

## **DYCE RFC COMMITTEE MEETING 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021**

**PRESENT** - Nicky Cheyne, Andy Fowler, Graeme Smith, Graeme Lowe, Rory Shepherd, Sean Broadley, Paul Williamson, Leanne Fowler.

**APPOLIGISE** - Guy Gibbson, Duncan Scott, Stephen Cruckshank.

**COACHING** – Nicky advised that James McKinney is very interested in assisting with coaching. To carry this out he needs to complete a coaching course – Phil has been looking into this and will send a link for coaching courses to Jimmy and see what is suitable for him. At the moment it is hoped he can assist Guy with training the boys on a regular basis.

Fats spoke to Kevin Donald re coaching but unfortunately, he cannot commit this year.

Phil also contacted the SRU contact / Kenny Russell SRU coaching development officer – to ask for any advice or help towards coaches this is not a quick fix so at the moment it is up to Guy and Jimmy to train you guys.

Problem with this is we would need to pay for a coach – is this viable – are players going to commit to training – need to get proper commitment from everyone before we use club funds to pay for a coach on a regular basis. We are keen to start the ball rolling in finding a coach, Phil will send details to Leanne to check this out but in the meantime just keep turning up to training – more players more chance of a coach.

**TRAINING** – it has been decided to stop the Facebook training poll. We will still have a match day poll but unless you have a valid excuse a poll shouldn't be needed for training – you should be there ! Nicky and Fats are going to have a think as to how we can move forward with only one person being informed if you cant manage training. – this is such an important issue no shows at training and if we are to bring the club forward and have a great season we need everyone to come to BOTH training sessions.

**SPONSORSHIP** – Phil has been in touch with OGILVIE and will update when he gets a reply.

Fats may approach MORRISONS CONSTRUCTION – update to follow

GREENTREES – will continue with a cash donation and update on match refreshments

Sean to look into SNAP SPONSORSHIP – Phil to pass on details.

Moby will continue to sponsor club

Sean to approach Northfield Laundrette re a deal for washing strips and also may have another few contacts he will look into

**STRIPS** – we are looking into getting new strips – Nicky and Fats will be having a trip to Turriff to check these out – more details to follow. We will still be getting canterbury shorts as they are the best make and fit.

**MATCH FEES** – Sean will be the Match Fee Collector

This year it has been decided club fees will be as follows;

**FULL PLAYER FEE** - £75.00

**SOCIAL FEE** - £25.00

**STUDENT FEE** - £75.00

Included in this payment every person will get a new club dress shirt.

This is to be worn AFTER EVERY GAME and before the game you must wear your club polo shirt.

If you need a club tie speak to Andy Fowler – normal ties are £10- tartan anniversary ones are £15

THERE WILL BE A £2.00 FINE FOR FAILING TO FOLLOW THE DRESS CODE

**CLUB INSURANCE** – it was decided to take out the ENHANCED level insurance – Mobie to arrange

**CLUB DEVELOPMENT PLAN** – This is an ongoing development plan that will keep us up to date with SRU rules etc and will be worked on over the next few seasons.

**BANKING** – Nicky will be added as a counter signature. Sean will receive all information regarding banking from Phil – any enquires re banking now go to Mobie, Sean or Nicky.

**FIXTURES** – Fats to organise referees for each game (Ted Coutts) and also speak to Sport Aberdeen to sort out letting before each home game. He will make sure the fixture list is sent to Sport Aberdeen for every game.

A problem at the moment may be the changing rooms as due to covid restrictions a maximum of 8 players are permitted at one time. This may change before we start but Fats will have a look into how we can make this work and report back.

Also at the moment a risk assessment needs to be carried out for the changing rooms etc. Mobie is getting Keira to look into the forms but before entry a temp check will be carried out – Guy and Duncan will be asked to look into this and make sure all relevant forms are filled out.

**SCIP** – this is set up between us and the SRU and needs filled out and sent back – Phil will arrange – this enables us to apply for money from SRU and can bring in an income of around £3000.00 so worth doing.

**FUNDING UPDATE** – From the money we received previously for the SRU we have arranged pitch maintenance – this is paid for this year and the next two years.

We are also arranging to get the posts painted and realigned at a cost of £814.00 – Phil advised to go ahead and book

We are also looking at lights for the container – Phil looking into this

Another project we would like to start is upgrading the school changing rooms – this would not only benefit the guys but also the school – we have money put aside for this and Phil is going to speak to Sport Aberdeen and hopefully get the ball rolling on this very soon.

Also it has been mentioned speaking to the active school co-ordinator about starting an after school rugby club – we would fund this for a number of weeks and hopefully gain advertisement and word of mouth for the club and maybe future players

We also have quite a large amount set aside for a social media recruitment drive /sponsorship – please all have a think and if there is anything you would like to put on the social media or any ideas you have please let us know – anything is worth trying. We have paid for a digital expert to help over the next few months so lets use his expertise while we have him.

Andy will look at putting up more signage / banners around Asda area.

**RECRUITMENT** – a never ending subject – we are looking into the possibility of promoting the club at NESCOL collage and SRUC- Craibstone Campus – we could get promotional items made to hand out and invite guys to come to training and meet the team. If anyone has any other ideas for recruitment, please pass them on or if you would be interested in helping with this promotions please volunteer.

We are also looking at the possibility of business cards that can be handed out promoting the club at any occasion – Phil to liase with Digital guy on this and will report

**DOG MESS** – again an ongoing issue round the pitch, Sean has reported this and the fact the bins are always overflowing to the council – he is awaiting a response – will update

#### **SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO – AWAY GAMES**

It looks like we have a trip to inverness and Thurso to look forward to.

We are going to look at possibilities of buses or trains or overnight stay for the Thurso game – Leanne to check this out and will update.

If anyone has anything they wish to discuss then please let the committee know anytime, its your club and we all want it to be a successful and enjoyable season – MON THE DYCE