



## DORSET & WILTS RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

A meeting of the Dorset & Wilts. RFU Council will be held on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022, 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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1. ~~You are invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting.~~

Topic: ~~Council Zoom Meeting~~

Date: ~~Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022~~

Time: ~~07:30 PM London~~

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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	Ron Jones [RJ]	Atte	Keturah Watts [KW]	
Denis Nolan [DN]	Atte	Ed Taylor [ET]	Atte	David Wookey [DW]	Atte
Julie Boddington [JB]	Apol	Chris Burton [CB]	Atte	Sean Macey [SM]	Apol
Brett Bader [BB]	Apol	Nick Elbourne [NE]	Atte	Nicola McCombe [nMc]	Atte

Red represents Non-voting members

3. Minutes:

To note the of the Council meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2022 and the Executive meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2022.

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

Noted

4. Matter arising:

MM confirmed that the new working groups had been agreed.

MM confirmed that the appointment of the CB Membership Manager is still waiting for the interview to be arranged. **GB**

MM reported that Jon Monaghan had stepped back from some of his roles, but would still carry on as the Volunteer Co-ordinator for the D&W.

MM updated the meeting on the status of the Under 17's Representative Rugby programme, and it was agreed that it was too late to make any changes to the programme this year.

It was agreed that this age group would be part of the ongoing review during the closed season. **EXC**

MM reported that the Safeguarding review is still ongoing. CB reported that the review should be complete within two weeks.

Outstanding Club Accounts are being requested by AH & GB. **Area Reps**

Outstanding invoices, GB reported that we had received approximately £2,250.00.

AM asked why there was some clubs from Somerset, were on the debtor list. NMCC explained that some clubs play cross border in Age Grade.

MM stated that we need to understand the information received from the huddles etc, and to improve our responses and action accordingly.

MM stated that he would like to develop this, so we have a better understanding of club needs (like Player Retention etc) **All**

**5. Area Representatives Updates:** **DW**

<b>Suggested Area Reform</b>	
Dave Wookey (7)	Pewsey Vale RFC – Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RFC – Amesbury RFC – Devizes RFC – Marlborough RFC – Salisbury RFC – <b>Warminster RFC</b>
Ed Taylor (8)	Puddletown RFC – North Dorset RFC – Dorchester RFC – Swanage & Wareham RFC – Weymouth & Portland RFC – Bridport RFC – Sherborne RFC
Jane Hart (7)	East Dorset Dockers RFC – Wimborne RFC – Oakmeadians RFC – Lytchett Minster RFC – Poole RFC – Bournemouth RFC – Christchurch RFC
Stuart Murrow (8)	<b>Calne RFC</b> – Chippenham RFC – Swindon College Old Boys RFC – Sutton Benger RFC – Cricklade RFC – Royal Wootton Bassett RFC – Swindon RFC – Minety RFC Supermarine RFC
Alistair Morrison (7)	Trowbridge RFC – <b>Warminster RFC</b> – Westbury RFC – Colerne RFC – Bradford on Avon RFC – Corsham RFC – Melksham RFC – <b>Calne RFC</b>

AM asked about the group sizes.

DW to contact Warminster RFC and Calne RFC about the group re-structuring and report back. **DW**

### **Huddle Area – North Wilts Date – 14 Mar 2022**

#### **Attendees / Clubs**

Calne - Pete Brownlee, Alan McAlonan

Chippenham - Steve Whitehead

Minety – Peter McAlister, Andrew Grayson

Swindon – Sam Currie, Neil Loader  
Cricklade – Daniel Harris  
RWB – Georgina Plant, Allan Low  
D&W: Dave Wookey, Gerald Burden, Stuart Murrow (Chair)  
RFU: John Constable, Ben Smith  
No attendees from Supermarine (Apologised), SCOB, Sutton Benger.

### **Agenda Items:**

GMS data cleanse – including role holder checks – clubs reminded that Data Cleanse still needs to be completed, some are doing very well, others not really started. Important to get the minimum data standards to or as close to as possible, zero, Verifications should be pushed. Also, clubs were asked to ensure that role holders were correct at clubs as CB and RFU use to send information pertinent to the roles – The discussion from clubs was generally that senior players will not use it, the focus does need to be on data accuracy. Close working between WTR and GMS is something that can't be done at the moment, however I will run a list of treasurers and send to Damian Dix, Clubs must inform Damian (Fixture Sec of D&W Referees Society) of changes to points of contact as they are not on GMS.

