

# **BREDON STAR R.F.C. Ltd.** est. 1991

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## **Minutes of AGM Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2014 Bredon Village Hall, 7.30pm**

### **Attendees:**

Kevin Falvey, David Newcombe, Adrian Bawdon, John Calvert, Tommy Spry, Andy Dickinson, Paul Evans, Neil Evans, Ali Antonelli, Rob Antonelli, Phil Hawkins, Kieran Matty, Ross Coombes, Greg Adams, Steve Nicklin, Stefan Lasota, Meryl Falvey, Bob Doust, Christine Doust, Mike Hickey, Pierre Molyneux, Stuart Doust, Martin Bath, John Oliver, Darren Gamble, Alistair Green, Jonathan Green, Michael Jordan, David Tomkotowicz, James Stephens, Gavin Maber, Brad Cooper, Shane Collins, Adam Gallagher, Suzie Matty, Scott Jameson.

### **1. Apologies for absence:**

Keith Christian, Mike Irwin, Alex Antonelli, Louise Jenkins, Gemma Greenwood, Mark Dowdeswell, Trevor Clarke, Phil Turton, Jeremy Phillips, Maggie Bawdon.

### **2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 15th July 2013**

Published on the website. Approved unanimously.

### **3. Matters Arising – if not addressed elsewhere in the minutes**

None.

### **4. Club Chairman's Report on the Club's Development throughout the 2012/13 season**

Kevin Falvey thanked everyone for attending, the AGM the 3rd since our Incorporation as an Industrial Provident Society and interestingly almost all clubs in the North Midlands RFU have now followed suit. We are also a CASC, which means we have to also follow some strict HMRC guidelines around how we run the club and make payments to key personnel.

This was done to put us on a more professional footing, but also to protect the Officials and Committee Members of the Club from personal liability.

KF thanked the Junior Section Chairman – Scott Jameson and his committee, who have once again had a very successful season both on and off the field.

Scott's organisation of the Junior Dinner was again an event to behold.

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Both Club sections are working very well together with committee meetings well attended and with a number of senior players now working as coaches within the junior setup.

KF reported that the club's deal with Raging Bull for merchandise is working well and is profitable for the club. It is good to see players and supports alike wearing club colours on match days and while out and about in general. It is good advertising for the Club. We are currently in discussions with RB about adding to the current clothing range and also introducing stash with RED as the predominant colour. Please watch our website for details of the launch.

KF thanked all of the club's sponsors.

Last season we were again able to host a Vice President's & Sponsors day lunch as well as the Varsity match between Prince Henry's High School and Tewkesbury School. Both events were very well received and are something the club wishes to continue.

From the senior playing side, this season has been special. Promoted from Gloucester 2 into Gloucester 1 and winning the North Midlands Vase Competition.

KF thanked the coaching team of Stuart Doust and Mark Stephens ably supported by the 1st Team Manager – Kieran Matty all of whom have done an amazing job with a group of young players who have come together and formed a rather special squad. We lost only 1 game last season and were not beaten at home. In fact we haven't lost at home since January 2013 and have only lost a total of 4 games in 21 months. Which is a pretty outstanding record.

KF also thanked Pierre Molyneux as the club captain for the last 4 years. He has led the players through some very dark times and has worn the club badge with great honour. It is very fitting that he has seen the 1st team through its most successful season ever.

The Club House Project was in disarray a couple of years ago. However, with a huge amount of work from Adrian, we are now nearing completion.

The fundraising effort has been amazing and KF thanked The RFU, Sports England, Severn Waste, Wychavon and all the Club Volunteers who have raised the £200k needed for this project.

KF also thanked Dave Newcombe, who coordinated the form filling for the major grants we received and stayed on top of the chasing up of these organisations to ensure the monies came through in a timely fashion.

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Scott and his team have worked tirelessly to make this project a success.

However, we would be nowhere without the total dedication and commitment from Adrian Bawdon, who has just about given up his life to this project over the last 2 years. All those present joined KF in a round of applause for Adrian.

KF thanked the clubs unofficial sponsors and volunteers who contribute in so many unseen ways, again too many to mention, but you know who you are! In addition, Our Landlords :-

- Adrian Darby – Westmancote Site
- Bredon Cricket Club – for use of their facilities each Sunday
- Bredon Parish Council – Bredon Site

Finally, KF thank ALL of the clubs players, coaches and supporters.

## **5. Junior Section Chairman's Report on the Junior Club's 2013/4 season**

Scott Jameson thanked his committee, including Anthony Hill who will step down from his role as Treasurer, Dave Wayman as Press Officer, Julia Witt who will step down from her CRB/Safe Guarding role and hand this over to Claire Dickinson and David Manns who continues to support the club as website/news/junior admin person despite his son no longer playing for the club.

SJ thanked Andy Dickinson for his invaluable support (as Vice Chairman).

SJ thanked all of the coaches and volunteers, without whom it would be impossible to run the club.

## **Season Summary**

U7 – Stratford Festival winners, Bournemouth tour

U8 – Stratford festival, GRFU finals

U9 – Worcester tournament winners and GRFU plate finalists

U12 – Worcester winners, Bournemouth winners, GRFU Cup finalists

U14 – Kept together, beat Worcester

U16 – County Cup finalists

## **Fundraising & Financials**

Parents and volunteers did an amazing job with club house fund raising efforts ranging from Easter egg hunts, to bag packing, race nights, Malvern Walk, sponsored tries scored and all the chocolate GCHQ could eat!

