



OXFORDSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

Executive Board Meeting – 8th October 2019

7.30pm – Holiday Inn, Peartree

1. Apologies for absence:

Chris Skaife

Attendees:

Dave Larham, Karen East, Andy Tacon, Phillippe Perisegaele, Rob Walsh, Doug Bosley, Jenny Bosley, Pete Bramley, Gina Overton

2. Budget

Need to look at latest budget – everyone to look at new document circulated by Dave Larham. Comments to be circulated (to all, by all) by 16 October. Proposed meeting w/c 21 October. Meeting w/c 21 October for Chris, Karen, Andy as a minimum to align where peoples budgets need adjusting.

CS to confirm with Gavin Williams when payments are due and how much at each stage for planning purposes.

DL advised that representative rugby budget money from RFU is in addition to LRP money that will come in.

3. Club / CB workshops

Every Thursday of the month plan is to have a workshop of some sort (marketing, business planning, grants and facilities, Safeguarding age grade forum, chair forum etc.). This needs reducing down to fit in budget. Safeguarding workshop priority – plan for January.

JB needs disciplinary panel members. JB to speak to CS and Twickenham.

4. President

Nominations for president. Could go out to the clubs for requests, JB to write a job description which should be circulated to clubs for president nominations if board do not have a person in mind. Potentially JB could run another year.

5. Sub committee

Gina will send out an email to try and draw people in for sub committees.
Submit areas of interest.

6. Clubs Survey

RW has circulated national survey – please all complete.
GO will circulate deeper information on ORFU survey.

7. Volunteer Recognition

We do not have girls dates yet – CS to action. GO confirmed we do not have to have it at a county game. Suggestion is Maundy Thursday, evening event at Quins (9th April). Consensus is that this is a good date and we will work towards this. Non-volunteers will be charged £5 gate fee.

Call for volunteers should be continuous.

8. County news bulletin

Cost average £850 per edition. Could go electronic. Twice yearly will be enough. GO to look in to this.

9. Dropbox

Everyone has links to dropbox.

10. Revised constitution

Planning to do revised constitution asap. – RW.

11. England training sessions

RW has asked to be notified if they are coming and will advise the board if they do so that people can attend and volunteers / other clubs.

12. County Festivals

Poor return on clubs wanting to host festivals. Have resent to clubs. PB meeting Bethan end this week and will allocate end this week if possible.

13. County Competitions

Cup is being held at Horspath, Shield at Iffley Road.
Determined no value in adding temporary stand.

14. Age Grade Development Update

Nick Todd is organising festivals for yr 7/8 – PP is trying to get clubs there to link schools / clubs.
Community rugby day unlikely to work at the moment so this is parked.

15. Vice Presidents & Tickets

GO has been working on this, need to get ticket allocations sorted. There will be new terms and conditions. Allocation of 2 per person is consensus. An application form and terms have been sent to Chris for final approval before going out this week.
Membership will be £10 per month.

RW will speak to Vince Murphy to resolve payments that have been paid and haven't arrived with CB.

Volunteer tickets

Paul Jagers gets 2 x tickets (another pair issued to Bicester volunteers nominated)

Craig Burrows nominated to president's tickets

Up to 4 tickets per game in volunteers

Gina needs ticket requests from board by end this week. Please pay when submit application.

16. Strategy Day – 6th or 13th Dec

6th Dec – majority can (Pete, Phil cannot attend – GO wont know until nearer the time) – KE will advise CS to confirm if this goes ahead.

17. Leadership Alumni

Can be created within some of the forums we already have.

18. AOB

RW please go to clubs and talk to M&Js about the half game rule – need to know if it's working. Numbers going to games seem to be going down. PP will try and find out more.

Shane Harrison (DOR Thames Valley Police) sent email. There will be a memorial match PC Andrew Harper and have asked for 2 tickets to be donated. Consensus is that CB will donate a pair of Six Nations tickets to be raffled. KE will arrange from Fineprint a voucher to be presented. RW to advise KE where to send it.

Colin Baldwin is attending ERCA (England rugby counties association) still. KE will contact ERCA to ensure he is not attending in ORFU capacity. A representative should attend if possible.

AT need to get accounts handed over. KE / CS / AT to meet w/c 21 Oct. KE will meet with AT and accountants prior to this (14th Oct possible).

GO asked RW if we want council meeting notes on web. RW to provide summary which can go on web after each meeting.

DL delivered Play it Safe course. The Irish Exiles – looking to see if CB can adopt them as part of our CB. Probably a non-voting member. RFU have approved in principle. Consensus is that CB is happy with this as a non-voting club. CS / DL will speak to move this on.

DB Would like to play county game at Henley instead of AGP. DB to make decision best for his playing group.

PB – u15/14s final day will be at the AGP. Jane Weaver booking it.

Sponsorship – BMW. GO/KE to work on package. Taylor Wimpy another possible target.
(Jim Holmes – ref society may work with us too)

Meeting ends 9.20pm