First Aid coverage and training – Reminder that First Aid roles need completing, course don't have to be RFU, CB has arranged some courses, Dave W can send a contact for Matt Winstanley who recently did a course for Amesbury. Certificates to be loaded on GMS under Self Help and first aider role given to the attendees. RFU require a first aider on all matches! Some clubs having difficulty in getting people to cover.

Ben Smith also offered to help if clubs having difficulty got in touch with him.

Coach Training – will be staying within the windows as per this year, this is an issue with Schools as well as clubs.

Age grade Rugby – including Girls Age Grade changes for next season, max playing time, shortages in age grade players, reminder that age grades for Girls will be U12, 14, 16, 18 next season – you GMS teams will need updating! (After meeting note: please be aware of max number of games per child in Reg 15 and half game rule) – Note its Age Grade Rugby as a whole up to U18 rather than Mini/Youth Junior now as a group heading when searching on RFU for any advice)

Under 18 playing Senior Rugby – reminder issued that a weeks' notice required for forms to be cleared before expecting to play. Forms need correct signing off and when under 18 playing safeguarding rules apply and notification must be given to opposition and match officials. Sufficient DBS cleared coaches must be present, First Aiders must be DBS cleared – Play it safe courses should be attended! If player is 16 at beginning of season there is an issue, can be easily fixed by a ticket on SCRUM which Mario will action in short time, this is a logic issue from when the U18s were not permitted to play before Christmas, will be sorted ASAP but FSI are working on it

### **Facilities –**

Mens and Women league and cup issues – Nothing concrete yet on league restructuring, expect the pyramid to be flattened and league winners expected to be offered promotion, more hopefully coming on a community game update soon.

The sample leagues L3-6 should be released to clubs tomorrow (they were issued on Tuesday 15th) to show what the leagues might look like next season. Work on L7 and below is still on-going due to lower XV's now having to formally apply to join the leagues- the closing date is Friday 18th. Once we have a better idea of what our local leagues may look like the aim is to hold a couple of sessions for clubs to attend to discuss etc. Further details to follow. The Structured season for next year is still to be agreed but should include some set 'weekends-off' Cups are in a window at the end of the season and teams only need to enter in early Spring 2023. One of the key aims of the restructure is to try to reduce travel time (not distance) so there may be more cross-border leagues.

Women's cup completion still deemed wanted by clubs in our area. CB Chair and WG rep undertook a report <https://dwrugby.co.uk/32416-2/>

This deemed it was not practical to run as a CB competition as most clubs did not want more games. (Note: Amesbury have asked the clubs if they would be interested direct in a cup competition and only 1 said no and 1 said maybe, all others said yes.)

Thoughts of setting up a wider than CB fixture exchange for extra matches outside league structure for Women's game is to be considered – one exists for Mens fixtures.

Reminder of competition rules at lower levels (from handbook):

CB Vacancies – call for interest – There is a list of DW website of vacancies, these are regularly put on Social Media. We need new council portfolio holders for Age Grade, W&G and Membership to fill empty posts.

## **Notes**

### **1. Club feedback;**

Generally, Senior player numbers down, AG not too bad

Swindon struggling for players

RWB struggling player wise through Covid and higher rate of injuries due to league level.

Calne- pre xmas was a struggle for numbers, post Xmas better but serious injury an issue.

Minety- numbers have become an issue in recent weeks linked to distance to travel.

Chippenham- main issue around getting Age grade onto GMS (see earlier).

Cricklade- Age grade going well but being a 1 team club it's a struggle at times for the Senior Men.

Swindon- running 2 sides but the 2nd XV can struggle at times, often impacted by players moving up a team.

Heavy impact on Volunteers in getting teams out each week.

### **2. RFU stance on abuse – re statement from last meeting**

The RFU's strong position on abuse is clear from recent high-profile cases; all clubs need to be clear on their values, including their attitude to abuse. Within D&W there have been a number of cases already this season. Note that commenting on referee competence in disciplinary report does not help – the referee is always right! Referees subject to abuse should inform their association. Remember that clubs are responsible for the behaviour of their players, coaches and spectators.

### **3. RFU update**

RFU SW staff may want to visit clubs ay be visited now to assist in any way they can or for a specific purpose. Hopefully accreditation (Club health check) renewals will be covered under this at some point in future.

