

## Dyce RFC Committee Meeting – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Present: Guy Gibson, Paul Williamson, Dan Gilmore, Daf Rhys Jones, Phil Horsfall, Ross Lines

Apologies: Nicholas Cheyne, Matthew Bringloe, Dave McGill, Mandy McGill, Andy Fowler

### 3G pitch

- £175k to build changing room facilities. Progress being made by Sport Scotland to separate facilities away from Academy. Seen as big attraction to impressing and retaining players.
- Proposal by Mobie to ground share with Granite City Colts using same timings as winter 16/17 for next season. Benefits threefold 1)gain access to “experienced” youth players to feed in to Dyce 2)shadow of coaches 3)reduce pitch cost to club

### Disclosure

- SRU promotion to get coaches PVG registered- there are cash incentives
- Coaches from next season decided at AGM- disclosure applied once individuals elected

### Caley Clubs meeting (12/04/17)

- Player can play for any Caley team provided they are registered and play within that region
  - Dyce needs to formalise and clean up registered players database
- League structure still not 100% decided although it looks like 9-10 teams in Caley 3N next season
- All fixtures to be played between 26<sup>th</sup> Aug – 16<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- Break between 16<sup>th</sup> Dec- 6<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Games can now be played on a Sunday
- No league games on home internationals weekends
- Club receives cash for winning cup games
- Promotion of refs within clubs. Guy/Daff interested. Again SRU promotion gives cash for club registered refs. Seek additional refs at AGM

### Approaching players

- Following match on 08/04/17 and issue with Wanderers over player approach it was agreed that formal approaches should be made to team representatives first, prior to going through club players.
- Suggestion that all Aberdeen/shire club contacts be kept in one place for one email to be sent to all clubs.

### Survey results

- 11 replies (at least three from committee members) from 40 on closed FB squad page. Disappointment noted at turnout despite unhappy voices at training/matches.
- General points made which are recognized by coaches and formulation of plans beginning for next season.
- Style of play to be decided by coaches with training tailored towards “Dyce” style of play. Historically centred around strong set piece play
- Pre-season training plan envisaged (headed by Guy with help from Phil/Ross). Keen for strong pre-season with everyone joining in. Keen to have less fallout of players during sessions > pressure from coaches but also from players
- Will post survey results online in closed FB group
- Promotion of social side of rugby to be pushed by coaches. Suggestion of bus to first away game and have drinking stops on way home?

### Club Finances

- This seasons loss is c. £6k
- Reduced membership subs to attract players. No match fees collected

- No sponsorship fees collected this season due to lack of support from club (Dyce playing at Northfield and not heading to Greentrees after etc)
- Subsidised kit (due to be delivered Fri 14/04/17?)
- Outlay for 3G pitch (exact amount still in negotiation)
- Agreement that sponsorship/fundraising should be actively sought to keep the club sustainable. Phil has drafted sponsorship approach letter to potential new sponsors and has drawn up suggestions for new sponsorship opportunities. Club should approach current sponsors to understand their position for next season. Precise sponsorship details to be discussed offline.
- Fundraising suggestions welcomed. Options to be considered in due course.

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- AGM to be called on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May. 4 weeks' notice required to be made constitutional.
- Suggestion to hold curry after AGM followed by ticketed fundraising event.
- When confirmed with Greentrees, AGM to be advertised on FB/pitchero/email before 29<sup>th</sup> April

Thanks