



## **OXFORDSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION**

### **Minutes of meeting held at Holiday Inn, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7.30pm.**

Board Present: Chris Skaife, Karen East, Doug Bosley, Jenny Bosley, Rob Walsh, Philippe Peirsegaele, Dave Larham, Gina Overton, Andy Tacon  
Apologises: Pete Bramley,

*Minutes taken by: Karen East*

*Meeting starts 19.30*

#### **1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

The minutes of Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were approved as a true record. The 14<sup>th</sup> May meeting was a Clubs meeting.

#### **2. Club Survey Findings – Refresh & CB Priorities**

Gina presented the top priorities from the ORFU survey:

- Perception of quality of refereeing
- Perception around injuries – Safety and Welfare
- Recruiting and retain
- High level of volunteer requirement
- Financial support
- Sharing and learning from other clubs

The board considered what were club responsibilities and what are CB responsibilities, what can the CB support was discussed.

The survey indicated the number of self employed correlates to number of responses concerned over risk of injury. There are insurance policies for this. RW suggested that we ask the RFU about whether there is a way of getting a bulk offer across the clubs to reduce costs. The board also needs to look at the possibility of the Medical Emergency Action Plan that Jamie Goddard has suggested. Suggestion JG liaises with clubs medical officers and gathers data from them so we mandate injury statistics. At the moment JG sits under RW committee. **AP. Chris Skaife, Jenny Bosley & Rob Walsh to speak to JG. AP. KE add JG to agenda on quarterly basis starting September to report back on medical area and injury statistics. AP. KE will speak to Alex Thomson (Howdens insurance) to get a copy of what the current RFU insurance offering includes, RW will have a look to see what Marsh can offer – ideally to present at the AGM next month).**

DL queried whether we could look at the offer of rugby, 7s, touch etc. for those who do not want to be in the 15s. It may be that players are leaving the game due to the concern they will be injured in the 15s games, touch may retain them. RW will visit the clubs that have touch rugby with the intention of having a touch rugby workshop. A date for the touch workshop in October should be scheduled for early in the next season. There is potential to have a touch representative on one of our sub committees and talk of a touch festival under PB festival committee. **AP. RW to visit the clubs. AP. KE to schedule workshop date.**

Quality of refereeing: Jim Holmes has just taken over as Chairman of Referees Society. Once he has settled in to the role CS & PB will speak with him to see what they will do to act on this concern as the will need to take the lead. Some of the responses came from Henley where referees come from Berkshire, we need to know the detail so they know what they can act on. **AP. CS & DL to meet with Jim Holmes to discuss and find out criteria for Max Seymour trophy to cascade to clubs (meeting in July). AP. GO to find out where did the concerns come from and pull data from the survey on this to pass on to the relevant Referees Society. AP. KE to invite Chairman on invite to AGM.**

RW would like us as a CB more visible to clubs. GO suggested that there should be a plan for the next season.

PP indicated it is clear that we need more players and need to work on the fun day world rugby cup event in October, perhaps in the half term or perhaps a school event to raise awareness in the schools. This may or may not be possible. AP. PP would like a meeting of the M&J chairman, PP to see if he can organize event on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September – 7-9pm at Holiday Inn. **AP. PP to investigate further. AP. KE will invite M&J chairs to the AGM and will book Holiday Inn for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September for PP.**

DL would like 10-15 minutes to present Game On at the AGM.

JB needs to present two league trophies at the AGM.

GO organizing a workshop for October in the first quarter of the season. **AP. GO to ask the clubs what they want perhaps via Survey Monkey so we put the right workshop on.**

### 3. County Vision and Values

CS will circulate a slide on the vision and values to the board following this meeting via email for views and thoughts.

#### 4. AOB

RW has received a request from Adam White to talk to the CB. RW will respond.

RW thanked KE for organizing Kevin Robinson's farewell event.

RW request came in from Dee Murray to attend one of our meetings. **AP. KE will respond and advise Sept meeting.**

RWC19 launch black tie event – September 6<sup>th</sup>. Please can everyone cascade information to clubs and encourage people to book. Promotion going out from this week. Anyone interested in sponsorship for the event need to be directed to Karen East. We also need raffle prizes if people can start trying to collect suitable prizes (let Karen know if you secure anything).

Awards at AGM. RW, KE, GO, CS, JB need to agree awards including Presidents award.

**AP. KE will send an email out to collect nominations.**

Vice Presidents Association – **AP. CS to send an email to Vincent Murphy to close the current form of VP association this month (by end June).** The CB will then look at a new opportunity.

GO newsletter is to go out for July AGM. At the clubs meeting clubs asked for us to share information. GO queries whether Yammer may be useful. DL encouraged us all to upload to social media; we all have access to the ORFU Facebook.

DL gave an update on Game On. This will be discussed further at the AGM with a presentation. DL encourages the CB to support and drive this.

DL asked people to use GMS as we all have access. KE will send

Clubs need to be reminded to send a copy of their accounts to the CB. **AP. KE will send an email to the club treasurers requesting these.**

We need to book the AGP county sessions. **AP. KE to call an additional meeting for sorting these things out.**

*Meeting closes 9.45pm*