## **AOB**

Scum machine FoC to anyone who wants it (and collect) from Calne – needs refurb, but better to use than scrap

## **Actions**

- Contact Dave W for GMS training/assistance with Data Cleanse – I am happy to help any club •

**Date of next meeting: 25 April 7.30**

Note that I didn't get chance to raise –

Game variations -Devizes and Chippenham have recently started Walking Rugby, so more are running this form of the game which keeps people involved. If there are any other clubs getting involved with this aspect of the game, please get in touch with those other clubs operating, also the Touch Union is available – which is not age dependant! And can be played in Summer

## WEST DORSET RUGBY CLUBS MEETING (4<sup>th</sup> April 2022)

### INVITEES

Name	Role	Oct 21	Jan 22	Feb 22	Apr 22
Ed Taylor (ET)	Coordinator				
Tom Davis-Richings (TDR)	Blandford RFC		Apologies & Report		Apologies
Julian Hussey (JH)	Bridport RFC	Apologies	Apologies & Report		
Tony Foot (TF)	Dorchester RFC				
Tim Rose (TR)	North Dorset RFC				Apologies & Report
Sam Bailey (SB)	Puddletown RFC	Apologies	Apologies & Report		
Mike Trew (MT)	Sherborne RFC				
Martin Hill (MH)	Swanage & Wareham RFC				
Jon Monaghan (JM)	Weymouth & Portland RFC				Apologies
Alison Hunter (AH)	Dorset & Wilts				
John Constable (JC)	RFU Council Rep				
Gerald Burden (GB)	Dorset & Wilts				
Chris Burton (CB)	Dorset & Wilts				Apologies
Lizzie O Connor (LO)	RFU - Club Developer	Apologies & Report			
Keturah Watts (KW)	Dorset & Wilts				

### INTRODUCTION

Noted all West Dorset clubs are performing well in their divisions

ET has not yet seen Blandford and North Dorset clubs this season.

### PREVIOUS ACTIONS/NOTES

**Action 2.5** - All clubs to submit their accounts to Alison Hunter D&W treasurer – **Ongoing – Note 3 currently outstanding – Sherborne, Bridport and Puddletown – please send to Alison ASAP**

**Note** - Clubs should ensure First Aid Training is current – there are strict guidelines next season which need to be met.

**Action 7.1** - Players going to Bath Academy – major concern that those who don't make it just drop out of rugby. We need to gather evidence to feedback to the RFU. **Complete – information fed back at 4<sup>th</sup> April – experience has been mixed**

**Action 7.2** – Set up a face to face meeting (possibly Blandford) to look at competition options including expansion of friendly league. **Closed – unlikely to be required but we should set up a F2F meeting shortly.**

**Action 7.3** – Scan and send around details of RFU coaching course programme for this year and next. **JC – Complete – information circulated**

**Action 7.4** – Club Coaches (across this group) to consolidate the coaching course required (this was initially raised by AH for Level 1 coaching request). Our local coach contact is Smudge Smith **All – Ongoing – good information provided by Sherborne, Lizzie to send Training Reports to aid the process, others to complete asap**

**Action 7.5** – Build upon Player Recruitment Topic outputs by next meeting. **ET – Ongoing – material generated here;**

**a) What Working Well (WWW) – Best Practice**

Bridport - Mimicking previous “**Tag festival – road to Twickenham**” with 16 junior schools in the area (in March) – years 5 and 6, great way to get juniors involved and their parents to the club.

**Non contact Women’s rugby** sessions – good for social rugby and builds link with family members

**Friday night rugby** under floodlights including Age group rugby

**Juniors support 1<sup>st</sup> XV matchday** and publicised (**PMN** thought)

**b) What can we DO BETTER (WDB)**

Need to **upgrade club facilities** to make it an enjoyable experience when supporters do come along.

**More volunteers needed** – this is becoming more and more difficult, current incumbents finding it hard to commit the time, players stop playing at younger age and do not move into volunteer role, hard to find volunteers for Sunday morning. We need to be able to get more support from the parents. Senior club officials need to be engaging with parents on Sunday mornings.

**Social media** advertising needs to be much more professional and engaging, e.g. Instagram etc

We need to maintain **continuity of coaching** with the youngsters

**Advertise our Successes** but needs to be a concerted campaign

**NEW ACTIONS**

**Action 8.1** - We should have get together of interested parties from our clubs to agree actions to take this forward and encourage more Ladies & Girls participation. **ET / All**

**Action 8.2** – Ensure Age Grade affiliations all completed – important for insurance purposes – **All**

**Noted** that Swanage & Wareham applied for Rugby Focus weekend (awaiting outcome) and also successfully applied for £850 Storm Eunice damage to posts.

