DORSET & WILTS RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMTED

A meeting of the Dorset & Wilts. RFU Council will be held on Tuesday, 4th April, 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

1.

2. Attendance, Inc. apologies: co-options and any introductions

Mike Moysey [MM]	Atte	Stuart Murrow [SM]	Atte	Gerald Burden [GB]	Atte
Alison Hunter [AH]	Atte	Jane Hart [JH]	Atte	Alistair Morrison [AM]	Atte
John Constable [JC]	Atte	Darren Astley [DA]		Nicola McCombe [NMc]	Atte
Denis Nolan [DN]	Atte	Ed Taylor [ET]	Atte	David Wookey [DW]	Atte
Nick Elbourne [NE]		Chris Burton [CB]	Apol	Sean Macey [SM]	Atte

Red represents Non-voting members

3. Minutes:

To note the of the Council meeting held on the 21st of February 2022

Copies available on the D&WRFU website, please <u>Click here</u>

Noted

4. Matter arising:

Play-it-Safe courses in each huddle area.

Update the content of the D&W website for referees https://dwrugby.co.uk/referees/

Update the content of the D&W website for safeguarding https://dwrugby.co.uk/safeguarding/

Update the content of the D&W website for D&I https://dwrugby.co.uk/equality-diversity-and-inclusion/

5. Area Representatives Updates:

Huddle Area – South Wilts **Attendees / Clubs** Marlborough, Devizes, Amesbury, Wheatsheaf, D&W: Dave Wookey (chair), , **RFU: John Constable, Ben Smith** Apologies – Salisbury, Warminster



MM/GB

Lead/Action

Actions from Last meeting

- Clubs to notify Chair of needs and wants for pitch issues still awaited see point below
- Marlborough working with College DofE helping them do refereeing and Coaching within the scheme, could this be used to push for YMOs – Mark to be put in touch with Denis. – Follow up needed, MB to ensure done for next season

<u>Agenda</u>

1 – Male Competitions

PJ regs only via RFU website - <u>https://www.englandrugby.com//dxdam/66/666a0be6-cc36-4d97-b6dc-b5e59b4f516b/Adult%20Male%20Cup%20Regulations%202022-23.pdf</u>

D&W comps - <u>https://www.englandrugby.com/fixtures-and-results/search-results?competition=85&season=2022-2023#fixtures</u>

2 – Female Competitions

10s tournament to be arranged by DW, Aimi to help, poss use N Dorset as plenty pitches. DW to send to all Clubs with Senior Womens Teams for interest ASAP.

Next seasons league requests to come out in April from RFU. Will be sent to Secs and PoCs for senior women via GMS for you to bid for which level of completion you are best suited – NC 1-3 or Inner Warrior. I don't believe Championship 1 & 2 are part of that!

3 – AG competition – AG Calendar been issued this week, will there be competitions next season? U14 and above likely yes. Below, limited waterfall only competition permissible – Maybe a festival.

4 – TACKLE Height

Consultations in progress, trying to determine where the line should be drawn.

Try to get your message across via <u>https://www.englandrugby.com/news/article/tackle-height-consultation</u>

5 – RFU Staff issues and points Volunteer funding closed Toilet and Sanitary should be issued soon Small grants reopened

W&G club development workshop end April – details next couple of weeks L7 & 8 clubs (possibly L9, Governance and club health check – please check you have it and can you

complete – Funding available on that.

Coach etc (Playing) courses still set on Windows – Expression of interest form <u>https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=FMgGcSyloEi959o21DEbVQmxjxKmYNpAiT1</u> <u>mj-XeDzpURjI4WIQwUkZEWDFBR1ZFS0RRMU1RQjRRSy4u</u> was sent to CCCs. Still no on demand for AG/Kids First allowed. Courses from Oct/Nov

6 – GMS accuracy

Please work on these If your club needs help the expression of interest for support is at <u>https://www.englandrugby.com/participation/running-your-club/game-management-system/updates-and-support</u>

Try to sort your duplicate entries and Duplicate Email addresses

7 – Bids for Support

If you find you need support for anything at your club, please let us know, If that's physical support someone to help you solve an issue of get something going, we have a CRC in place for On the Pitch things, otherwise plenty of Council members with expertise. If its funding for something make an application to the Facilities coordinator/Hon Sec/Chair

If we don't know you need support we cant give it!

