



DORSET & WILTS RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

A joint meeting of the Dorset & Wilts. RFU Council – Management Board will be held on Tuesday, 18th January 2022, from 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

MINUTES – AGENDA

[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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| 1. | MM set out his interpretation of how the Council and the Executive Committee works. | |
| 2. | Attendance, Inc. apologies: co-options and any introductions | MM/GB |

Mike Moysey [MM]	Atte	Stuart Murrow [SM]	Atte	Gerald Burden [GB]	Atte
Alison Hunter [AH]	Apol	Jane Hart [JH]	Apol	Alistair Morrison [AM]	Atte
John Constable [JC]	Atte	Ben Ironmonger [BI]	Atte	Keturah Watts [KW]	Atte
Hadden Graham [HG]	Apol	Ed Taylor [ET]	Atte	David Wookey [DW]	Atte
Julie Boddington [JB]	Apol	Chris Burton [CB]	Atte	Sean Macey [SM]	Atte
Ron Jones [RJ]	Atte	Denis Nolan [DN]		Jon Monaghan [JM]	Apol

Please note that Damian Dix will be representing Denis for this meeting.

Both Donovan Lynaghan and Clive Robins have stepped down from their roles as Club Representatives.

Ben Ironmonger (Christchurch RFC) has agreed to fill the second Club Representatives role for East Dorset.

Red represents Non-voting members

3. Minutes:

To note the of the Council meeting held on the 19th of October 2021 and the Executive Committee meetings held on the 11th of November 2021 and 11th January 2022.

Copies available on the D&WRFU website <https://dwrugby.co.uk/committee-minutes-reports/>

Noted by the meeting

4. Matter arising:

JC reported that the Club Accreditation period has been extended. Review underway linked to the club of future programme.

If a club have any concerns, they should to the template and action any areas of concern.

MM asked about the outstanding invoices, it was suggested the club representatives should undertake this matter. GB not chasing AH currently for a list of debtors, due to her current workload.

5. Council Representatives Updates:

All

Copies available on the D&WRFU website <https://dwrugby.co.uk/committee-minutes-reports/>

DW reported that that any items from both the RFU and D&W are covered in a standard format across all huddles. Also, he stated that all huddle reports are to be forwarded to Jon M using the new standard reporting form, this will enable JM to compile a single report to the Executive Committee.

DW outlined the role of the Club Representative, he stated that the role is more than running a meeting once every six weeks. The role is being more interactive with the clubs.

ET asked about if there was any update regarding League – Travel arrangements yet. JC reported that yesterday (17th of January 2022) was the closing date for lower league clubs to express an interest in joining the league structure.

The only new team in D&W to apply are Bournemouth 2nd.

SM reported that Senior members of the RFU had met with local clubs in the Chippenham area. JC reported that RJ and he attended a meeting later that evening with the RFU at RWB.

DW updated the meeting on the current restructuring of the Council, to include members with a set agenda or task. He also asked about the number of club representatives needed to manage the huddles, he also asked about the huddle group sizes due to issues with recruitment.

SM stated the important of finding a Club Representative for the Swindon area.

After a lengthy debate it was agreed that the Council should meet every six weeks or so, with the Executive Committee meeting as required to complement the meeting schedule of the Council.

JC reported that the Safeguarding Department had requested his help in getting the Online Safeguarding Audit completed.

6. Executive Committee Update:

The following items are to be referred to the D&WRFU Council meeting for approval or action.

- a) Reminder about outstanding club accounts.
- b) It was agreed by the Council that the D&W should increase the maximum fee charged to clubs to £125.00 from £100.00 for failure to report a Red Card or Match Official Abuse as per RFU Regulation 19. This would remain at £85.00 for any that reports an incident as per the RFU Regulation 19. Because most clubs are failing to comply with this Regulation, which results in an extra workload for the Disciplinary Secretary to process due to delays in holding club internal hearings, which are results in postponed D&W hearings.

- c) It was agreed by the Council to help manage pitch side behaviour, the D&W and the Referee Society should work together to improve this issue as per RFU Regulations. Ultimately the sanction could be that the referee refuses to referee a match unless there are pitch side barriers in place. D&W supplied each club with demountable rope barrier kits a few seasons ago.
- d) It was agreed by the Council that we should consider asking for Rapid Lateral Flow Tests to be utilised before any D&W event. It will be the responsibility of the organising committee to implement.

