

# **BPFC Management Committee**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Present:** Jim Rochford (JR) in the Chair; Christine Barber (CB); Adrian Curtis (AC) Minutes; Mark Lloyd (ML); Bill Seddon (BS)

**Apologies:** Rob Loveday

The **Minutes** of the previous meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October had been circulated. **Correction:** AC noted that it was the girls U13 team who had formed a guard of honour at the England-v-South Africa match at Twickenham on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

1. **Director of Rugby's Report** – No report

2. **Finance /Fundraising (JR)**

Club Accounts for 2015-16, 16-17 and 17-18 would be submitted to the Finance Committee, prior to being presented to an AGM. Draft accounts for 2017-18 for Broughton Park Trading were in preparation, with the intention of making bar turnover visible as a separate item. A stock-take would be needed. It was suggested that two additional licensees should be sought to undertake training.

In light of Gillian Harrison's resignation as Operations Manager, it was hoped that Cameron Flavell (CF) would take on some of the responsibilities, initially for a trial period. Mark Flynn and CB were also taking on additional responsibilities. CB stressed the importance of being clear who would be responsibility for day to day activities. **Action: JR would meet CF** as soon as possible to discuss responsibilities.

It was agreed that the arrangements for operations management and possible areas for development would need to be monitored.

Mark Flynn had indicated that information was needed about current contracts for use of facilities. This would be sought from Gillian.

It was agreed that charges for the hire of facilities would need to be reconsidered.

3. **Minis and Youth**

ML reported that numbers were good, especially in the Junior section.

JR had expressed concern to Phil Clarke about the poaching of players.

The area beyond pitches 2 and 3 was now available for use but about £5k was needed for the erection of posts etc. The possibility of some RFU funding, and other potential sources would be investigated.

4. **Ladies XV**

Concern was expressed that attempts might be made by another club to cherry-pick players.

It was agreed that a set of polo T-shirts with the club logo should be purchased for the Ladies.

**Action:** ML agreed to look into this.

5. **Match Day Arrangements** – Nothing to report

6. **Sponsorship, Funding etc**

The possibility of Hough End being a suitable venue for a Park Run could be investigated.

JR had met Chris Greenhall, the owner of the 'I Love Manchester' website, through whom access might be available for making contact with potential players or supporters living in the city centre. He planned to have further conversation with him.

**7. Ground**

No major work had been possible on the pitches. A mild Autumn had helped preserve them in a reasonable state, but ML noted that there are some areas with very little grass.

**8. AOB**

There was some discussion of the lack of players, including the loss of MMU and UoM students. BS raised the issue of providing free membership, beer etc for students, as happens in some other clubs, but it was reported that this had been attempted but with limited success. ML commented that lack of players was affecting a number of clubs, and that a particular problem at 1<sup>st</sup> XV level was players making themselves available for selection regularly. BS indicated that the date of the Club dinner had been fixed for 10<sup>th</sup> May, i.e. after the Lancs Trophy final on 5<sup>th</sup> May. Andy Coslett had agreed to be speaker. Consideration would be given as to whether other contributions would be needed.

BS reported that he understood that Andy Coslett and other RFU committee members were seeking first-hand information by visiting local clubs. They could perhaps be invited to the Dinner, or to visit on some other occasion.

BS also asked whether it was proposed to hold a Christmas lunch-time party, as in recent years. It was noted that numbers had dwindled, and other possibilities were suggested for consideration.

CB reported on a proposal to hold a curtain raiser before the match on 17<sup>th</sup> Nov, involving the Deans Trust Ardwick and Chorlton High School. Parents and members of leadership teams would be invited.

CB also referred to an approach from Christie and Co to hold a corporate sports event in aid of their chosen charity, the Sea Shell Trust, at Park during the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019. This was felt to be acceptable in principle, but it was noted that that week included Good Friday which would not be suitable. It was understood that there had been some prior contact with Gillian, and it would be important to check what, if anything, had been said about costs etc.

ML asked whether the RFU pay BPFC for use of the premises when they put on coaching courses. The response was that they do pay, but the amount would need to be checked.

ML noted that the projector in the clubhouse was not working, and that the Youth section would buy a new projector and screen.

**Next Meeting:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.00 pm. (A Monday was suggested in order to avoid training nights.)