

Bristol Bisons Committee Meeting

Location: Old Market Tavern
Date: Tuesday 19th October 2010

Present: Mike *Chairman*
Dean *Treasurer*
Tom *Fixtures Secretary*
Rhys *Rugby Manager*
Dan *Captain*

Apologies: Steve Hopkins *Secretary*

Minutes from last meeting

1. Mike started by going through the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Follow up from pride: No follow up from the Pride committee re debrief
3. The Old Reds: No further development on this front. (Tom to follow up)
4. LGBT Sports Group: Email has been sent up from Bristol Cycle club Charlie, we need to think about following this up especially with the LGBT month next year. Mike to follow up.
5. **Fixtures:-**
 - a. Police, all felt that the police game went well, we need to get first aid sorted next time. (This had been organised with Ashley Down), Dean mentioned that the first aid course is around £150 for the training. Dean to follow up St John's Ambulance/Red Cross about possible attendance at fixtures. Next time we need to get the Back stage more sorted. We need to take more control of fixtures i.e. the police took the vast majority of the preparation. The police fixture could become an annual event on the cup weekend?
 - b. **Edinburgh:-** Tom does not know the full details of the games. But we have 14 people down to attend. A list of flights and hotels to be drawn up for Mike so we know how we're and flying when. Rugby clinic to start around 11am 1 ½ hour training session and then followed by a tournament.
 - c. **November:-** We have a lead with the Great Western Ambulance service. We have also been advised not to play the fire brigade at present. Cotham park seconds as another, Crocker has given us a lead on this one. Neil from the RFU mentioned about the fixtures exchange. This may be hit and miss. We may end up with a 1st team. Should we try and fix some dates for the games. 27th November for the possible match with Great Western Ambulance.
 - d. **December:-** Poss the 11th / 18th December for a fixture
 - e. **January:-** 15th Development Day: 29th Fixture.
 - f. **February:-** Possible LGBT Rugby Game. Newcastle or London
 - g. **March:-** Development Day.
 - h. **April:-** 1st Weekend Newcastle. 30th Local Fixture.
 - i. **May:-** Training
 - j. **June:-** Union Cup (Amsterdam).

6. **Union Cup:-** Rhys has emailed the Amsterdam team regarding the event. But has not heard anything. The committee need to meet again regarding this. The flight deposit is £900 on KLM. We are aiming for a 10's team to enter this event. Supporters may have to be first come first served on the flights. And a Sponsor?
7. **Finance:-** Postcards poss. through Josh. Dan mentioned that we could get 5000 for £90, we need to get the membership money and also polo's and hoodies. We should have once a year a kit list. Replacement shirts need to be more flexible. Gareth has offered to buy a new kit for next year.
8. **RFU Meeting:-** Rhys and Mike meet with the RFU rep. Rhys feels that this meeting was not an eventful meeting, and also felt that he was forced into meeting with us, but he was very interested but always mentioning he had to speak to his boss. But we have not had much feedback from this. We do have a second meeting in November with the RFU. Mike & Rhys want some information from Neil before the meeting with the RFU in Twickenham. Also the possible using Twickenham or premiership pitch for the Bingham cup or Union Cup if we host it. Dean will chase the GRFU regarding membership.
9. **IGRAB:-** We have been confirmed as full members.
10. **Training:-** Meeting has been held with Rhys and Dan. Next meeting will be moved after Edinburgh date to 8th November. Wednesdays may be better for the group. Dan brought up the position of Coach, Rhys mentioned that there was no change on the pitch but that the development team would look after coaching planning. Mike did mention that the position of coach was not an elected position in our constitution. Dan did mention that should the team be asked, also if we cannot employ a coach and one of us should do it. The committee will make a decision on who should be the coach based on recommendation from the rugby manager. A general discussion took place on this matter where views were expressed. It was also made clear that communications need to be made better and this was not mentioned clearly on the previous minutes. Mike will update the minutes accordingly. Rhys also mentioned that we need to be open and accepting if someone is not able to attend that we should make sure they understand what was said and allow them to raise any concerns.
11. **Website:-** Has been updated, Dean has informed the committee of the www2 website.
12. **Social Events:-** Christmas dinner has to be decided on for Saturday 18th December.
The finalist list is:-
 - a. Harvey Nichols *Is a firm favourite*
 - b. Severn Shed
13. **AGM:-** will be at 7.30pm Ashley Down. Rhys to make a chilli Mike will make a spinach pie. Tom to do chips. Mike and Rhys to have their reports in by Wednesday. Also need the club History.