**Action 8.3** - Lizzie to provide recordings (W&G, Volunteering, Revenue Generation), also number of Webinars – Women in sport, Review of Club Structure, engaging Community etc. **LOC**

**Action 8.4** – Sam and Tom to provide short reports on Puddletown and Blandford status update.

**SB/TDR**

Date of Next Meeting – **ET to set this up**

**DISCUSSION TOPIC – Ladies & Girls Rugby**

North Dorset are doing really well and happy to travel up to 1 hr 30 mins to games, good numbers, good results, 3 in County Team, 4 coaches and aiming eventually to run 2 teams in a few year’s time. Hosting a Ladies 10s tournament 28<sup>th</sup> May for 6 teams. Zac Pearce is contact name (and would be good to speak to re: Best Practice).

Weymouth & Portland/Dorchester are struggling, seem disconnected and coach not easy to get hold of, have invested in the team but little evidence of any “payback”. Have had 6 or 7 games. Action required to address this. U14 girls have had good numbers.

Bridport do not run a team, and not sure joining up with other clubs would help. Putting efforts into encouraging Years 5/6 via Junior Tag Festival and get mums and daughters involved.

Swanage & Wareham – good numbers 16-22 players, won 2/16 games, 1 in county trial, struggling at age group levels.

Sherborne encouraging participation via schools. Now have 20 girls mostly in U15s.

Women's 6 nations should help encourage participation and England have applied for 2023 World Cup which again will help push this forward. RFU also suggesting having clusters of teams coming together where numbers are lower to gain coaching/ play a game.

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## **FEEDBACK FROM CLUBS**

**Puddletown** – No report.

**Sherborne** – 1<sup>st</sup> team performing well and have won 60% of their games, have struggled for numbers, age group rugby going well – will take a year or 2 for senior numbers to increase sufficiently.

**Bridport** – Project to take over the running of The Clubhouse from the Leisure Centre is going well, and still aiming to complete 31<sup>st</sup> July. Player numbers are good and team performing well. A good ending to the season. One frustration is late cancellations – need earlier notice.

**Swanage & Wareham** – Fielding 3 teams although struggled to field a 2nds team. The 3<sup>rd</sup> team are older and struggle against teams who are training and it appears their preference next year is to play in a merit table. Good numbers in the minis/youth sections. Lease discussions continue with local council. S&W are also producing a Players Charter for next season outlining Player Expectations (and expectations of the Club). **Perhaps this could be shared with other clubs.**

**Dorchester** –Running 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> teams and all have done well in their leagues. Experiencing a lot of injuries. Bar profits have improved as Covid restrictions lift. Age Group rugby is strong, and high numbers recently attended a referees course run at Dorchester (3<sup>rd</sup> April).

**North Dorset** - Running 3 senior men's teams plus a ladies team, 1<sup>st</sup> team won league and have had a strong season. Age Group and Ladies rugby going well.

**Blandford** – No report.

**Weymouth** – Also suffering with injuries, good to see colts returning to play in senior Teams. 2<sup>nd</sup> team enjoying social side. Age group rugby is mixed, Colts ok, 3 U16s playing up, U12s struggling. RFU (Matt) supporting lease negotiations.

## **RFU FEEDBACK / D&W Update / Issues**

Lizzie to provide some recordings (W&G, Volunteering, Revenue Generation), also number of Webinars – Women in sport, Review of Club Structure, engaging Community.

RFU Council report on GMS review expected shortly, where aim is to improve quality of the data.

**Looking for club volunteers with GMS knowledge to get involved to provide feedback.**

Leagues – working on structure going forward, D&W looking at this on Thursday, there is a commission to appeal to if unhappy. Sherborne not happy with potential length of travel in their league. RFU aiming to have outlined approach by 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

## **AOB**

Feedback– County U17s at Marlborough – not a good venue for West Dorset clubs – we should make these more central (e.g. Salisbury etc)

Note – referees course at Dorchester – 3<sup>rd</sup> April – well attended

Swanage & Wareham are appealing their Second team carrying points deductions over to next year. **All clubs on call were supportive of S&W stance.**

## **MEETING CLOSE**

ET closes meeting at 20:50, again a lot of good discussion.

The meeting discussed the campaign surrounding the last Six Nations, regarding getting people to visit their local rugby club.

CB stated that it is fine to host this type of campaign, but without the support at a local level to provide the facilities that people are looking for in long term, it would remain a reoccurring issue of a short-term fix for no long-term benefit.

NMcC asked the huddle leads about the current feedback of best practice etc. DW reported that after the 2003 world Cup win, there was an influx of new Mini and Youth players at clubs, but they were unwilling or unable to capitalise on this potential opportunity.

ET stated club's need to improve their standards of facilities, Training of Volunteers, Player Retention and also improve their comms (Social Media, etc). He also stated that we do not report our achievements (like players at premiership clubs or playing internationally).

