

BPFC Management Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2018

Present: Jim Rochford (JR) in the Chair; Adrian Curtis (AC) Minutes; Dave Hanby (DH); Gillian Harrison (GH); Rob Loveday (RL); Alan Marsland (AMar); Bryn Morgan (BM); Bill Seddon (BS)

Apologies: Christine Barber; Mark Lloyd; Alan McGown; Dave Poppitt; Pippa Ranson; Louise Sinclair (LS); Del Trotter

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** These were received.
2. **Matters Arising:** None not covered on the Agenda
3. **Director of Rugby's Report (AMar)**
 - The 1st XV had had a good win at Glossop the previous Saturday. Promotion remains the primary goal, but a win in the Lancashire Trophy too would be excellent.
 - The 2nd XV's defeat against Kirby Lonsdale had been very disappointing given the good start.
 - Sufficient numbers of players had been available recently for the 3rd and 4th XV, and they would find their level in the league structure.
 - There were ongoing issues regarding links with MMU, some of whose players were being encouraged to play for Sale FC who had struggled to maintain a 2nd XV.
 - It was anticipated that, at a forthcoming meeting, Lancashire teams at Level 7 and below would establish their own leagues, initially outside the RFU structure. It had been made clear that, while understanding their reasons, BPFC wished to retain the benefits of being an RFU accredited club and to seek promotion within the RFU structure. It was possible that some players might be attracted to Park in light of this.
 - It was anticipated that most, perhaps all, of the current coaches would continue next season.
 - Park would enter a 7-a-side team in the Chester tournament, with sponsorship thanks to John Russell. Jason Duffy would be coach and Dave Rodgers Jnr manager.
 - Further thought was needed on the proposal to video matches. Expertise would be needed, both in terms of the filming and the editing, if this is to prove helpful.
4. **Finance (JR)**
 - Profit and Loss accounts (for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st October 2017) and a Balance Sheet (as at 31st October 2017) for the Broughton Park Trading Company Ltd, which had been circulated in advance, were presented. JR drew attention to the fact that the bar itself had made a profit, and that a significant loan would have to be paid back.
 - The date and venue for the Gala Dinner had been fixed. It was hoped that there would be 35-40 tables, both corporate and from within the Club.
 - There had been a meeting with the Council regarding the club's lease, in light of the re-evaluation by Jacobs which had been unacceptable. Manchester Leisure were supportive of the Club's position and there had been a positive meeting with a representative from the Council's corporate activities section. Matters were in abeyance at the moment.
 - There had been an approach from the Council regarding whether the Club would approve the proposal to establish a new school on the Hough End Centre site. It was understood that this would be under the auspices of Chorlton High School. RL stressed the importance of Park being supportive of this development.
 - The astro-turf pitch had been made more available for rugby and helped with the protection of the grass pitches. LS had raised the issue of the allocation of the astro-turf pitch for training

when the grass pitches were not useable. It was agreed that flexibility is needed, with willingness to train on different nights if necessary, e.g. on Fridays when there is less demand.

- The installation of EPOS was being pursued. A possible supplier had been located.
- There had been a significant drop in Clubhouse bookings.
- JR planned to meet Chairs of the GAA teams who currently play at Hough End in the hope of encouraging use of the BPFC facilities.

5. Minis and Youth (RL):

- Membership was up, with teams from U6 to Colts. Plans were in hand for some colts to transition into senior sides, with current U16s moving up to form a Colts team next season. A succession of Colts teams over the next 2-3 years seemed assured.
- There had been an issue regarding a Colt wishing to play for a senior side and for the Colts in the same weekend. This had been resolved. AMar stressed the importance of following the correct safeguarding protocol for colts wishing to play for a senior side.
- Attempts were being made to address the development of links between coaches of the younger teams (who were often not former players) and the senior club.

6. Ground:

- AMar reported that it was virtually certain that the pitches would not be useable the coming weekend. The correct protocol for calling off a game would be followed.

7. Club House matters (GH):

- It was hoped that there would be a significant number of bookings for the Clubhouse from the Council Safeguarding Board.
- GH had just repaired the tumble dryer. The washing of kit for the senior men's teams, the Colts, and the Ladies team was proving very demanding and time-consuming. If the first team to return shirts on a Saturday could put them in the washing machine and switch it on, it would be helpful.

8. Complaint:

- BM informed the meeting that he had been approached at the match against Glossop the previous Saturday regarding the language being used by some BPFC supporters. Subsequently an official complaint had been received from their safeguarding officer, with an indication that the RFU would be informed. It was agreed that this must be investigated, and that those allegedly involved should be invited to give their side of the story. It was understood that there had been provocation, including a serious insult to a BP lady member by a Glossop player, and a threat to a senior member. The officers would give this due consideration and respond appropriately.

9. AOB

- The 1st team fixture at New Brighton had been re-arranged for 10th Feb.
- BS reported that he had passed on some Club memorabilia which had belonged to Alan Shuker to Ed McDonagh, but had retained two items which might be of value: an RFU Centenary plate, and a cigarette case which had been presented to a former president in 1905. He proposed (seconded RL, agreed unanimously) that these items might be auctioned at the Gala Dinner. He also confirmed that he was sending details of the Dinner to former players.

Next Meeting: Thursday 8th March at 7.00 p.m.