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Minutes of AGM Sunday 25th September 2016 @ Clubhouse @ 7.00pm

Attendees:

Kevin Falvey	Jemma Diamond	Keith Atkins
Alistair Green	Gemma Greenwood	Mark Dowdeswell
David Newcombe	Stefan Lasota	Phil Turton
Glenda Turton	David Manns	Neil Evans
Darren Gamble	James Howard	Ross Attwood
Scott Jameson	Ric Bagnell	Andrew Dickinson
Kieran Matty	John Oliver	Johnny McGrath
Meryl Falvey	Dave Molyneux	Suzie Matty

1. Appoint Chairman for the Meeting

DN welcomed everyone and stated that he would Chair the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence:

Adrian Bawdon, Ben Creed, Ben Stanford, Bob Doust, Christine Doust, Callum Potter, Pierre Molyneux, Josh Fitzgerald, Keith Christian, Adam Gallagher, Ross Coombes, Tom Llewellyn, Sam Verralls, Rachel Oliver.

3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 27th September 2015

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 2015/6 season

Kevin Falvey thanked everyone for attending the AGM.

Before started his summary KF reported that in response to the question raised last year regarding the clubs participation in the National cup, we are liaising with Gloucestershire officials as they must enter us into the cup in order for us to participate. Confident for inclusion for the 17/18 season.

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.

The Junior Dinner was yet again one of the highlights of our social calendar and the junior tour to Devon proved to be very successful if not very demanding!!

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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.

At Bredon, we started using the services of a caterer throughout last Season.

Kathy provides the Sunday catering at Bredon.

She prepares the Sausages for all junior players and also provides breakfast rolls along with teas and coffee.

There is a similar breakfast service at Westmancote.

It is planned for this to continue this season.

Last season senior players food was pre-prepared by Julie Cole.

Julie has now stood down, so a big thank you goes to her.

This season, Alan Davies will prepare the Senior players food for after matches on a Saturday.

However, as no one has come forward to help service the food, the players will take this on using rota system.

KF reported that the Samurai merchandising deal was working well and a number of new sponsorship deals mean that more of this kit will be seen throughout 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.

KF thanked all of the club's sponsors.

A number of new sponsors have signed up for this season and some existing sponsors have taken on additional commitments to the club. We are very grateful for this commitment to local grassroots rugby.

Last season we were again able to host Varsity match between Prince Henry's High School and Tewkesbury School. This event was very well received and is something the club wishes to continue.

We did not hold a Vice President's & Sponsors day lunch last season, but we are planning such an event for this season on Saturday, 21st January 2017.

From the senior playing side, this last season was again very hard work for Kieran.

We managed to stay in Gloucester 1 moving up one place to 9th and with the season culminated in us winning the North Midlands Vase.

We joined the Gloucester Merit Table for the 2^{nds} (RATS) and they did manage to fulfil 3 or 4 fixtures.

We must continue to build on this as this is the key link between the junior and senior playing sides.

The VETS also had a couple of games too.

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 a great job with a small pool of players.

KF also thanked Tom Llewellyn for his commitment as the club captain over the last season.

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Hot off the Press - The Colonel is currently working on a couple of Senior tour options - more news to follow .

Thanks has to go also to our wonderful Ladies Team, who continue to improve and demonstrate what can be achieved with hard work and commitment.

A very special thank you to their coaching staff, Stu, Kieran, Tank, Ian & Ross.

For the coming season, we have added a number of players to the first team squad and see Tom Llewellyn continue as Club Captain supported by Stuart Doust and Ross Coombe.

We also have a new coach in Sam Verralls and I hope you agree he has made a very exciting start to his first season with us. Training numbers are up and the sessions seem to be very intense.

Well, moving on from the playing side, we are now nearly 2 years into having this wonderful clubhouse.

In the summer under the banner of the NATWEST Rugby Force, the clubhouse was given a new coat of paint. The changing rooms are following suit, but at a much slower pace.

Our NHB funded Lighting solution is taking shape, and Harvey should have that finished over the next couple of weeks.

The Bollards in the Car Park have been painted.

We have applied for planning permission for our Netting Solution at the Eckington Road end. The RFU have awarded us £4k towards this project.

We have also applied for planning permission to install a Storage unit (Shed) on the playing field. This again is being funded by NHB monies.

Our next big project is to look at the drainage on the Bredon Pitches.

KF thanked the club's 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 club's players, coaches and supporters.

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6. Junior Section Chairman's Report on the Junior Club's 2015/6 season – Scott Jameson

Juniors continue to go from strength to strength with over 180 players at the end of season meal.

The first tour since SJ has been involved saw the 10's, 12's and 14's bonding, supporting and taking home enough plaster of paris to remember.

Amazing support and assistance from Worcester Warriors, Sam Verralls and through the RFU with Stu Eades and Jon Critchlow.

We welcomed new coaches, notably Steve Jenkins in the U7's supported by Jonathan Thomas and others. They may be the youngest the club has to offer, but the future is bright. They came away as cup winners from both the competitive competitions they entered.

Jay Adams cemented himself as a tour de force along with Larry in the U8's. They entered 2 teams in the County Cup competition. One of these squads was able to remain undefeated on the day of the pool matches and quarter finals, going on to eventually finish 3rd. They ended the season with victory at the Stratford festival.

Alex Ayres continued his work with U9's. At the Evesham tournament 2 teams progressed through to the cup semi-finals with one side ultimately picking up the trophy. Whilst at the Stratford tournament another strong showing saw two team play fantastic rugby, one finishing third in their league and the other one winning the event overall. Quite an impressive collection of trophies for a first season of tackling.

Steve T and his team of helpers recognised not only for their time, but financial support given to the U10's. In the last few tournaments and in particular during the end of season tour the boys began to truly play as a team, swarmed over opposition in defence, started passing into space, ran onto the ball at pace and thinking about our team mates.