8 – Schools

Are you in to Schools ft generate new AG players? Unfortunately, we hear Devizes have lost their Schools Liaison post holder

There is limited funding available to support – make an application as above

9 – AOB

Wheatsheaf – No ground at the moment. Ben/James to work together Mens leagues/Cups

Devizes Girls folded. Players going to Marlborough/Trowbridge so are still involved and getting game time.

Aimi meeting new W&G competition person to liaise about Women's competition future.

ERDPP 2 players selected

Women's County Trial this weekend, training at Pewsey.

Payment declaration for is open on GMS – get it done ASAP so it doesn't get forgotten https://help.rfu.com/support/announcements/15000026573

AG – don't forget 50% rule - That is up to Colts!!

Actions

- Bids for support all
- Womens competition bids All Womens Team leads
- Payment of Players All clubs by end May we believe
- Interest in Womens 10's
- Volunteers needed to help run Dorset & Wilts. <u>https://dwrugby.co.uk/vacancies/</u> More will be added to this page.

Date of next meeting: I would like next meeting (end of season) to be face to Face – Early June seems agreeable to all, make it a social as well as meeting points

The Mid Wilts Huddle Group has not met since February 2022.

6. Non-Area Representatives Updates:

Women's & Girls

No Report submitted

Referees.

No Report Submitted

Governance.

I have been working on county coaches, managers and ancillary staff's credentials. Julie is working through all the names we have been given checking DBS etc. There is a few coaches that are not on GMS so difficult to check on.

It is great to see the updated safeguarding policies and procedures on Dorset and Wilts website. Julie is going to develop a flowchart to explain the reporting process etc.

I have requested updated policies from GDPR and Keturah is working on updating the policies for diversity and inclusion.

Some time ago I was asked to contact a local trainer to request information on an audit and some training that has been done and no paperwork received. I have contacted the trainer, the rfu training officer and have not had any replies from either. I will contact the rfu.

Inclusion and Diversity

Safeguarding

RugbySafe

DN JH

KW JF First Aid Training Grants 150 x £30.00 – Maximum six places per club on a first come/first served basis

Mental Health Awareness

£850.00 x 5 Huddle Training Meetings

GB has agreed with Ron Jones that Trowbridge RFC could led on this.

> Discipline	GB
To view case list Please <u>Click here</u>	

GDPRNo report submitted

County Membership

Age Grade

RFU Council Representative

Previous month's activity:	RFU Annual Report released end of Jan. The report shows significantly higher reported revenues for the year at £189.1m (£97m in prior year). An operating profit of £15m (loss of £7.9m in prior year) and profit to reserves £95.0m (£20.5 in prior year).
	Read the full report here
	The profit to reserves for the year ending 30 June 2022 is significantly impacted by to the sale in the current year of a 14.3% stake in the future broadcast rights of the Six Nations to CVC, which will see the RFU receive £90.8m in net proceeds from the transaction in five tranches over four years. Other one-off items include the half year impact of a debenture donation campaign to the Rugby Football Foundation and business rates relief. When adjusting for these unusual items, the underlying profit for the year is £1.5m.
	A new PGA is being considered, the current one ends in just over 12 months time. This will hopefully cover areas like International competitiveness, Domestic Competitions, player welfare and sustainability.
	Tackle height- work on this is on-going with a number of Face to Face Forums and virtual forums being run during March. The last virtual ones are the 27 th , 30 th and 31 st March if anyone wants to attend them- at 1200, 0800 & 0800 respectively.
	RFU Papa John's Cup draw done March 13 th for Regional 1 level- sadly post draw both D&W teams pulled out of the Competition. For those Regional 2 and below the draw was done on the 20 th March.

