

Minutes of Meeting

Subject: Ashford Rugby Club Committee – Web Copy

Date (Time): 8th May 2024

Minutes: John Heaver

Meeting Attendees		Distribution
John Norman (JN)	Mark Bowes (MB)	Committee
Vicky Norman (VN)	Rhys Fussell (RF)	Web Copy
Mick Stanley (MS)	Tim Scrivens (TS)	
Charlie Vavasour (CV)	Aaron Bowes (AB)	
Chris Dengate (CD)	John Heaver (JH)	
Grant Wilson (GW)		
Ian Foinette (IF)		

Committee Minutes

Apologies	08/05/24	John Norman
Lauren Holdstock (LH), Ian Nelson (IN). Dylan Tomkins (DT)		
Administration	08/05/24	John Heaver
Nothing to report on admin.		
Welfare	08/05/24	John Heaver
First aid course dates to be setup JH to confirm with Emma on club house availability.		
Amanda J stepping down from ASO, I need to canvas minis from possible candidates. VN suggested talking to Lisa.		
Nothing else to report on Welfare.		

Discipline	08/05/24	Grant Willson
Chay Ballantyne we still haven't had the report back, but he was given a three-match ban, which has taken him out of the semifinal, final and supposedly the 1st friendly of the new season. The report on Will Blyth at Thanet, Kent came back to say there is no case to answer. Nothing so far on the U18 boy's incident. U18 girls, I have prepared a document which I have sent to Dartfordians so they can check it over so we can submit a joint statement. Ollie took her group to Flip-Out where there was an incident between two boys. Further witness statements required. Further updates to follow. Report of a parent who was alleged to be under the influence of alcohol whilst with other club members at Twickenham watching the Red Roses, where its alleged she was verbally abusive to some of the children in the group. This is still under investigation. IF – Asked what's the approach with the Dartfordians complaint. GW – They were under the impression the other team's coaches were going to put a complaint in about the Dartfordians coach over coaching from the touch line. It does appear that some of the abuse came from parents of Ashford supporters. Updates to follow. Nothing else to report on discipline.		
Finance	08/05/24	Charlie Vavasour
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Subscriptions	08/05/24	Vacant
Subs to be discussed at the next meeting. CD – Mention some interesting stuff on memberships and donations. We need to spend a bit of time on that due to gift aid recovery. Nothing else to report on subscription.		

Policies and Grants	08/05/24	Martyn Hodge
JH – The two policies still need updating. TS – I will get on to it. Nothing else to report on Policies and Grants.		
Games Reports	08/05/24	Chris Dengate
Big game this weekend, the PJ shield. Really good team, really good squad, everyone is up for it, should be a really good game. Amanda Johnston is stepping down as the girl's lead, I am working with George Shepherd, Malcom Oats and Tom Jury on all the different pieces of work that are currently underway. George is keen to move away from minis coordinator so he can link in with the girls to help with the transitioning to women's rugby. So, we need to find someone to take on the coordinator role. The update went out about no rugby in May, return with touch rugby on the 4th of June. Mini award Sunday, Heaver is going to give out the medals and trophies for all age groups. We have had two applications for the head coaching role. The advert will remain out for a few weeks longer to see if there are any other applicants. CV – we still need to agree the budget for said coach. AB – Should we discuss the budget now as we really need the coach in place for the pre-season. CV – I wouldn't want him paid more than DoR. CD – we are looking at about £4.5k to £6k which will be spread over the 12 months. Line marking, we have had a quote come in, he is expensive, but it is every pitch every week. Its £550 per month over 12 months. JN – Suggests we continue looking for quotes. Nothing else to report on games.		
Bar / Kitchen Report	08/05/24	Vicky Norman

I met with the Sheps rep, the loan we had is now down to £3,564 at the end of March. If we pay it off it means our cost prices will come down and we can then barter. It was agreed to get the final settlement figure and then pay the loan off. CV asked if we have had sponsorship from Sheps, VN - stated they had said they had stopped.

We have lots of bookings on at the moment.

Nothing else to report on Bar.

Luncheons	08/05/24	Dylan Tomkins
Nothing to report on Luncheons.		
Development	08/05/24	Charlie Vavasour
VN – eight weeks for the knock through on phase 1A of the development but this will clash with a booking so in reality, ten weeks tops. CV - 3G update, story of two meetings, CD and I meet with Sophie Ward who is the head of active Kent and the club's mentor, I have to say she is an incredible woman, really wants to get on and do things. She has given us really good advice about going in with the football foundation or if we could go on our own if we wanted, she has worked with various suppliers and gave us some good contacts, really positive with her. We have a couple of extra quotes in, the people she recommended which came in at £850,000 and one from McArdle which is £950,000 and one from the football foundations recommended supplier is £1,050,000, all like for like quotes excluding VAT. The following week we had a meeting with ABC, which was a little frustrating as they said they were going to check on the areas 106 agreements, but they still haven't done so. The football foundation guy was enthusiastic at our last meeting but seems to be putting hurdles in place now. So, we have all the quotes in, we need to know if there are any section 106 agreements within the area. The 106 agreement is the contribution from developers. We need to complete a program of use and business plan. Nothing else to report on Development.		
Communication	08/05/24	Lauren Holdstock
Nothing to report on Communications.		
100 Club	08/05/24	Mark Bowes

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House

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John Norman

Drain problem still outstanding, hoping to get on to it this week.

The man to clean up the bonfire will be here this week.

Nothing else to report on House.

Sponsorship

08/05/24

Ian Nelson

Nothing to report on Sponsorship.

AoB

08/05/24

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MB – Summer ball, we need a big push on tickets as only up to 80.

VN – Coaches kit. TS – they get asked but again we need to improve communication. VN – I will cover tops etc CD- will send out a kit list form. VN - Container to be reused for under 6s, 7s and 8s.

TS – Still working on fixtures.

IF – I still haven't heard any more on John William's funeral.

JN – Accounts about to go off at which point we can think about a date for the AGM

Nothing else on AOB

08/05/24

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