

BPFC Management Committee.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th May 2016

Present: D. Hanby (DH), D. Pilkington (DPilk), D. Poppitt (DP), P. Ranson (PR), A. Marsland (AM), Del Trotter (DT), B. Seddon (BS), M. Larson (MLars), J. Rochford (JR)

Apologies: M. Lloyd (ML), R. Loveday (RL), G. Harrison (GH), A. Curtis, A. McGowan (AMc). C. Barber(CB). Bryn Morgan (BM)

Agreed actions in *italics*

1. **Players led Improvement Group.**

MLars presented a proposed structure in the form of the flow diagram to illustrate how such a group should function and who it would report to. It is to be seen as a group where players can become more involved in the development of the club and not a forum for moaning. The proposal was very positively received *and MLars agreed to clarify how the outcomes of the group will be communicated to all players in the club.*

2. **Club Rules.**

It was agreed to set up a working group to review the club rules and job descriptions in light of the change to the club financial structure and RFU guidelines. It was suggested that BS, JR, MLars and RL should be members of the group and that they would meet to complete the task over the summer. *BS to co-ordinate.*

3. **Nat West Rugby Force Weekend.**

This will take place on weekend 25/26th June. We need as many players and members of the youth section down as possible over the weekend. PR emphasised that we need to identify at least £2,500 donations and sponsorship to get the additional 25%. She outlined a number of ways in which this can be achieved and compiled. *She will liaise with JR over this. A number of future suggestions were made including using the club allocation of international tickets as an encouragement to sponsors. JR to arrange a finance committee meeting to specifically look at sponsorship.*

4. **Youth Training.**

DT emphasized the fact that with the growing size of the youth section that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find sufficient space for all to train on Wednesday evenings. This was especially the case this season due to all the bad weather resulting in the grass pitches being out of commission for many weeks. It was suggested that the all-weather pitch should be made available on Thursday evenings as well. It was noted that a number of the youth teams were considering moving training to Thursdays. The reasons for change were agreed in principle. *RL to be contacted to confirm the change and GH to be asked to contact any groups who have booked the all-weather pitch between 7-8 on Thursdays before definite booking can be confirmed.*

5. **Coaching for 2016/17 season.**

AM has agreed to take over from ML as Director of Rugby. A discussion then took place re

next year's first team coaches. AM presented a budget for the first team for next year which highlighted that the cost of hiring an external coach would be at least £6,300 and probably more without a guarantee that it would bring success. AM proposed that we should look internally for coaches and proposed John Clifford and Ronan O'Brien. It was also suggested that Kevin O'Brien should be approached to act as mentor to the coaches. *Once it has been finalised DH and Paddy O'Donnell will organise a players meeting at which the new coaching structure will be presented. BS to attempt to contact KO'B.*

To date the following people have agreed to be involved.

First team Manager – Neil Parkin

Second Team manager – Dave Rogers

Third Team Manager – Matt Larson

Fourth Team Manager – James Weatherhead.

First Team Captain – Paddy O'Donnell, Vice-Captain – Warren Duffy

Physios – Jools and Steve

It was proposed that a new position of Club Captain be initiated. This was agreed. DH was proposed and it was also agreed.

6. Annual Dinner.

It was agreed that it was chaotic and lacked any form of discipline. The presentations etc dragged on until after midnight resulting in there being no mention of the youth section at all. Considerable thought needs to be given to the organisation of future such events.

7. NZ U20s Presentation Evening

This will take place between 4 and 6pm on 3rd June. Maori dancers are going to perform. The Lord Mayor will be present. AMc as club President will make a speech along with Lancashire representatives – Dave Herriman, Tom Fitzgerald and the Carole Baker – (Safeguarding officer). The players will then be presented with their participation medals. Schools have been contacted as well as other clubs who are not hosting teams. We have £500 for World Cup organisers and £300 from Phil Clark's funds but may need small amount of Club Funds to cover buffet. *Meeting called Wednesday 25th at the Clubhouse for all involved parties*

8. Lacrosse.

The N.W. Event held at the club was very successful. All involved were very impressed with the club, catering and the facilities available. The club gained £5,000 from the event with approximately £450 in costs for groundsmen and bar staff. *RL is drawing up the agreement for the 2018 world cup.*

9. Finance.

The accounts will be ready for the AGM. *JR to finalise the accounts for the Frank Bruno event. He will also clarify the bar accounts and check whether an end of financial year stocktake took place.*

10. Youth Rugby.

Summary of the year.

More players than ever. 190 medals purchased for the end of year presentations. Teams now from U6s to U16s. The first time for decades that any child between those ages can now find a team to play in. Junior colts again next year. All 3 junior teams through to the semi-finals of their cup competitions. 3 U15/16 and 3 U14s in Lancs development groups. Thanks to more existing players now coaching, especially Biff and Beastie with the U7s. John Heald recognised for the outstanding job he has done as fixture sec.

The youth section has been selected as one of only 2 kids first clubs to provide a guard of honour at the England/Wales match. 7 players to take part.

There is a need to a first aid course for coaches. There are few people in the club with current first aid qualifications. To be organised in the Autumn and opened up to the whole club.

11. Ground

The posts are to be erected on pitch 2 in the near future. Weather dependant. Otherwise as of minutes from last meeting.

12. AGM.

To take place on Tuesday 24th. DP sends his apologies. He will be sending a written report. AMc and CB to manage the meeting. AM stated that the position of membership sec needs to be resolved as he cannot do it as well as being Director of Rugby. DH volunteered to do it. There is no one willing to take on the role of Club President. AMc has agreed to do it for a 4th and final year.

13. AOB

- The Regimental dinner will be held again at the club on October 22nd. They were very happy with arrangements last year.
- AM apologised for his role in the club dinner.
- Date of next meeting – June 14th.