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	A number of teams have pulled out for varying reasons, this includes our clubs opponents. We have put together a D&W local cup but again this has bene hit with teams withdrawing. Despite the cup dates being clearly listed form the start of the season, maybe because no actual draw was made till late, many teams seem to have just ended their season. Might be a reflection of the current mindset of our players. Planning for next season is already underway.
Current Budget update:	Nil
Proposed Activity (including estimated cost)	Continued attendance at club clusters and support to get the clusters in those areas that need new 'leads' to get this line of communication with our clubs running in a better way. As the end of the Season is nearly with us, can visit clubs if there is a need but looking into May, will try to support our representative sides- can we make sure the website is updated with venues etc and kick off times. Have several RFU council meetings in April plus a main meeting on the 21 st April- waiting for any information that can be shared- probably it will be around Tackle Height. Work with Deputy President Sean to try to outline a document to be shared with clubs trying to get them to chance the focus from solely result based and more to getting games played. Sadly some teams only seem worried about getting 5 league points and this is hurting our game and could potentially result in the number of teams declining even more.
Other items for discussion (please attach paper with estimated discussion time allocation)	Major concerns flagged again about the DPP, the way the players are 'released' form the process but also how players are being actively encouraged to join certain clubs to 'benefit' more from being in the DPP/ continue to be in DPP. This was raised at the local clubs meetings held with Ben Smith in Dorset and has been mentioned by others as well.

7. Executive Committee Update:

a) Accounts

Outstanding Invoices

Profit and Loss sheet attached

New details for the Registered Address - 8 Blackmore Chase Wincanton Somerset BA9 9SD

b) Club Support					
Club Development Grants	2022-23				
Oakmeadians	£500.00	Travel	Agreed		
RWB	£500.00	Schools	Agreed		

Guys Marsh Barbarians

Following a meeting with Simon Hickin and CB & GB, GB has received a request for a grant to purchase the following

- Size 5 Balls x 8 with a bag
- Ball Pump with adapters
- 10 x Green Bibs
- > 10 x Red Bibs
- 1 set Of Multicoloured Cones
- > 2 x Kicking Tee's

Note. DW to contact the Club regarding GMS set up.

Other Grants

Ot	ner Grants							
Ar	nesbury	£1,500.00	Colts	Agreed				
CI	Club Infrastructure Improvements Grants							
Ap	Applications from							
	Oakmeadians – Changing RoomsApproved Grant of 50%Royal Wootton Bassett – Lighting Phase OneApproved Grant of 50%							
CI	ub Facility Form 2022-23							
Re	eceived from the following clubs							
 Marlborough NEW TRAINING AREA ON MARLBOROUGH COMMON NEW KITCHEN EXTENSION LADIES TOILET UPGRADE 								
2. ≽	Salisbury Extension of the flood light cove	rage for our training ar	ea					
\triangleright	Training/Minis area new floodlig	hts						
5. >	Bridport Request Not Submitted North Dorset Shower block rejuvenation – Ph Water Tanks Insulation – Legior Replace four sets of posts							
6. A	Sherborne New Toilets New Kitchen and 4 New training area with floodlight		pace					
AAA		•	iding safety fencing					

Floodlights Phase Two

Agreed

- Upgrade external changing rooms 7&8 and 9&10.
 Diversion of overhead power line P5
- 9. Swans
- Changing Room upgrade \geq

Honda Volunteer of the Year 2023 Update

The awards evening will be held after the AGM on the 19th July 2023 at Salisbury RFC

