

Deal and Betteshanger Rugby Sport and Social Club AGM

Sunday 19th September 2021

12:30 – 13:16

Present:

Directors

David Donachie	Karen Rice
Matthew Curd	Steve Castle
Ricky Marler	Andrew Bowes

Members

Helen Nicholson	Norma Parker	Will Harvey
Mandee Castle	Paul Ebden	
Pete Hollingworth	Stephen Wood	
Trilby Parker	Michael Parker	
Joan Greaves	Dave Rose Snr	
Stephen Greaves	Margaret Rose	
Terry Laidlaw	Pat Laidlaw	

In Attendance

Alison Squire

1. Welcome and Apologies

Dave Donachie welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Lynda Ebden, Peter Ebden, Owen Squire, Peter White and Victoria White.

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting were proposed by DD and seconded by Dave Rose Snr as a true account.

3. Chairman's Report

Matthew Curd described the last twenty months as tough for the club, but we have survived during the lockdown period. It is nice to see people back at the club socialising and also return to playing. Sunday the club is thriving with the junior section which has now returned to training.

4. Treasures Report

Karen Rice gave a brief overview of the accounts for the past year. With grants KR was able to obtain from Dover District Council it has kept the club afloat. KR with the agreement of the directors took out a 'Bounce Back Loan' which was used to pay back the bar loan so the club is no longer beholden to a brewery and there are 'No Charges' against the club house.

The accounts were proposed by MC as a true record and seconded by Andrew Bowes.

KR advised that this year she was going to focus on paying the loans back to people who very kindly lent money to the club. Col Storrie had lent the club £10,000 which his wife Linda very kindly said the club could keep this money. KR advised this money would be used to purchase training equipment and other items required for the playing of rugby. DR did ask if the people that have kindly changed their loan to a

donation, will people be made aware, KR responded this will be the case and once items purchased people will be informed how these items have been able to be purchased.

5. Membership

KC advised that the youth membership has started very well. As of today, they have one hundred children registered, the coaches are all paid and social membership is growing. Senior membership is coming in slowly so this year like the youth section they are going to try 'Sign Up Days'. The first home game for each team will be the signup day for that team.

The insurance claim, the club had with Hislock's has now been approved and an interim payment of £2500 has been received.

6. Rugby Report

- **Senior's**

MC advised that the club coach Danny Vaughan has agreed to stay with the club for another year. We will be running three teams again this year. The lads are glad to be back playing contact.

- **Junior's**

Ricky Marler reported that the junior section is doing really well. The team that is struggling is the Under 16's as they are down to ten players. They do have games booked in so hopefully this may entice old and new players.

Over lockdown the club has been able to have nine coaches trained to Level 2.

Due to the numbers training the junior section have had to look for further a field for training ground. Goodwins Academy had been approached along with Marke Wood but they were very reluctant to help, so the only other area found was the field up at the Betteshanger Bowling Club. The club have to pay the BBC £1 per child that trains on their field. The youth sections are rotating the teams so they only have to train one in three. They do have a pitch marked out and posts will need to be erected. This pitch is only for training.

- **Mini's**

AB advised they had lost a few players from six – eleven over lockdown. They are having new players come along each week so the squads are starting to build up again.

The Mini's have started a new team called the 'Lion Cubs'. The Cubs are trained by the 1st Team Dads and coming along roaringly!

- **Ladies**

In the absence of Gary Simpson, the ladies coach RM gave a brief update. They are doing really well and play games with Dover and Thanet so the ladies are able to play full games and get more experience.

The ladies are looking for a sponsor for the front of their shirts as they are having new shirts this year.

7. AOB

7.1 BBC training Pitch

DR asked why could the members not of been told about the youth section having to train up at the BBC earlier, as people talk and the wrong information was being passed around. RM advised that due to the resistance from the football teams that play at the BBC already it was not possible to discuss the mater openly until everything had been agreed.

7.2 Kitchen

KR advised that the kitchen has been taken over by Robin and Louise who are doing a great job. Steph will still be doing the 1st Team lunches and Saturday's when she is free. KR did ask for help on Saturday when Steph is not available as she did not want to come down all the time to serve the food.

7.3 Club Shop

The club merchandise can now be purchased on line from the club web page. All ages are to have the same attire.

7.4 Quinn

MC addressed the group and advised that Quinn had approached the club about the club moving to an area off Southwall Road. Nothing has been agreed and nothing will be agreed until a full club meeting is held. At the moment Quinn has asked for our backing to which he will give the club £10,000. This does not mean we are selling to him, but he has asked for first refusal on either buying our land or building on our land for us and having 20% payment of whatever monies are made.

What Quinn is proposing is three playing pitches and one training pitch which will be a 3G pitch. The building will be two stories high and the function room would be twice the size of our club at present. The lease would be for one hundred years.

Walmer Town Council have been approached to see if they will extend our lease for playing on the field, but they will not enter into talks with us. We have around eight years left on the lease we have at present.

8. Nominations**Director**

The directors had received a nomination for Pete Hollingworth to become a director, this was not opposed. MC proposed and DD seconded.

Senior Management

Charlotte Simpson was put forward as Ladies Representative and Ted Schofield as Sponsorship Manager (With guidance from Richard Barker). Both parties have been welcomed into the management team

9. Cup Presentation

Presidents Cup

DD advised that the person who was receiving the Presidents Cup this year works hard behind the scenes, has previously refused the honour, but due to the fact the club is still here due to her work Karen Rice is the winner.

Club Man of the Year

DD again said that the person who was receiving the Club Man of the Year does a lot of work behind the scenes that no one see, getting the teams out, organising the senior section so the winner this year is Alison Squire.