Johnny McGrath with support from Adam Gallagher and Brad Cooper worked with the U11's, they won the GRFU plate final 5-2 and the trophy and finished the season as runners up in the Stratford festival to Old Albanians who are a Saracens feeder club with a professional club.

At U12's the work Mike Johnson and Andy Dickinson put in is incredible. The qualification to the finals of the Landrover Cup was a pivotal moment and losing in the semi proved a rough but necessary lesson. Won the plate and added some more silverware.

Yet again the U13's have maintained a strong squad this year and Mike Irwin and team continue to raise the bar. High hopes for the season ahead.

The Tour was a great finish to the U14 season with 18 boys representing Bredon at the South West Tournament. All the lads stepped up with some amazing rugby being played, only missing out on the final count back rule, but as ever leaving a lasting name to others about Bredon.

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U15's – Phil Turton turned up, gave a talk and the boys went out and delivered the goods!

U16's – There has been a core of 6 or 8 players that made up the U16's this season and few others have played their part as school work and hangovers allowed! It's always a tough year for rugby with academic commitments but, as coaches, we take our hats off to the group of players that have found time to revise and still committed to their Sunday mornings of rugby.

It is the helpers and support staff that make this club better than the others. Meg Wilson for all her work with registrations, the ladies who sort food and Westmancote out on the cold mornings, but it is the coaches who consistently surprise and make me glad to be involved.

I would like to pay particular thanks to Andy Dickinson as he steps down as Junior Chair – his work these past years has been invaluable but onwards we go and Keith Atkins has volunteered to step into his shoes – I am sure in Keith we have not only safe hands the longevity of the club is protected.

I cannot overlook the work Kieran Matty does with the Junior Section – registrations, coaching, supporting and organising – a club legend in the making!

Looking ahead aim to maximise the use of the clubhouse by the junior section with Darren Gamble's help to organise social events.

Pitch space is a concern for the coming season. Will need careful management and communication.

Certainly looking to organise another tour for 2017.

Finally to the 1st XV, the seniors, codgers and Committee – the support I and all juniors get is unsurpassed, its why I have again stated that, if wanted, I shall continue to be Junior Chair and in so doing safeguard the future of junior rugby at Bredon.

7. Financial Report and Presentation of Accounts – Chair of Finance – David Newcombe (as AB absent)

DN reported that the Star Inn completed as a new entity as of 1st April 2016. The Clubs accounts run to the end of May and are slightly complicated as a couple of months include bar takings.

The bar turned over £46.5k and made a surplus of £12.5k. These figures largely down to a lot of volunteer time given and the world cup increasing trade, going forward greater costs mean that it is important to keep making the most of the facility.

Main costs included development costs of the Star Inn, provision of physiotherapy for players and new kit right across the club.

Johnny McGrath asked for the balance at the end of the year, James Howard confirmed £26k at end of May.

8. To consider as a special resolution any additional or alteration to the Rules of the Club duly proposed in accordance with Rule 9.5

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In accordance with Rule 9.5; the following motions were requested to appear on the Agenda of this meeting:-

1. That the Officers of the Club for the year 2015 -16 should be modified so as to include the roles of; Chairman, President, Junior Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

Proposed: Meryl Falvey Seconded : Kieran Matty

Supported Unanimously

9. **To consider a resolution disapplying the provision of the Act relating to the obligation to appoint Auditors**

Proposed: David Newcombe Seconded : Kevin Falvey

Supported Unanimously

10. **To elect the Officers for the ensuing year**

So the officers standing again this year are:-

President - Dave Newcombe

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

Secretary - Suzie Matty

Treasurer - Adrian Bawdon

Club Chairman - Kevin Falvey

Junior Section Club Chairman - Scott Jameson

Proposed: Gemma Greenwood Seconded : David Manns

Supported Unanimously

11. **Election of Committee Members**

Committee Members

Keith Atkins, Daz Gamble, David Manns, Kieran Matty, Callum Potter

All the above have indicated their willingness to stand and were formally proposed by Meryl Falvey and seconded by Tommy Spry on the 1st August 2016.

I would like to thank Stuart Doust who is stepping down from the Executive Committee.
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS.

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If anyone would like to stand for the committee, then please see me and I can explain the roles we are looking to fill.

12. To confirm the Election Honorary Vice Presidents (made by the Committee during the preceding year)

No Vice Presidents Elected this year.

13. To confirm the election of Honorary Members (made by the Committee during the preceding year)

Confirmation of ALL Club Coaches in 2015 and our Staff and Non International Ticket Sponsors being elected as Honorary Members of the Club.

Proposed: John Oliver Seconded: Darren Gamble

Unanimously supported

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

None to date.

15. Any Other Business (on which no voting shall be allowed)

KF raised the trip Gemma Greenwood was taking next month to Tanzania.

Gemma is looking for sponsorship through a raffle she is holding as well as any old rugby kit the club may have, so please have a good think about what we have no ongoing use for at all age levels.

SJ raised the Junior Subs, which he would like to maintain at the current level for yet another year.

KF stated that it had been raised by some parents the u6's paying £65 etc. was a little steep given that they do not play any games at that age. The meeting supported Scott and agreed to also reduce the u6 subscription to £20.00.

SJ also looked for support for application of the welfare fund – 3 junior players membership and 2 for tour last sesason. All those present unanimously supported this action.

16. Date of next AGM - Provisionally Sunday, 24th September 2017.

KF closed the meeting by saying - This Club – Bredon Star – is thriving, yes we need more players and will continue to strive to improve our facilities, but for a village club of 800 houses and 3000 inhabitants in our Parish, we ain't doing too badly.

Once again - Thank you all for coming.

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