c) Community Rugby

SM

Previous month's activity:	Dorset and Wilts Cup Competitions
	2 competitions have been organised for the clubs not entering the Papa John Community Cup; Upper Counties Cup (effectively L8) and Lower Counties Cup, L9.
	The opening rounds were played 01/04. Of the 8 games planned in the Upper Counties only 2 games were played with 5 being recorded as walkovers and 1 postponed. The Lower Counties had 2 walkovers in the 5 scheduled games.
	The original plan was for those teams being knocked out in the first round to enter into a plate competition. Due to the high number of walkovers the validity of that proposal is now in doubt.
	The walkover situation which was apparent in our competitions was also hugely disruptive in the national Papa John Cups, over 70 walkovers nationwide. This brings into question the validity of end of season cup competitions. As a CB we were slightly hamstrung regarding announcing our draws until the Papa John details were fully known. This came mid March, too late for many clubs to plan properly? Should we have drawn and communicated our cups earlier to ensure proper engagement, a carry on regardless approach. Certainly lessons need to be learnt going forward into how we can best protect the integrity of the D&W Cups which should still hold a prestigious position in clubs playing calendar.
	Dorset and Wilts Leagues
	All the leagues have now concluded. League winners below:
	C1SS – Wimborne C2DWN – Chippenham II C2DWC – Corsham C2DWS – Weymouth & Portland C3DWN – Supermarine C3DWC – Corsham II C3DWS – Ellingham & Ringwood
	Also worth noting that Marlborough won R2SC with a 100% playing record

The Counties 2 play off final between Chippenham II and Weymouth & Portland was played on 25/03 with W& claiming victory. The Competitions Committee met on 28/03 to discuss the format of the leagues for 23-24 season. The emphasis has once again been put on structuring the leagues in a such a way that travel is reduced as much as possible. The proposals
will be put to SWROC later in April for approval.
Weymouth & Portland were the winners of the 7 th Tribute TOTM award for the season. They were presented with their slab of Tribute before their Papa John game at Warminster on 1 st April.
For those who are interested the Master Summary sheet for the season is attached.

Tackle Height Forum

RFU Tackle Height Consultation

The RFU would like to thank everyone who has participated in providing valuable feedback in our consultation on reducing the tackle height in the community game.

We have listened to thousands of players, volunteers, and match officials to understand how we as a game can come together to best define and implement a reduction in the tackle height.

We have heard a wide range of views and gathered thoughts and ideas from 8,500 people through an online open survey, met with over 1000 people during 25 in-person and virtual forums across 13 locations and met 270 coaches, players, match officials, disciplinary officers, Club chairs and CBs, parents, and teachers through 22 focus groups and online panels.

Everything you have told us is now being independently analysed by the research company YouGov. This independently verified feedback, will be presented to the RFU Council ensuring your views are directly heard.

Once the RFU Council have fully reviewed your feedback, decisions will be taken on the proposed law variation and game regulations. Further updates will be provided towards the end of April, and we will then provide a range of materials including virtual and in person training and education tools to enable the tackle height reduction to be implemented as smoothly as possible. These materials are being developed using the views, ideas and needs you have shared with us.

We learned a lot from this process and are determined to maintain this two-way dialogue so we can keep improving our support for the game.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed and to all of you who make rugby the game we know and love.

Nigel Gillingham RFU President

Walking Rugby

Tournament notes and lessons learnt feedback

Inaugural D&W Walking Rugby Festival

18 March 2023 at Pewsey Vale RFC

As Walking Rugby becomes more popular it was decided to run a competitive tournament for the clubs operating and by that means encourage other clubs to start up or those that have to become involved outside their own internal club sessions.

Only 4 clubs (Amesbury, Salisbury, Trowbridge and Chippenham) were operating to the extent they could join this event, however the interest in this is extended to Wheatsheaf, Wimborne, Sherborne, Weymouth, Devizes, Corsham, Melksham Pewsey Vale and we believe Calne – although have been unable to contact anyone at that club. We are now aware that North Dorset are keen to get Walking Rugby running at end of this conventional rugby season. (Walking Tournaments run from March to October, with many clubs internally running all year with some inter club matches throughout the winter months.)

Initially the intent was to play full seven a side teams with 10 players available to each team as per normal WR festivals, however this was a stretch too far with each club providing 2 teams. To accomplish the aim, we ran with 6 players per team and subs if available. This allowed the tournament to work, and from the feedback we did just that. The other object of the day was fun for the players – again that worked! The weather was good for the time we were playing, Pewsey Vale were enthusiastic in their support and didn't overcharge for the event (£200 in total including supplying hot drinks for anyone who wanted them) We utilised unused shields and Medals which were repurposed (The Shields handwritten by my wife, Julie, and new stickers for the medals supplied by Avon Trophies @ £23 which Julie and I applied) So cost for the event £223.

