Minutes of Meeting

Subject: Ashford Rugby Club Committee

Date (Time): 6th August 2025

Minutes: Charlie Vavasour

Meeting Attendees		**Distribution**
John Norman (JN)	Roger Spicer (RS)	Committee
Charlie Vavasour (CV)	Jamie Booth-Wilde (JBW)	Web Copy
Chris Dengate (CD)		
Martin Worthington (MW)		

Committee Minutes

Welcome/Apologies		**Roger Spicer**

Apologies: Ben Fewsdale, Grant Wilson

Previous Minutes Matters Arising		**Roger Spicer**

Minutes from the previous meeting held on 02.7.25 were approved.

Matters arising:

MW asked about missing social media passwords. JBW volunteered to contact Anita Croucher. **JBW**

It was agreed that the new names for different sections will be: Women to be Aracari; Girls to be Infernos; Boys to be Toucans; Minis to be Piranhas

RS confirmed that all staff contracts have been issued and that Tom Ireland has accepted his appointment.

JBW confirmed that stocktakes for the bar and shop have been undertaken.

Teamo: RS to ask Tim Scrivens to wait until registration day before signing people up. **RS**

It was confirmed that social membership is £75 for the year.

Chair's Report		**Roger Spicer**

Pitches: a discussion was held about pitch usage. It was agreed to keep Saddlesdene booked for January and February for Tuesday and Thursday training. CD reported that everyone is now happy with pitch allocation.

RS reported that the Barbarians are going to start training at the club on Wednesday evenings, starting on 3 September for £75 a session.

The three-year plan was approved to be sent to members. RS to ask Tim Scrivens to action. **RS**

Kitchen: RS reported that he has had discussions with the current suppliers and with FFF Coastal, and both entities had put forward proposals for running the kitchen. It was agreed to go with FFF Coastal starting at the beginning of the season.

JBW put forward a proposal to get a new coffee machine, which was agreed. **JBW**

Director of Rugby Report		**Chris Dengate**

A first meeting of the new Games Committee has been held and was very positive.

A social media recruitment campaign for the Men is underway.

The women's team has attracted 10 new members through the summer.

The junior section equipment list is being put together.

MW asked that emails are changed to remove 'coordinator'. **CV**

Treasurer's Report		**Jamie Booth-Wilde**

JBW reported that there had been considerable expenditure during July, and noted his thanks to the 100 club for contributing to the shower installation.

Fees from the dog shows were £8,200.

JBW talked thorugh the three proposals he had received from differnet breweries. After discussion it was agreed to go forward with Shepherd Neame and also to get a subscription (half price) for TNT Sports.

Discipline Report		Grant Wilson
No report.		
Safeguarding Report		**John Heaver**
No report. CD stated that a safeguarding audit would need to be completed this month. **CD/JH**		
Facilities and Ground Development		**Charlie Vavasour**
Carpark line marking has been completed. RS and JN have had a meeting with Mrs Toms and asked if the club could use the ground – awaiting an answer. RS and CV met ABC's Climate Change Officer regarding flooding. ABC are liaising with KCC to undertake an assessment and prepare a mitigation plan. It was agreed to revisit the options to sink a borehole at the club. CV to get quotes. **CV** It was noted that the current structure does not include a Facilities Manager – RS to review**. RS** It was agreed to get a mural/club logo painted on the outside of the new kitchen. RS to talk with Emily Sherrin**. RS**		
AoB		**All**
Fireworks are set for 1 November. RS to take the lead in organising the event. **RS** MW reported that he has started updating the website. It was agreed to look at options for out-sourcing website updates. CV stated that the Rules had been updated and was just waiting for the AGM minutes. CD pointed out that the new sponsors pack needs to be 'on-brand' and that we require a seperate Academy pack. **RS** RS and CV met with CD to do his annual review. It was agreed to offer a new one year contract with a 1 year option. RS to prepare contract. **RS** **Next meeting confirmed for 03/09/25 at ARFC.**		

06/08/25	**Meeting complete: 21:20**	**Signed:**