Phenomenal effort, but from too few a list – challenges for the club are to spread the load and the clubhouse will assist as it becomes a focal point.

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Financially the Juniors performed well. Cost management as ever is key and with a final drive to receipt subs we ended the year with a positive balance. There are some on-offs and exceptions through junior dinner sponsorship, Westmancote catering and kit deals for teams.

## **Junior Dinner**

A fitting end to a hugely successful season, matching that of our 1st XV, with Craig Gillies and Thinus Delpert as our special guests and many 1st XV players assisting on the night service the food. Over 180 kids sat down to the meal.

## **Looking Ahead**

The new season started very well, but with notable losses. 30 players already at under 7 which demonstrates our reputation as a good club, but also if nurtured will put us in good stead over the years to come.

Circa 10+ new players across u8 to u11; building capability and depth in these teams. There are more coaches/parents stepping forward to support the team which is much needed.

At Juniors it is a different story – u13's is always a challenging year with County commitments and school changes. SJ has every confidence John Oliver will see this through and his team exit the season in excellent shape; with 6 Bredon players making the Worcestershire u13 squad it will have its challenges.

At U14 and U15's numbers are low, but the good work forged by Kieran and Phil and their teams at midweek will if necessary be the format for Sundays too.

Sadly aspirations and hopes for an under U17's team were dashed only last week; despite assurances from the boys numbers have not been sufficient and instead we are forging links with other local clubs. A huge and public gratitude must go to Mark Dowdeswell for all he has done over the previous 10 yrs.

## **What next for our Juniors**

Whole club accreditation is a must this season – plans already underway to achieve this.

Girls in rugby – we had 3 last year and another has joined. Working with RFU on a local schools programme will push this on.

Revenue opportunities with the landlord at Westmancote and hugely improved links with the cricket club will improve what and how we offer the sport to all.

Building better links with Seniors and further integrating the club week to week.

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SJ ended by saying that he is committed to taking this role forward, delighted to lead and work with an inspiring and supportive team across all sections of the club, but particularly the Junior teams.

We have to continue to deliver safe, enjoyable and great winning rugby – we have every opportunity to maintain that delivery with the team, parents and players who make us what we are.

## **6. Financial Report and Presentation of Accounts – Chair of Finance**

Adrian Bawdon presented the club's annual accounts. Summarising the various areas of cost. Although the year has been dominated by the club house finances, there is still the Club to manage. AB stressed that although all members welcome to see accounts, please do not leave paper work lying around!

As a CASC organisation the club is not subject to rates which is a huge advantage.

AB mentioned that this year has fallen in such a way that there are 2 sets of rent paid to the PC in this one set of accounts.

Sponsorship deals are hugely important, Rob Antonelli puts in a terrific effort with sponsorship and Meryl Falvey works tirelessly on the International Ticket front. At present sponsorship provides the back bone of income to the club, hoped that the new clubhouse will help to alleviate this pressure.

AB invited questions regarding the accounts - none were raised.

## **7. To consider as a special resolution any additional or alteration to the rules of the club duly proposed in accordance with Rule 9.5**

Currently President, Immediate Past President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Propose to add Chairman and Junior Chairman.

Proposed by Michael Hickey, Seconded by Pierre Molyneux, carried unanimously.

## **8. To consider a resolution dis-applying the provision of the Act relating to the obligation to appoint Auditors.**

Not required.

## **9. To Elect the Officers for the ensuing year.**

President - Dave Newcombe

Immediate Past President - N/A ( as this does not come into effect until DN stands down).

Secretary - Suzie Matty

Treasurer - Adrian Bawdon

Club Chairman - Kevin Falvey

Club Junior Chairman - Scott Jameson

Proposed by Rob Antonelli, Seconded by Meryl Falvey, carried unanimously.

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## **10. Election of Committee Members**

Rob Antonelli, Andy Dickinson, Mike Hickey, David Manns, Kieran Matty, Pierre Molyneux, Callum Potter  
All of the above have indicated their willingness to stand and were formally proposed by Meryl Falvey  
and seconded by Tommy Spry on the 28th August 2014  
KF thanked Tony Hill who is stepping down from the executive committee.  
Proposed by John Calvert, Seconded by Darren Gamble, carried unanimously.

## **11. To Elect Vice Presidents**

None at present.

## **12. To confirm election of Honorary Members (made by the committee during the preceeding year)**

Mark Stevens, Stuart Doust, All sponsors (17 in total) KF asked for ratification for these decisions.  
Proposed by Mike Hickey, Seconded by Mike Jordan, carried unanimously.

## **13. To consider any other motions of business duly proposed in accordance with Rule 9.5**

None.

## **14. To consider any other business of which due notice shall have been given.**

None.

## **15. Any Other Business (upon with no voting shall be allowed)**

AB gave an update on the clubhouse, appealed for help with the decorating process.  
MF stated that she has a few extra tickets for the Autumn Internationals, anyone interested should  
contact her.  
MF also asked how many England vs Italy tickets are required – deadline imminent.  
MF also stated that the Rugby World Cup public applications opened as of last Friday.  
KF reported that Life Membership is still available at £250. All membership details are on the website  
and the clubhouse licensing means that you MUST be a member to frequent the bar.

**Meeting Closed.**

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