RJ stated that the small clubs need to learn from the larger clubs on how to make themselves more appealing to the local community.

NMcC asked about the Rugby Focus programme, GB stated we had received four requests for funding, and that three clubs had now been informed of their grants.

It was agreed to develop a D&W Strategy for club participation in supporting each other. **EXC**

GB stated that on the D&W Website, there is a Roll of Honours page (to view please [click here](#)) listing the achievements of players from the two counties. He also stated that he regularly asks the clubs for information on their players achievements, but do not get any response, if it were not for the likes of RJ and others we would not know about their success.

AM stated he was unable to issue a report to the meeting, because the minutes had not been approved by the huddle members.

DW reminded the meeting that we do not need formal minutes for huddles just a brief set of notes.

## **6. Non-Area Representatives Updates:**

### **Age Grade**

The Age Grade Manager was asked to submit a report to the D&W Council, explaining what happened in this year's Age Grade competitions covering the following

1. Who is responsible for the management of these competitions?
2. How does the league structure work?
3. How does the Cup Competition work?
4. What Age Groups are involved in Age Grade Competitions?
5. If a competition is held for the Under 12's and Under 13's what is the format?
6. Why was the Management of the D&W not informed of these final dates?
7. Why was no one asked to attend these finals on behalf of the D&W?
8. Why were so many teams allowed to take part without settling their accounts?
9. What safeguards will be put in place to stop this happening again?



NE reported that it had been an unusual season due to recent events (rules changes at the end of December and the pandemic), there are still some competition matches outstanding.

Review competitions payment system and the competition structure before the start of next season. **NE**

GB has received an email from Twickenham about D&W Age Grade Competitions (Under 13's and below) informing him, that Knockout competitions are not allowed.

NE reported that the Under 13's and below are played as a Waterfall competition in line with the instructions of Mark Saltmarsh from a few years ago.

The topic of the management of these competitions was discussed and it was agreed that any Waterfall competition must be Player Development Central.

NMcC asked if the D&W holds Age Grade Forums with club Chairs, NE replied that we do.

Should we disband Age Grade competitions, due to historic problems.

**All**

### **Woman's & Girls**

**BB**

2022-23 Structure/Programme

**CB**

Woman's & Girls Forum on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 19.00hrs via Zoom.

NMcM asked who had been invited to the Woman's and Girls Forum, GB stated the invites had not been sent yet, but it will be as GMS listings and members of the Council.

CB reported that GB and he was going to visit Bath on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April, to get a better understanding of the issues around the Super Clusters.

### Girls Super Clusters

Cluster 1 - 19 Sept 2021 - Devizes RFC – 120 +  
Cluster 2 – 24 Oct 2021 – Oakmeadians RFC – 110 +  
Cluster 3 - 21 Nov 2021 - Warminster RFC – 110 +  
Cluster 4 - 19 Dec 2021 - Sherborne RFC – Covid cancelled

### 2022-23 Season

Cluster 1 - 23 Sept 2022 – Devizes RFC  
Cluster 2 – 16 Oct 2022 – Oakmeadians RFC

### County Girls

Sun 27 Mar 2022 - Girls U15s / U18s training at Sherborne RFC  
Sun 3 Apr 2022 – Girls U18s (A) Oxford v D&W at Faringdon RFC  
Sun 17 Apr 2022 – Girls U18s (A) Somerset v D&W at Bridgewater & Albion RFC – 24-30  
8 May 2022 – Girls U15s - Training TBC  
15 May 2022– Girls U15s (A) Berks v D&W at Reading RFC  
22 May 2022– Girls U15s (H) D&W v Bucks at Royal Wootton Bassett RFC 1300hrs  
29th May 2022 – Girls U15s (H) D&W v Somerset at Sherborne TBC

### Bath DPP Hubs

4 May 2022 - U15s – Dorchester RFC  
11 May 2022 - U18s – Royal Wootton Bassett RFC  
18 May 2022 – U15s – Trowbridge RFC

25 May 2022 – U18s – Bryanston School

### NATIONAL GIRLS' CUP – UNDER 15s & UNDER 18

Oakmeadians competed in both age group competitions

#### Senior Women

8th May 2022 (A) Cornwall v D&W at Launceston RC 1400hrs

15 May 2022 (H) D&W v Somerset at Salisbury RFC 1400hrs

22 May 2022 – (H) D&W v Bucks at Royal Wootton Bassett RFC 1500hrs

#### Club Initiatives

Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole (BCP) Girls Rugby Schools Tournament at Oakmeadians RFC.

