

BPFC Management Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2018

Present: Jim Rochford (JR) in the Chair; Adrian Curtis (AC) Minutes; Bryn Morgan (BM); Dave Poppitt (DPop), Pippa Ranson (PR).

Apologies: Christine Barber, Graham Higginbotham, Mark Lloyd, Rob Loveday, Alan Marsland, Louise Sinclair.

(AC has included some items under appropriate headings rather than where they were mentioned.)

The **Minutes** of the previous meeting on Sept 6th had been circulated.

1. Youth (PR)

There would be a Halloween/Bonfire event on 28th October. PR had been in discussion with Chorlton Fireworks and the Barbakan over sponsorship. In view of the limit of 200 people allowed inside the clubhouse, it might be necessary to arrange for food to be sold outside. **Action:** JR suggested that details should be discussed at the forthcoming Mini and Junior Management meeting.

There were currently only 6 players at Under 7 level, and 6 at Under 8. Phil Clarke had been informed of this. However there were more than 20 under 9s, a reflection of the boost engendered by the Rugby World Cup. **Action: JR to discuss this situation with Phil Clarke.**

2. Director of Rugby's Report

On behalf of the DoR, it was reported that numbers were still a concern for the 3rd and 4th XV's. It was understood that some players had gone to Eccles, and no students had yet joined the club. It was intended that the fixture against Bury 3rd XV on 6th October would be fulfilled.

BM indicated that he had had some concerns about the 1st XV in light of 3 successive defeats, but felt more optimistic after the victory over Manchester; there is now a good set of backs but a need for consistency among the forwards.

3. Match Day Arrangements (JR)

The three home first XV games to date had been local derbies, and attendance had been good.

4. Finance /Fundraising (JR)

The accounts for 2017-18 were expected in the near future.

A draft set of end of year accounts for BP Trading Ltd had been prepared.

The date (28th February) had been fixed for the Gala Ball, to be held at the Mercure Hotel. The speaker would be Paul Merson, and a comedian would be booked.

5. Ladies XV

Members of the Ladies XV have been invited to form a guard of honour at the England-v-South Africa match on 3rd November.

6. Ground

JR reported that some work had now been carried out on the first team pitch, and that it should not be used the following weekend (6th or 7th October).

7. 250 Club - No report

8. AOB

There would be a players' reunion on 15th December prior to the match against Blackburn. Stuart Wellington was taking over writing material for the match programme.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 6th November at 7.00 p.m.