testing (£2850).

Allan has been paid the first instalment for the gym equipment.

Getting there with the NatWest account.

6. Secretary's Report:

All age grade players will need to be re-affiliated on GMS.

Simon Shaw has set up a company aimed at promoting different services to grass roots rugby. We have been sent free rugby balls.

7. VP's Report:

After the AGM Peter will get all the fixture information together. Agreed we should produce the fixture booklet again this year.

8. Fixtures:

Kevin apologised for any confusion with Dorchester re the 10's tournament. Agreed it was not an issue.

Wed 18th August – training exercise with Sidmouth starting 7pm.

Bar not available for this or the AGM on 13th. Palmers will deliver bottles of beer and cider. Allan will check with the LC if the cellar is chilled. Card machine to be used, not cash. Darren is also providing re-usable plastic glasses.

21st August – 10's tournament

Will agreed bar to be open from midday to 7pm, 2 staff but flexible finish if needed.

Details to be sent to VPs via email and to Bridport News.

Need to cater for approx 150. Use existing BBQ.

Ayo was intending to video games but has been informed a new version of the camera is being introduced which includes live streaming and old versions are not eligible for upgrade.

He is extremely annoyed as this is contrary to information given to him. He is considering returning the camera as within 30 days of contract. Difference in cost approx £500.

Ayo Fraser

28th August – Trowbridge

LC has allowed them to camp on the pitch. Bar to be open midday to 9pm with 2 staff. Kevin will liaise with the LC re Sunday opening hours.

Suggested we ask them for a donation to Weldmar re use of the pitches.

5th September – Barnet Elizabethans, ko 3pm

Possible fixtures against Portland Prison – Kevin sent them a copy of available dates.

18th September – possibility of social team against Chard 3rds and Vets. Kevin to chase.

Kevin has received costs from St Johns Ambulance HQ which have increased substantially.

Min charge 4 hours - £96 + VAT, 5 hours £120 + VAT

Allan will talk to Kevin.

Allan Staerck

9. Coaching / Team Management / Captains Report:

Everything going OK.

10. Juniors and Colts Report:

Nothing to report.

Re the defibrillator sponsorship, a photo of the Juniors in their training tops will be taken on 5th Sept and sent to Mark Banham to follow up with Alistair Warren.

11. Social Report:

Rory will organise the raffle at the 10's tournament.

12. Grounds Maintenance:

Nothing to report from Guy.

The floodlight report indicates that they are not fit for purpose as do not meet lux specifications. This has insurance implications. Louis is trying to organise with Ricky to find the best lamps for the cables we have now but still felt this may not be adequate. If lamps need replacing, then best to change all the lamps. Direct Sports in Ripon (via the RFU) do calculations for lights and replacements. Queried when the lamps were last cleaned?

Louis will chase up with Ricky.

Louis Brown

13. Business Development Report:

Received approx £6k in sponsorship to date - £3k for shirts, £900 hoodies, £200 from Mays to go towards transport for first away game and 11 hoardings.

Draw for the shirt sponsorship to take place at the AGM.

Stuart has been investigating electronic scoreboards. Portable ones are difficult but there are scoreboards that can be attached to a trailer.

14. Club Development:

a) Safeguarding – still waiting to hear from possible candidate

- b) School Liaison – ongoing
- c) Publicity – ongoing
- d) Volunteers – always required
- e) Development Plan – in hand

15. Any Other Business:

- a) Julian queried whether the players insurance has been paid. Simon will chase up as players are now training. This should also cover colts who are training, especially those doing apprenticeships.
- b) Julian attended a chairmen's zoom meeting for Dorset clubs, excluding BCP area. Dorchester had embraced Sky, cost £2000 for a year, and recouped the cost over the first weekend.
Dorchester are also concerned about player numbers. Seems a number of clubs are struggling.
- c) Louis has investigated further re heat blankets.
Torso – 86x60 Junior size £26.40 inc VAT
Full – 86x122 Adult size £33.96 inc VAT
If purchased now, shelf life until Jan 2026
Louis proposed and Peter seconded that we should buy 5 full blankets. All agreed.
- d) Louis will arrange a meeting with the players re law changes.
- e) Peter will talk to Simon Bareham re his proposed fixture.

Meeting closed at 9.06pm, next meeting Monday 13th September