

Fairford Rugby Club Committee Meeting 16th August 2022

Present: Steve Darley (SD), Lindsey Thurlow (LT), Lorna Pugh (LP), Wendy Button (WB), Andy Stopka, (AS), Danny Briggs (DB), Debbie Rees Jones (DRJ),
Apologies: George Ellis (GE), Gill Stopka (GS), Karen Spour (KS), Katharine Buchanan (KB), Chris Hill (CH), Kenny Robins (KR), Chris Jackson (CJ),

AREA	Meeting Discussion Summary	New Actions	Owner	Target Closure Date
CHAIRMAN	<p>AGM happened in June. President's position still open. People have been approached but no one is willing to take on the role.</p> <p>People have been approached but no one is willing to take on the role.</p> <p>Legally – SD is Director so it makes no difference. Scott Cohoon's name will remain in place within GMS Golden Role until a replacement is found.</p> <p>LT – we need to work out who is liaising with the VPs</p>	Action – SD to liaise with VPs to thank them for their continued support.		
CLUB DEVELOPT	<p>SD – GE had meeting with CDC on Friday. Retrospective approval granted for existing buildings. DRJ – does this mean we can add a proper toilet. DB explained that we are replacing an existing building so the new replacement toilet can be built.</p> <p>DB – Initial planning positive.</p> <p>GE – Stated that we will review the plan prior to final submission</p> <p>LP – Has kit that needs to go into Leafield Road – can we get a spare key? DB – the enhanced security has been added which makes access harder.</p>			



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FINANCE	<p>SD – mentioned that LP – explained that after the used ball giveaway ball drops she noticed that many of the other balls are worn out. She asked if the rugby club could do another Ball Drop in the run-up to the season. DRJ – explained that the lead-time on FRFC logo'd balls is 6 weeks. SD – Fairfest – awaiting final figure which GE expects to be healthy.</p>	Action – LP to inspect kit bags to find out how many of each size ball we need.	LP	16/09/22
COACHING	<p>LP – All coaches are returning next season. Are we doing any 'Coach the Coaches' sessions? LP – there is a concern with the U15s / U16s. SD mentioned that Faringdon have organised all the U15s / U16s games. LP has not had time to put these fixtures on Spond. Dave Jackson has deleted LP from the WhatsApp group. LT – that WhatsApp group initiated the last complaint. LP – "Faring-ford" formed. LP asked Faringdon who is doing the Safeguarding role? Faringdon are all 16s = playing 16s rules. SD – do the U15s / U16s have a Spond account.</p>	Action – Chairman to discuss concerns raised by Safeguarding Rep with U15s / U16s Coach	SD	16/09/22
YOUTH	<p>DRJ – I have restocked the Junior cabin, topped up the shirts for start of season, and will drop off 100 odd ball hats LP – How do we now contact historical youth memberships?</p>			



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SENIORS	DB – Seniors are struggling – we only have approx. 20 players.	Action – Cross refer to Chairman’s report for VP Sponsorship ‘thank you’ action		
VIXENS	DB – We have 15 x regular players and 14 x fixtures lined up in the IWS league. James and Harri are helping Danny regularly.			
YOUTH				
JUNIORS				



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SOCIAL	<p>GE – Fairfest was very busy on the Saturday. More than usual from traders. Approx £25k over bar. We also had a £10K one-time grant from the Council. The cups sold at £1 each etc.</p> <p>LT – We need to publicise that Fairfest is a rugby club issue. CH ran Bouncy Castle on the Saturday. GE mentioned that experienced staff enabled consistent pricing. Tom Ponting helped with build of the bar but is travelling next year. Tony Aiuto is going north next year. GE is finding it hard to recruit helpers and is worried about next year. i.e. Tom Jenkins is going to Uni next year. An update on money made will be given at the next meeting</p> <p>DB – mentioned that other clubs are tying in a festival with a rugby day. GE mentioned that using Coln House would be a great option but he will only be able to run one bar next year.</p>	<p>Action – GE to give Fairfest income report.</p>		
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SPONSORS	<p>LP – Paul Morse Roofing are keen to sponsor the rugby club LT – Peter Rigby and Rob Derry (Brunel Mortgages) are keen to get involved.</p> <p>DRJ – New Senior kit (FOC) has arrived, 26 shorts and 48 pairs of socks, and 27 bundles of coaching T shirts & contact tops – this has all been paid for by Cullimore which is incredible – totalling £2688. I have thanked Moreton and ordered him a gym bundle which he has received but I wonder if someone more senior can also thank him. Cullimore is treated as a gold sponsor so assuming they have been sent information re. RFU international ticket application etc. Moreton has been extremely generous this year as it was a big outlay to pay for coaches bundles across the club but he has done it. This means that all coaches will have a uniform of T shirt and training top to wear at the start of the season. We need to keep tabs on this stock which Lorna/Danny will do.</p>	<p>Action – LP to contact Paul Morse Roofing ref sponsorship</p> <p>Action – LT to contact Brunel Mortgages (Rob Derry) reference bronze / silver / gold sponsorship options.</p> <p>Action – Need list of up-to-date sponsors at start of season and remove obsolete sign boards</p> <p>Action – Chairman to chase VPs</p>	LP	16/09/22
COMMS / MEDIA	<p>KS – Mentioned that she needs more information for the August newsletter. DRJ will mention Halbro site.</p>			
SAFE GAURDING	<p>NFTR on top of issues mentioned regarding U15s / U16s coach going 'rogue'.</p> <p>DB – We may have some 17 x year olds playing so Coach needs assistance with registering them.</p>			



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AOB	<p>SD – discussed RFU communication regarding delaying season start date due to pitch dryness due to drought. DB mentioned that the pitch is not playable due to how hard the ground is. DB expects that the season start could even get delayed until October.</p> <p>LT – has anyone gone back to Darren from Rugby Tots? SD mentioned that KR was going to speak to him. LP mentioned that CH is looking into it.</p> <p>LT – Are we going to do Pitch Up this year? Application needs to be in by 24th August. DB mentions that we are doing Pitch Up this Saturday. It is worth £500 in sponsorship.</p> <p>LT – Mentioned that the Youth visit to Gloucester needs arranging.</p> <p>LT – Need a Fairfest Round Up with a Build Back ‘thank you’.</p> <p>DB – Discussed that Prime Practice Physio getting reduced to once per fortnight needs to be considered. SD reassured that the Physio will increase their presence if there are multiple injuries.</p> <p>GE – Has the ground hardness caused many injuries. DB – no scrummage machine use and tackling only with crash mats.</p>	Action – LT to submit application		
ADMIN	Next committee meeting will be 20/09/22 at FCC		ALL	

