

## **BPFC Management Committee**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Present:** Dave Poppitt (DPop), Barry Allen (BA), Alan McGown (AMc), Rob Loveday (RL), Dave Pilkington (DP), Mark Lloyd (ML), Phillipa Ranson (PR), Phil Clark (PC), Gillian Harrison (GH), Jim Rochford (JR), Bryn Morgan (BM).

Apologies: Adrian Curtis, Bill Seddon, Christine Barber

A vote of thanks was given to Adrian for the quality of the previous minutes.

Matters arising from the previous minutes.

- Junior world cup. The club has been chosen by New Zealand as their base. They will be arriving from June 1<sup>st</sup>. Gillian is attending a meeting of the organising committee on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 31 tables have now been sold for the sportsman's dinner. John Russell has done an amazing job.
- The new washing machine has been ordered. An application for matched funding has been produced and is ready to be sent.
- Concern about members parking across the disabled access. This has been mentioned on the web site. Individuals who regularly do this to be spoken to.

#### **RFU Development Officer's Report – Phil Clark.**

- Hough End Development. No progress of late.
- Junior world cup. N.Z. training at the club. There will be a number of open training sessions. It is intended that each club organise a welcoming ceremony. The RFU will be providing £500 in support. Tickets for the games, £10 for adults and £5 for children. Block bookings via the RFU will ensure that booking fees will not have to be paid. An email has been sent out to club members asking if someone would like to act as a 'Ticket Master'. Mark Cueto is acting as an ambassador for the tournament. There will be a trophy tour beginning on May 7<sup>th</sup>. The club can request it for any event.
- A meeting has been held with Dave Hanby re the beginning of women's rugby at the club. There will be a 'pitch up and play' session on the 27<sup>th</sup> followed by 4 Sunday training sessions beginning at 1pm.
- Phil will be attending a meeting with the council on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> about the club lease.
- The posts for pitch 2 have arrived. DPop to write a thankyou letter to Ken Andrews and Dave Herriman.
- PR to provide Phil with a list of schools for the development officers to work with and generate interest.
- 7s tournament in July. Resources are available to help.

Questions

Where is the RFU up to re. 12 league teams? This has been passed. Only the north have indicated

opposition. There is no indication when they will begin.

How is our relationship with the council? Is there anyway in which they would agree to pitch 2 being turned around? Phil to follow up.

What has happened re the RFU rubber crumb pilot scheme? Preston Grasshoppers have been chosen. Phil indicated that the main criteria was that they own their own land.

### **Club Structure – requirements for the new CASC status.**

There is a need to restructure the club. One section, the rugby club, to focus on all aspects of rugby and the other a trading element. To do this there is a need to hold an EGM before the 31<sup>st</sup> March. JR is seeing the accountants on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> and should get the up to date accounts. A meeting can then be called. There needs to be 3 weeks' notice and there need to be 25 present to be quorate. 22<sup>nd</sup> of March at 8pm was suggested as the provisional date. It was agreed to focus on gift aid once CASC status has been finalised. It was noted that it can be claimed 3 years retrospectively.

### **Finance.**

CASC status is the main focus at the moment.

### **Bar and Bookings Report**

GH reported that for Feb/March there are 8 conference bookings and 6 party bookings. Progress has been made on creating a web site to advertise the facilities. It was suggested that T Booth and A Ellis who are both web designers be contacted. It was suggested that the club should be on the Chorlton web site weekly.

A question over the St John's booking on July 9<sup>th</sup> was raised. Apparently a number of trays went missing last year. It was agreed that the booking should continue but that a deposit should be sort at the outset.

It was noted that no promised freebies had arrived from the brewery yet. GH to follow up.

### **The All Weather Pitch and other ground issues.**

The all weather requires another bounce test at the cost of £2000 plus Vat and inevitably work will have to be done and then tested again. Costs could be up to £5000 in total. The problem is that the RFU have only registered 2 companies to do this and therefore the club cannot shop around. It can be still used for football and tag rugby but no contact rugby. The goals also need replacing, they are broken and dangerous.

The groundsman's job description has been completed by AMc. Andy is happy with it.

Posts. GH has got a quote from Bankcroft Amenities to erect the new posts. £1560!! It was suggested that Andy and Boz could hire a digger and extract the old posts and dig holes for the new ones. It was also suggested that an attachment for the tractor can be purchased to raise the posts, which are hinged. GH to speak to Andy. It was noted that only one set needs to be erected at the moment.

### **Future Events**

European Lacrosse championships – 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May. There is a meeting re the Word Lacrosse which are taking place in 2018 on March 15<sup>th</sup> DPop to attend.

Mini/Junior dinner dance has been cancelled due to a lack of numbers. The 250 club draw was going to take place then. It was suggested that this should now take place on April 9

<sup>th</sup>, the last home game of the season. DPop to contact Bill Seddon.

95 people were at the Salsa night held last Saturday. They have also booked April 9<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested that they be contacted and asked if it could be changed to the 16<sup>th</sup> as this is the last home game of the season and people are likely to want to stop around.

AOB

- Only 19 new members have been signed up for the 250 club despite all the work done by Bill.
- Job descriptions need to be printed for the AGM.
- Game Management System. All the club roles and coach qualifications need to be correct and on the GMS which takes for ever.
- We need a new president for next year. Alan is now coming to the end of his third year.
- March 5<sup>th</sup> at Kirby Lonsdale is the last away game requiring a coach. It was suggested that we get s many supporters as possible.