



DORSET & WILTS RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

A joint meeting of the Dorset & Wilts. RFU Council – Management Board was held on Tuesday, 19th October 2021, from 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

MINUTES – [REDACTED]

[working assumption: papers sent with or referred to in this agenda will be taken as having been read]

No	Item	Action
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2. **Attendance**, Inc. apologies: co-options and any introductions

Mike Moysey [MM]	Att	Stuart Murrow [SM]	Att	Gerald Burden [GB]	Att
Alison Hunter [AH]	Att	Jane Hart [JH]	Att	Alistair Morrison [AM]	Att
John Constable [JC]	Att	Donovan Lynaghan [DL]	Att	Clive Robins [CR]	Apol
Hadden Graham [HG]	Att	Ed Taylor [ET]	Att	David Wookey [DW]	Att
Julie Boddington [JB]	Att	Chris Burton [CB]	Att	Sean Macey [SM]	Att
Ron Jones [RJ]	Att	Denis Nolan [DN]	Apol	Jon Monaghan [JM]	Att

Red represents Non-voting members

MM updated the meeting on the new structure/working model.

3. **Minutes: To note the of the Council meeting held on the 10th of August 2021 and the Executive Committee meetings held on the 12th of October 2021.** [Copies circulated]

Noted by the meeting

4. **Matter arising:**

Council Representatives Review. (Copy circulated)

Dave W – Executive Committee 12th October 2021

Safeguarding – Joe Walsh was deputy so it was agreed that Joe would assume the playing out of age grade and festival approvals, need to recruit a compliance assistant based geographically in South Wilts/North-East Dorset.

Membership Secretary – Dave W has offered to help write the Job Description.

5. **Council Representatives Updates:**

Dave W has been appointed Council Rep lead.

Jon M reported that the review is still on-going, and progress is being made. He is currently working on how club visits will be planned and reported.

MM asked if the role profile was complete, some of the council due to the lack of time had not reviewed the document yet. It was agreed that a deadline of 17.00 hrs on Saturday 23rd October 2021 should be set for any issues to be raised. Comments to Jon M and Dave W.

AM stated that we needed to get reports circulated earlier, this would give people the chance to review them. GB stated that any turn around of reports depends on people submitting them in good time.

Two huddle reports circulated.

GB suggested that two of the existing Council Representatives should be asked to represent the following

- a) Age Grade
- b) Woman's and Girls

Jon M will add this item to his review.

There are two vacancies for Council Representative, one West Dorset and another for West Wiltshire.

The Council Representatives updated the meeting on events or comments from their areas.

Dave W stated that the reports submitted are notes and not minutes.

Ron J congratulated Ed T on the standard of his report and asked if this should become the standard for all reporting from the huddles.

AM reported that he visited Colerne RFC on Saturday 16th October 2021, only to find out that the match had been cancelled due to Covid 19. Details of the cancellation was not reported anywhere, this issue has now been resolved. John C suggested if you register on the Who's the Referee website, you should be able to see any cancellations.

Don L stated that the next East Dorset huddle would be on Wednesday 3rd November 2021, GB confirmed that Zoom was booked for this meeting.

AM/Ed T raised the issue of travel times for league matches, the meeting asked JC to raise this subject at Twickenham.

John C updated the meeting.

Julie B expressed her concern about Under 16's playing up. It was agreed that due process should be followed in all cases. CB stated he had spoken to Nick E about this subject. It appears to be a conflict between the need of safeguarding and the RFU regulations surrounding this issue, which should be managed to ensure the safety of all players.

Julie B also expressed her concern about parent and coach behaviour. She reported that she has received a report involving an Under 18's Girls team from Somerset. CB stated that this case is currently under investigation by the Disciplinary Secretary and therefore should not be discussed at this meeting.

GB stated that a new Abuse Reporting Form was set up on the website in the last few days. Any report will be forwarded on to him and the referees, he also reported that he now has the power to issue a formal warning to clubs.

John C asked if this reporting system would be highlighted to the clubs, GB stated that it would happen this week.

Jon M stated that before any club visit, we should ask if there are any issues (i.e., Discipline, Safeguarding etc).

6. Executive Committee Update:

Reports circulated.

Dave W asked if the two other candidates interviewed would be suitable for other roles within the CB. GB stated that this was already in hand.

Today (19th October 2021) the Executive Committee agreed to fund Six 1st Aid places for the Referees. At a cost £180.00.

GB suggested that we reserve 12 Places on the 1st Aid course for Representative Rugby, cost would be £720.00. This was rejected due to the level of 1st aid cover required for Representative Rugby.

GB reported that 160 1st aid places are available at a cost of £30.00 per person.

Number of Council meeting per year, do we need more.

John C reported that any matches affected by Covid 19, should be reported to South-West Rugby using the Covid 19 protocol form which is available on the South-West Rugby website.

Sean M asked if we should adapt this Covid 19 protocol form for our cup competitions. This was referred to the Competitions Committee for review.

GB reported that he had expressed an interest on behalf of D&W, in being part of the county championship competitions.

Chris B reported that the Woman's and Girls review will be completed in the next few days.

Mike M reported on the Bill Sweeney visit.

AM asked about the planned Woman's & Girls competition, Chris B stated that this will be part of the review.

GB reported that the Leadership in Union programme is to return at a cost of £600.00 + VAT per head. Julie B expressed an interest in being selected. MM asked to register an interest in being part of the programme.

AH updated the meeting regarding spending/funding/international tickets. AH also reported that to attend any of the internationals at Twickenham, you will need to download the Twickenham app. Ron J also reported that you will need the NHS app (Covid Passport).

John C asked about funding for Representative Rugby, GB explained the costing breakdown to the meeting.

Julie B asked about holding a safeguarding conference, budget to follow. It was agreed that it is something we should do, but it will be subject to funding being available.

7. AOB

New D&W shop set up on the website.

John C asked about the AGM, GB reported that he is just awaiting confirmation of the booking.

John C asked if there were any clubs that needed visiting over the next couple of weeks. Visits should not be only on a Saturday afternoon.

Ron J suggested that we review the length of service for all roles (excluding the roles which are voted on at the AGM which are annually) and base them on 3-year term of office. With an annual performance review.

Date of next meeting Tuesday 18th January 2022 – Reports to be submitted by **Monday 4th January 2022.**

Gerald Burden Gen Sec