U15 Final – 15 Mar 2022 Glenmoor vs Bourne Academy

U13 Final - 06 Apr 2022 Glenmoor vs Avonbourne

Girls Yr 5/6 – 09 Mar 2022 –Tag Festival – 8 teams

Excellent engagement in the local schools from Gordon Horsley. Stats attached. Only club who have provided qualitative and quantitative data to myself. They are also seeing clear benefits in their youth and mini section.

#### Club's requests for support

Westbury asking for coaching support

Chippenham asking for extra girl's coaches to support new age grades

Dorchester advertising for girl's coaches across all age groups

#### England 2022 season

U18s - Cerhys Gould, Sophie McQueen

U20s - Delaney Burns

#### Tyrrells 15s representation

Maisy Allen – Exeter

Louise Burgess – Exeter

Lauren Leatherhead – Exeter

Lou Burgess - Exeter

Delany Burns – Bristol

Alice Lockwood - Bristol

#### 2022/23 Season

New age grades U12s, U14, U16s, U18s

Aim for 3-4 Super Clusters at start of season. Clubs to engage with each other to for fixtures and joint training.

JC asked about who is going to organise these events, CB suggested that the huddles should be involved.

NMcC stated the RFU policy is if clubs cluster together it should be only for a short-term fix, and the aim should be for the players to return to their own club as quick as possible.

CB stated that this could take five years to recover to a sustainable level, but before this is possible clubs need to forge links with the local schools.

#### **Referees.**

New email address for DN

[den.nolan889@gmail.com](mailto:den.nolan889@gmail.com)

DN reported on the two Referee's courses held at Dorchester RFC with about fifty people attending.

#### **Diversity and Inclusion**

**KW**

## County Membership

No update

## RFU Representative Report

JC reported that there is a suggestion that CBs should be asked to contribute to the cost of Age Grade Regional events (like the South-West Under 18's) and they may not run next year without funding from the RFU.

JC outlined the Clubs for everyone format. What does it mean?

Low Income Families on average only have £3.21 per week to spend on sport, against the national average of £12.11. Clubs should be encouraged to support Low Income Families.

The regulations have changed relating to the use of Red Diesel, Clubs will no longer be able to use Red Diesel unless they are CASC registered. JC to research and report back.

No RFU travel funding next year, clubs may be able to bid for extra support.

Age Grade season ends on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May.

Details have been released about the Summer Activity Programme.

The regulations surrounding Rugby Camps have been clarified.

The RFU are currently undertaking a Safeguarding Quality Assurance, with the aim of an overall improvement in delivery standards.

The role of CBSM to be reviewed to ensure there is a consistent level of presentation across all CBs.

GMS Dashboard to be made available to CBs.

### 7. Executive Committee Update:

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

- a) Outstanding items for the Handbook/Website – Referee details and any updates – Deferred to next season.
- b) Clubs of Concern list – April 2022 – Deferred to next season.
- c) Representative Rugby Dates

<b>07-May</b>	<b>Senior Men vs Eastern Counties RFU</b>	<b>Royal Wootton Bassett RFC</b>	<b>15.00 hrs</b>
<b>08-May</b>	<b>Senior Womans vs Cornwall RFU</b>	<b>Launceston RFC</b>	<b>14.00 hrs</b>
<b>14-May</b>	<b>Senior Men vs Somerset RFU</b>	<b>Away - TBC</b>	
<b>15-May</b>	<b>Senior Womans vs Somerset RFU</b>	<b>Home - TBC</b>	
<b>21-May</b>	<b>Senior Men vs Essex RFU</b>	<b>Swanage &amp; Wareham RFC</b>	<b>15.00 hrs</b>
<b>22-May</b>	<b>Under 15's Girls vs Buckinghamshire RFU</b>	<b>Home - TBC</b>	
<b>22-May</b>	<b>Senior Womans vs Middlesex RFU</b>	<b>Home - TBC</b>	

D&W Representatives wanted to host the visiting CB's.

GB to update Representative fixture list and circulate.

d) GB have received an invitation for the D&W to visit Pewsey Vale on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, for the opening of their new club house.

e) Under 20's Review

MM proposed that we revise the review into Representative Rugby.

**MM**

It was agreed that MM – CB – GB would review the Under 20's document offline.