The games were played in 2 pools set out so the final round had no chance of being same club playing in a final round and they would play someone different than they did in a pool game – again the clubs felt the benefit of that and felt 4 games was sufficient. The draw was made simple and taken in the order clubs responded from pool A through to pool B and no-one had any objections to that

Pool A										Table			
Round 1			Round 2			Round 3							
Amesbury Archers	v	Chippenham B	Chippenham A	v	Amesbury Archers	Amesbury Archers	v	Amesbury Bowmen					
4		3	7		2	5	5	7	Points	won	drawn	lost	
Amesbury Bowmen	v	Chippenham A	Chippenham B	v	Amesbury Bowmen	Chippenham B	v	Chippenham A		8 1		0	2
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Pool B													
Round 1			Round 2			Round 3							
Salisbury A	v	Trowbridge B	Trowbridge A	v	Salisbury A	Salisbury A	v	Salisbury B					
9		1	3		3	8	8	2	Points	won	drawn	lost	
Salisbury B	v	Trowbridge A	Trowbridge B	v	Salisbury B	Trowbridge B	v	Trowbridge A	8	3 2	!	1	0
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Results as below with Chippenham A coming out the winners:

Final Round		
Pool A Fourth	v	Pool B Fourth
Chippenham B	5-2	Trowbridge B
Pool A Third	v	Pool B Third
		Amesbury
Trowbridge A	3-2	Archers
Pool A Second	v	Pool B Second
Amesbury Bowmen	1-2	Salisbury B
Pool A Winner	v	Pool B Winner
Salisbury A	1-2	Chippenham A

Lessons learnt:

In the letter to clubs inviting them to participate we asked for each club t provide a first aider and that each team should be mixed ability and gender. I didn't check on the day that these requests were complied with but I do know sufficient First Aid cover was there on the day, PV RFC also had qualified First Aiders as well as they were running age grade rugby in the morning which stopped as we started.

The mixed ability and gender per team did not quite work out and I should have insisted. 1 Club did make a complaint at the end that the finalists were all male and all ex-players – on the latter point I said that WR is for all and a way of keeping players in the game so would expect many to be ex-players. I also stated that we can't insist on female players being in each team if clubs didn't have sufficient, however both the teams in the final had 2 females in 1 squad and none in the other so maybe I could have insisted on a change, but that may have left those players not comfortable, the answer is clubs to encourage more Females to play, but we can't insist and neither should we.

Referees – we were left short on the day as despite being asked to provide referees some were let down by illness and some simply by short numbers so one game was refereed by a player not undertaken referee training, but as an established player it worked fine. It did mean I had to referee 4 games which as well as too much for my health, left me unable to administrate the day as much as I would have liked., fortunately I had 2 runners volunteer who were able to collect scores and make up the results sheets for me.

Photos

I intended making some photos of the event but as was refereeing I was unable to do so. I requested any present to let me use some of theirs so the one I received is below. Got none of playing so far.

Summary

All in all it worked out well and apart from 1 minor complaint went off very well. In a debrief with Start afterwards he intends to continue the event subject to Council approval as he has now taken the role of Hd Walking Rugby for the CB as per previously council discussions and this will fall under Community Rugby committee with the annual event falling under Competitions Committee purview



The Council recorded a vote of thanks to DJAW Ltd for providing a perpetual award for the winners of the annual D&W RFU walking rugby festival.

Representative Rugby

Previous month's activity:	See below, rolling report	
Current Budget update:	➢ U18 – TBC	
	➢ U20 − TBC	
	Men's XV - NIL	
	Women's XV - TBC	
Proposed Activity attached	U18 – On track	
	U20 – Game Easter Sunday	
	Women's XV – Trials have completed	
	Men's XV – No activity	
Detail	U18 Male	
	Programme up and running	
Fixtures list attached	Team manager – Lee Murgatroyd	
	Lead – Kevin Dobie	
	Forwards – Jake Krige	
	Backs – Marc Ewart	
	U20 Male	
	Programme up and running	
	Team Manager – Lord Ian Moore	
	Lead Coach – Martyn Peel	
	Forwards Coach – Kevin Moggridge	
	Back Coach – Martin Oxland	
	Senior Women XV	
	Trials complete, squad to be announced ASAP	
	Team Manager – Emma Santer	
	Lead Coach – Ben Pocock	
	Forwards Coach – TBC	
	Back Coach – Aimi Dallyn	