It was also agreed that we should wait until after the Government announcement on the 26th of January 2022, before making any final decision.

- e) It was agreed by the Council that if a club had not settled their invoice before any of the D&WRFU Age grade cup competitions had started, they would not be allowed to take part.

Six clubs from outside of D&W had entered the competitions, in total 15 teams.

- Ellingham & Ringwood
- Frome
- Midsomer Norton
- Walcot
- Wells
- Yeovil

The three teams in Red are not accredited non-voting members of the D&WRFU.

It was agreed by the Council that all the clubs listed below, are accredited non-voting members of the D&WRFU and therefore should pay an annual subscription.

- Aldbourne Dabchicks RFC
- Anglo-European College Of Chiropractors RFC
- Avonvale RFC
- Bath Saracens RFC
- Bournemouth University RFC
- Bovington Bisons
- Bryanston OB Rugby Club
- Canford Cygnets RFC
- Chard RFC
- Combe Down RFC
- Compeed Marlborough Nomads 7s
- Dorset Police RFC
- Ellingham & Ringwood RFC Ltd
- Fordingbridge RFC Ltd
- Frome RFC
- Frome Valley Lions RFC
- Green Gazelles Rugby Club
- Guys March Barbarians RFC
- Nationwide (Swindon) RFC

- New Milton & District RFC
- Sherborne Pilgrims RFC
- Wiltshire Fire Brigade
- Wiltshire Police
- Wincanton RFC
- Yeovil Rugby Club

f) It was agreed by the Council that due to the RFU Council Representative not receiving any budget for his D&W duties from the RFU, that the D&W would award him a separate budget of £750.00 (Claimed in the normal way) to manage his own visits/duties, but he will be required to visit any Club of Concern highlighted to him by the Executive Committee and report back to the D&WRFU any issue resulting from that visit.

g) Outstanding items for the Handbook/Website – Referee details and any updates

Club details for the following

- Bournemouth RFC
- Bradford-on-Avon RFC
- Bridport RFC
- Cricklade RFC
- Dorchester RFC
- Poole RFC
- Swindon RFC
- Swindon College Old Boys RFC
- Warminster RFC

h) It was agreed to hold a Presentation Evening in the next couple of weeks, to explain the rationale of the working relationship between the D&W Council and the Executive Committee.

It was agreed that we should wait until after the Government announcement on the 26th of January 2022, before making any final arrangements.

i) It was agreed to set a Clubs of Concern list, which will be managed by CB & GB and circulated to all members Management Team monthly.

Clubs of Concern list – January 2022

Behaviour Issues

- Dorchester
- East Dorset Dockers
- Lytchett Minster
- Weymouth & Portland (Colts)
- Poole
- Walcat Girls
- North Dorset (Under 15's)

General

- Bournemouth (Age Grade)
- Pewsey Vale (Age Grade)
- Chippenham
- Oakmeadians
- Marlborough
- Corsham (Playing Numbers)
- Calne (Playing Numbers & Relocation)
- Supermarine (Playing Numbers)
- Salisbury (Playing Numbers)
- Sherborne (Playing Numbers)
- Wimborne (Playing Numbers)
- Warminster (Playing Number)

MM asked about the Woman's and Girls report should be signed off, any issues contact CB. It was agreed to sign it off remotely.

MM reminded the meeting about the Game On programme, he also updated the meeting on the status of the D&WRFU Senior Cup Competitions.

MM reported on the Team of the Month awards supported by St Austell Brewery.

7. AOB:

ET suggested the banner logo should be changed to

“Working to Together to Grow and Diversify Rugby within Dorset and Wiltshire”

JC asked if the Social Media post could be shared with the Clubs/Council members.

JC asked about the planned budget for this year, GB explained that AH and he had produced a draft budget for the year but had not put it before the Council due the uncertainty surround the current Covid 19 restrictions.

JC reported that Bucks RFU had booked several places on a D&I course.

MM thanked both KW and BI for their attendance.

KW reported that she had attended a RFU D&I evening. KW asked for guidance on what format the D&I role should take, it was agreed that all interested parties should meet up soon.

MM closed the meeting with a reminder about the revised meeting structure for the Council.

GB suggested the 1st of March 2022 for the next Council meeting.

Gerald Burden Gen Sec