

Minutes



Bristol Bisons

Rugby Football Club
The South West's inclusive rugby team
Established 2005

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Meeting of the Management Committee Tuesday, 18th January 2011, 7.30pm The Vicarage, Filton Road, Horfield

Present: Mike *Chairman*
Dean *Secretary*
Keir *Treasurer*
Rhys *Rugby Manager*
Dayll *Social & Membership Secretary*

1. Welcome by the Chairman

2. Apologies

No apologies were received

3. Minutes of the last Management Committee held on 16th November 2010

Dean to add Edinburgh Game to the Fixtures page.

The Committee is to make contact with the Kings Cross Steelers with regards to us linking in with the Steelers. Rhys is to email Mathew with regards to ideas about publicity.

4. Minutes of the General Committee held on 22nd November 2010

No minutes arising from this meeting.

5. Follow up from the meeting with the GRFU

Mike went on to explain about our meeting with the GRFU and the background of why we were meeting them. Mike explained about the two levels of membership within the RFU Section 1 & 2 and Section 3 club. Section 1 clubs must have played at least 15 games against 4 other teams in the first year before applying. The Section 3 Club is a casual membership which will help us to build up on the experience we would need to become a full voting member.

Mike & Rhys explained what came out from the meeting and their views, some of the panel questions were:-

Why do you not join Ashley Down as their Third Team?

Are you taking players from other teams?

Are we a one hit wonder?

We showed passion about the game and about ourselves as a rugby club.

We explained to the panel that we would like to keep our identity and go forward on our own. Rhys went on to say about the possibility of us not getting membership and that we may be recommended to join Ashley Down. This started a general discussion about our response to such a suggestion would be.

6. Update on preparation for the Union Cup

Dean updated the group on his views on the information obtained from the Amsterdam Team; we have a coach at £120 per person. Mike explained that we would need to ask people for a £50 per person non-refundable deposit to be in by the end of February. A Union Cup meeting should be held within the next week to two weeks. To discuss this matter further *possibly on the 2nd February*. Keir to send a message out on Facebook about the potential cost of the Union Cup.

7. Development plan – away day

Mike went onto explain why this was missed in January. Neil Loader has asked if he can attend a meeting with the club to work on our development day. This could take around 3 hours. Mike also went on to explain about the facilities manager who was going to do the original date. May be 11am in the morning at Victoria Street with Neil on either 20th/27th March. *Dean to email Neil with dates.*

8. Club governance and sub-committee structure

Mike went through the structure again. Dean explained that invites would only be sent out to members of the relevant committees. Mike asked if the structure could be linked with a message to Facebook. The Chairs of the relevant sub groups are to set up initial meetings to discuss meetings and dates when they will meet.

9. Update from the Rugby Development Committee

Rhys went on to tell us about their recent meeting on Thursday 13th December, The group discussed fixtures and especially the upcoming game against Bredon Star. Rhys stressed that cancelling games would look bad on the club especially with next seasons. Rhys went through the upcoming fixtures, *which will be published on the website*. The Money Possibly from the Ambulance game will go to the ambulance service it has been agreed this would be split, Dean Suggested that any money raised at these games could be put into a Benevolent fund to go towards supporting players in trouble.

Dan has been approached by Bath University to organise a development day on 6th March for the local universities.

Dayll is going to approach local universities for alternative development days.

Hereford Greyhounds have approached us for a game on the 1st May which will be a memorial game for two players who have passed away.

Rhys went on to explain about the safety and wellbeing for the players both at training and at games, Rhys asked Jerry for a list of members with medical issues.

Rhys and Dean are to be trained by the RFU for first aid training and will take it in turns to be at training and games to give basic cover. We need to explain to player about safety especially with new players joining the team.

Players are to be asked to attend at 7pm to get ready, changed and warmed up for a prompt start at 7.30pm

Mike asked about safety in tackling and also when the pitch is waterlogged can we do something different rather than cancelling the session.

Jerry also mentioned that players should bring ideas to the training sessions on how they would like to develop themselves.

10. Update from the Treasurer

Keir gave the group an update on the finances of the club. Mike asked if we can sit down and look at next year's costs. Memberships are still outstanding which Keir, Dayll and Jerry will chase up payments. The General finances are in good standing.

11. Update regarding incorporation and CASC

Dean updated the group on the recent application to HMRC for CASC. He also gave an update on the work currently under way to be incorporation which should be completed by the end of March

12. Forthcoming social events

Keir mentioned about buying two mascots- one for the club and one that could be used for fundraising.

Dayll mentioned to the group that he has not had a chance to arrange any events.

Keir mentioned about Bristol Vs Llanelli as possible social event,

Dayll mentioned about us going for another night out in Old Market and also the opening of the new Queen Shilling.

Dean mentioned about the need for postcards and sponsorship.

Dayll mentioned that Bristol Pride have approached him for the Bisons to pose for a calendar for pride. *We will look into this, Dayll, Keir and Dean to meet with Pride.*

Jerry asked about 6 nations get together for the matches. *Possibility for this in one of the Gay Bars in Old Market. Recruitment and social get together. Fixtures to go on to the private group of Facebook & website. Rhys & Mike to talk to the OMT.*

We have been approached by Old Market Tavern so that any funds raised during their weekly quiz night will go to Bisons. *Players to be encourage to attend the quiz night as often as possible.*

13. Forthcoming fixtures

Covered by Item 9

14. Any other business At the Chairman's discretion

Fan Page needs to be promoted more.

Meeting was closed at 21:23 by the Chairman.