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Senior Men XV
No activity
Team Manager – Dan Draper
Lead Coach – Don Parsons
Forwards Coach – Alan Low
Back Coach – Terry Gilmore
Questions
 Can someone cancel the FB account run by Brett Bader –
he refuses to hand over password.

Team	Competition	Fixture	Date	Venue	ко	Comments
U17	TBC	Development Day	30-Oct-22	Canford School		
U18	Trial	3 Way Games	06-Nov-22	Locklease Sports Centre, Bristol		
U18	SW Trial	Cornwall	04-Dec-22	Hartbury		
U18	SW Trial	TBC	17-Dec-22	Hartbury		
U20	Jason Leonard U20 Pool 1	Away against Oxfordshire	19-Mar-23	Farringdon RFC	1400	Won 0-82
U20	Jason Leonard U20 Pool 1	Home against Berkshire	09-Apr-23	Dorchester RFC	1400	
U20	Jason Leonard U20 Pool 1	Home against Buckinghamshire	23-Apr-23	North Dorset RFC	1400	CANCELLED by Bucks
Senior Men	Bill Beaumont Div2 Pool 2	Away against Gloucester	06-May-23	ТВС		
U17	N/A	Development Day	07-May-23	Canford School	0945-1530	BH21 3AD
U20	Jason Leonard U20 Div Finals	ТВС	07-May-23	ТВС		
Senior Men	Bill Beaumont Div2 Pool 2	Home against Devon	13-May-23	RWB RFC	ТВС	
U17	Friendly	Home against Devon	14-May-23	Chippenham RFC	1530	
Senior Women	Gill Burns D3 Pool 2	Home against Devon	13-May-23	RWB RFC	ТВС	
Male	Bill Beaumont Div2 Pool 2	Away against Berkshire	20-May-23	ТВС		
U17	Friendly	Away against Berkshire	21-May-23	Maidehead RFC	1400	
Senior Women	Gill Burns D3 Pool 2	Away against Middlesex	21-May-23	ТВС		
U20	Jason Leonard U20 Semi Finals	ТВС	21-May-23	ТВС		
Senior Men	Bill Beaumont Div2	Play Off	27-May-23	ТВС		
Senior Women	Gill Burns D3	Play Off	28-May-23	ТВС		
U17	Friendly	Away Cornwall	28-May-23	Perranporth RFC	1430	TR6 0DB
U20	Jason Leonard U20 Final	ТВС	03-Jun-23	ТВС		

8. AOB:

Outstanding Vacancies

Volunteer Co-ordinator – Dorset & Wiltshire

For JD please Click here

Community Rugby Co-ordinator Non-executive Director Area Representative Mid Wiltshire

County Rugby Sponsorship Manager Age Grade Deputy Lead Age Grade Competition Support members Senior Competition Support members Deputy President (GB) RugbySafe Lead Deputy CB Safeguarding Manager Replacement for Joe Walsh Membership Secretary Two applications - to be interviewed

SM & AM to step away RJ willing to support the new appointee

For JD please <u>Click here</u> For JD please <u>Click here</u>

Following a recent Safeguarding meeting between Twickenham and the D&W about how we recruitment and interview our new volunteers

- > Advertisement
- > People apply for the role via the RFU Volunteers form
- Interview
- References x two, via the phone with a follow up email outlining the conversation. Both GB and CB were unhappy about this approach on the grounds that any reference should be in writing, to protect all parties.
- DBS checks etc.

Upcoming Dates

1. Council

25th of April 23rd of May 20th of June

Club Conference Date

2. <u>AGM</u>

19th of July 2023 – 1st Calling Notice – this month.

Training Course Update - Please Click here to view

Gerald Burden - Gen Sec