**MM**

f) Age Grade Out of Season – Summer Activity Framework 2022

GB received a from Mark Saltmarsh – Text below

*As mentioned on the recent Drop-Ins and the CB Monthly Call on Monday, I am pleased to confirm that this week, we completed under Regulation 22, the approval of implementing a Summer Activity Framework for 2022.*

*Please see attached the framework and guidance. You can see that the 2022 version is a hybrid of the normal regulations and 2021 Summer Framework. Essentially, it maintains the usual out-of-season activity for U14+, provides more opportunity for U13 and younger, and enables contact training progression, some friendly fixtures and more rugby formats.*

*This will be communicated to the game formally in the CGU on Tuesday, so please don't send it on externally yet, to maintain the consistency of our messaging. However, you may want to share it with any CB colleagues linked to the age grade game, such as CBSMs and RugbySafe leads. There will be some trailing of the fact it is coming, on social media between now and then.*

*The information is actually now up on the Summer Activity webpage but we won't promote that yet – [please click here](#) if you want to see it. There are some other bits to complete but we know how important getting the key information out now is.*

*For information, the continued Combining of boys U12 to 18 teams was also approved for 2022-23, which we will communicate separately with information about other regulations for next season.*

g) Tours

GB asked if the Area Representatives could remind their clubs about touring requests. **Area Reps.**

The D&WRFU General Terms and Conditions for touring are posted on the D&WRFU Website, to view please [Click here](#)

To give you an example GB received four tour requests on the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2022 requesting permission with less than three weeks' notice before the tour date, one tour only gave him 24 hours' notice on Thursday afternoon before departure, which took 8 hours to resolve.

h) D&WRFU Senior Cup Competitions

FIRST XV VASE at Blandford RFC – North Dorset RFC vs East Dorset Dockers RFC  
K.O. – 2.30pm

FIRST XV PLATE at Pewsey Vale RFC – Lytchett Minster RFC vs Pewsey Vale RFC  
K.O. – 2 .30pm

SECOND XV CUP at Warminster RFC – Bournemouth RFC vs Chippenham RFC  
K.O. – 2.30pm

THIRD XV CUP at Warminster RFC – Royal Wootton Bassett RFC vs Bournemouth RFC  
K.O. – 2.00pm

i) Outstanding Invoices

**Age Grade**

Bradford on Avon RFC

Midsomer Norton RFC

Minety RFC

Sherborne RFC

Warminster RFC

Yeovil RFC

£1,975.00

**Senior**

Bradford on Avon RFC

Cricklade RFC

Minety RFC

Oakmeadians RFC

Salisbury RFC

Sherborne RFC

£870.00

**Discipline**

Bradford on Avon RFC

Chippenham RFC

Corsham RFC

Devizes RFC

Dorchester RFC

East Dorset Dockers RFC

Lytchett Minster RFC

Oakmeadians RFC

Puddletown RFC

Swindon College Old Boys RFC

£1,160.00

**Match Balls**

Corsham RFC

**Others**

Colerne RFC

HMP Guys Marsh

Oakmeadians RFC

£1,045.00

Total Outstanding down from £8,204.00 to £5,399.00

- j) Discipline – total of 75 cases – 14 passed to other CBs – 38 Proven – 6 Not proven – 11 Other Sanctions – 2 Failed to reply – 4 Outstanding.

