



OXFORDSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

Executive Board Meeting – 18th August 2020

7.00pm – Virtual Zoom

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Attendees:

Karen East (Secretary), Rob Walsh, Pete Bramley (Chairman) Gina Overton, Andy Tacon, (Treasurer), Chris White, Doug Bosley, Jane & Paul Weaver

Apologies: Dave Larham (Furloughed RFU), Philippe Perisegaele,

Chairman: *Pete Bramley*

Action	Responsible	Status
Arrange strategy day	KE	
GO / PB to try and speak to Bicester Village (Miranda) to see if we can use for an additional year direct to them.	PB / GO	
Send comms to clubs regarding grants available	KE	
RW to speak to KR regarding storage	RW	
Exec Board to send any agenda items to KE also so timetable for the day can be set.	ALL	

1. Approval of Minutes from July 2020 Meeting and Matters arising.

The minutes from the July 2020 were approved with no matters arising.

All Sports trophies – will use trophies if events run again. Hoping to run the final again as it stands (last seasons final).

News bulletin reminding clubs of guidelines to go out soon – GO

Letter of condolence – no contact details.

Designer information, send to Gina. CW to chase up.

Oxford RFC – Pete spoke to the club. (John Brodley). Waiting for John to arrange date for PB to meet up. PB to chase up.

Chinnor did have one outbreak of Covid so one pod had to be isolated.

Letter to Jay and Gavin was sent and Rob passed it on to Twickenham.

2. Bicester RFC

Bicester RFC is no longer at Oxford Rd so in essence are homeless. They have a provision for Whiteland's have pre-booked but it is not available for use at the moment due to Covid 19.

This is a sensitive situation; GO has created a communication to their members to assist Bicester.

ACTION: GO / PB to try and speak to Bicester Village (Miranda) to see if we can use for an additional year direct to them.

CW also advised that Alchester ground may be usable (Fritwell).

3. Covid 19 symptom tracker

It helps the clubs to manage track and trace. It's a very simple app.

Jamie and Gina explained how it worked.

£10 per club. Notification will go to each Rugby Safe Lead to strongly encourage usage of this app. It's a great asset for clubs.

4. Hardship Fund

GAB had a £1,000. We have spent half of the fund now.

9 clubs have applied and received money.

Deadline for using the money is December.

ACTION: Karen will send a comms out to remind clubs they can apply. Potentially we could grant clubs some money for purchasing hand sanitiser again.

5. LRP

Twickenham have cut funding from the LRP (getting 30% from what originally were going to get). Financial difficulties are having a knock on effect coming down.

ACTION: Storage needs to be renegotiated (RW will speak to Kevin Robinson)
Volunteer expenses need to be covered

AGP – Oxford Brookes are getting some priorities over us. KE is speaking to Twickenham.

6. Strategy Day

Things to consider

- Immediate situation
- 2-3 year CB plan moving forward
- 5-10 year CB plan (blue sky thinking!)

ACTION: All - Exec Board to send any agenda items to KE also so timetable for the day can be set.

7. Updates from the board

RW - Great report from JB – issue with clubs not social distancing and posting on fb. JB working on safeguarding, Didcot have u15 Barbarians, guidelines say can only train at home club. JB to be invited to next board meeting for an update.

International Tickets have been reduced for some clubs. KE will contact clubs to ascertain who has had a reduction. It may be due to GMS inputting but we will investigate.

DB - No update as still unsure what's happening at the moment. Senior Rep has taken a back seat at the moment.

PW / JW – Paul attended a meeting hosted by Hampshire (Terry Burwell), discussed future competitions strategy in the adults game. Lots of questions still to be answered. Still suggestion that County Cup will continue. There is a survey out and this is the best way to see the proposal. There does not seem to be any expectation of an early return to rugby.

KE – meeting schedule – 2nd Tuesday of every month ongoing – 7pm (Zoom until further notice)

GO has written to social media person at RFU, waiting for answer.

CW good reports from the numbers of women turning up for training across the county.

AT have finalised end of year accounts. Clubs need to send their accounts also by early October along with their subs (some clubs yet to pay those).

PB had confirmation regarding Natwest rugby force. Every club has received £500 bar Wheatley who received £1000.

PB had a meeting with Ed Griffiths to discuss English Championship and levels below to see how can get better unity (not sanctioned by RFU yet). Presentation circulated to board. More details to follow as its progressed and received.

8. AOB

Diversity group set up by RFU – GO queried when that will be announced – RW to find out.

Meeting ends 21:20