Club	Name	Charge	Outcome	Sanction
Yeovil			Passed to Somerset	
Swindon	Club	5.12	Proven	£2,000.00 fine - Suspended for 3 yrs
Dorchester	Age Grade		Passed to the RFU	Letter to player from panel chair
Dorchester	Club	5.12		
Calne	Chris McAlonan	9.12 & 5.12	Proven	4 match ban
Trowbridge	Zak Harvey	9.12	Not proven	
Lytchett Minster	Jordan Andrews	9.13	Proven	3 match ban
St Austell			Passed to Cornwall RFU	
Bradford on Avon	Age Grade	9.12	Proven	4 match ban
Bradford on Avon	Age Grade	9.12	Not Proven	
Devizes	John Bramwell	9.27	Proven	1 match ban
Melksham	Jack Tunney	9.13	Proven	3 match ban
Poole	Niall Taylor	9.12	Proven	8 match ban
Walcat	Under 18's Girls	Abuse		
Bishop Wordsworth's School		9.12	Proven	4 match ban
Trowbridge	Paul Tuinasakea	9.28	Proven	28 playing week ban
Trowbridge	Club	5.12		Formal warning
Brackell		9.28	Passed to Berkshire RFU	
Swindon COB		9.12	Not Proven	
Bournemouth Uni	Christopher Read	9.12	Proven	3 match ban
Crewkerne	Citing		Passed to Somerset RFU	
Bryanston School	School	9.18		
Combe Down		9.12	Passed to Somerset RFU	
Bridport		9.28	Not proven	Code Value presentation to the 15/16's
Bridport		9.28		Club Support
Corsham	Matt Knight	9.12	Proven	3 match ban
Amesbury	Martyn Toon	9.13	Proven	3 match ban
Swanage & Wareham		9.28	Not proven	
Weymouth & Portland	Club	Match Abandoned	Proven	Formal Warning
Yeovil	Club	Match Abandoned	Proven	Formal Warning
North Dorset	Age Grade	Internal Review		
Claysmore School	School	5.12	Proven	
Katherine Lady Berkeley's School		9.28	Passed to Gloucestershire RFU	
Amesbury	Ratu Netava Lagilagi	9.2	Proven	2 match ban
Swindon COB	Rory O'Brien	9.12	Proven	3 match ban
Marlborough	Manasa Cakau	9.27	Proven	1 match ban
Worthing		Racial Abuse	Passed to the RFU	
Oakmeadians	Ryan Beeke	9.12	Proven	6 match ban
Oakmeadians	Club	5.12		Formal warning
Trowbridge RFC	Club	5.12	Not proven	
Royal Wootton Bassett RFC	Age Grade	Match Official Abuse		Core Value Presentation
Supermarnie RFC	Age Grade	Match Official Abuse		Core Value Presentation
Sherborne RFC	Age Grade	9.13		
Wimborne RFC	Tom Dullage	9.27	Proven	Sending off Sufficient
East Dorset Dockers RFC	Jack Belcher	9.28	Proven	9 match ban
Salisbury RFC	Dominic Porter	9.12	Proven	3 match ban
Sutton Benger RFC	Matthew Rea	9.12	Proven	4 match ban
Alton RFC		9.27	Passed to Hampshire RFU	
Swindon College Old Boys RFC	Club	5.12	Proven	Support package
Yeovil RFC		9.12	Passed to Somerset RFU	
Dorchester RFC	Adam Makepeace	9.27	Proven	1 match ban
North Dorset RFC	Adam Geal	9.12	Proven	3 week ban
Weymouth & Portland RFC	Andy Bowditch	9.27	Proven	1 match ban
Swindon College Old Boys RFC	George Bowditch	9.12	Proven	2 match ban
North Dorset RFC	Charles Jobling	Match Official Abuse	Proven	Core Values Presentation
Salisbury RFC	William Lewin	9.13	Proven	3 week ban
Blandford RFC	Tom Davis-Richings	Match Official Abuse	Proven	9 match ban
Frome RFC		9.11	Passed to Somerset RFU	
Marlborough RFC	Ashley Horner	9.11	Proven	3 match ban
Christchurch RFC	Callum Gillard	9.12	Proven	1 match ban
Yeovil RFC	Age Grade Coach (UN15)	Match Official Abuse	Passed to Somerset RFU	
Swanage & Wareham RFC	Keiran Taylor	9.27	Proven	Sending off Sufficient
Swanage & Wareham RFC	Jonathon Blackmore	9.12	Proven	3 match ban
Royal Wootton Bassett RFC	Ed Shewring	9.18	Proven	3 match ban
Frome RFC		9.18	Passed to Somerset RFU	
East Dorset Dockers RFC				
Combe Down RFC		Safeguarding	Passed to Somerset RFU	
Bournemouth RFC	Ben Russell	9.27	Proven	Sending off Sufficient
Trowbridge RFC		Match Official Abuse		
HMP Guys Marsh				
HMP Guys Marsh				
Royal Wootton Bassett RFC		9.27	Proven	1 match ban
Chippenham RFC		9.13		

## 8. AOB:

NMcC reported on the Club Supplemental Pot and if clubs are eligible should contact their Club Developers.

Target Funding Report – offline via email.

Woman's & Girls Facilities Report – details of two clubs who would benefit.

**NMcC/CB**

Volunteer Awards Evening details wanted – GB reported that it was going to be part of the AGM at Salisbury RFC on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 19.30 hrs.

ET raised the issue of league point deduction, and what was the D&W policy. AM stated that being a League Secretary, you have no option but to follow the Regulations. If the offence took place after the Transfer Deadline, then any points deduction will be carried over until next season.

AM stated that there is an Appeal process available.

NMcC to investigate.

JC asked if Council meeting minutes could be circulated to the Council members without any redactions. GB stated that he would forward copy of the Council minutes to members via email, without any redactions.

JC updated the meeting regarding the re-structuring of the leagues. The only D&W team which this will have an impact on is Bournemouth 2<sup>nd</sup>, who have been excepted at Level 7.

Gerald Burden - Gen Sec