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Minutes of AGM Sunday 24th September 2017 @ Clubhouse @ 7.00pm

Attendees:

Kevin Falvey	Suzie Matty	Richard Gittins
Scott Jameson	Alistair Green	Adam Gallagher
Adrian Bawdon	Keith Atkins	Kieran Matty
Jemma Diamond	Meg Wilson	Meryl Falvey
Steve Jenkins	Mark Dowdeswell	Gemma Greenwood
Darren Gamble	Claire Dickinson	Nick Harwood
Stefan Lasota		Brad Cooper

1. Appoint Chairman for the Meeting

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

2. Apologies for absence:

David Newcombe, Bob Doust, Christine Doust, Callum Potter, Ross Coombes, Boyd Hargreaves, Ben Creed, Dan Swain, Keith Christian, Sam Verralls, Pierre Molyneux, Dodge Antonelli, Neil Evans, Trevor Clark, Paul Kenwright, Andrew Dickinson.

3. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on 26th September 2016

Published on the website. Approved unanimously.

4. Matters Arising – if not addressed elsewhere in the minutes

None.

5. Club Chairman's Report on the Club's Development throughout the 2016/17 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.

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.

However, none of this would happen without our Clubhouse manager – Jemma Diamond and her team – Gemma Greenwood and Rachel Oliver. Ladies a big thankyou from us all.

The Samurai merchandising deal was still working well and a number of new sponsorship deals has meant that more of this kit has been 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. We will be looking at Kit Suppliers later this year as our Samurai deal is up for renewal.

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. Date to be confirmed.

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

We progressed within Gloucester 1 moving up 2 places to 7th and losing in the Final of the Cheltenham Combination cup.

We joined the Gloucester Merit Table for the 2^{nds} (RATS) and they did manage to fulfil a couple of 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.

The RATS will play in the Midlands Merit Table this season. This we hope will provide more local and balanced fixtures.

KF thanked the coach Sam Verralls, who in his first season with the club has taken us to our highest even league position. Sam has been ably supported by the 1st Team Manager – Kieran Matty. They have done a great job with a small pool of players and have successfully brought a handful of the colts into 1st team rugby.

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Thanks must go out to Stuart Doust for his captaincy last season, supported by Ross Coombes who now takes on the role for the coming season.

It would be very remiss of me to not mention Meryl. Apart from her very stressful role as International Ticket Secretary, she also washes the Senior Rugby Shirts. On behalf of the Players, a very big thank you.

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

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

Well, moving on from the playing side, we are now nearly 3 years into having this wonderful clubhouse.

In the summer we concreted the paths around the club and as I hope you can see, we are well underway with the completion of the netting solution at the Eckington road end of the pitch.

The path lighting project has been completed along with the installation of a new Storage shed.

Our next big project is to look at the drainage on the Bredon 1st Team Pitch and also to improve our changing rooms.

A big thankyou goes out to 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, A BIG Thankyou to ALL of the clubs players, coaches and supporters.

6. Junior Section Chairman's Report on the Junior Club's 2016/17 season – Scott Jameson

Ladies and Gentleman, Club Officers, Coaches, Players and friends Good Evening.

Yet again, another hugely successful season for the Bredon Juniors through successes on the field and registered players rising close to 200 members.

With Nick Harwood joining our ranks to pick up u7's, we for the first time in many years successfully ran teams right through to u16, supported by Kieran Matty and Phil Turton something we have struggled to achieve in all but 1 season of my time as Junior Chairman. The substantial benefit of the u16's retention should not be overlooked. Whilst it brings much needed revenue to the Junior section with subs, this year we blooded 3 of our u17's into their full club colours representing the club in the 1st XV.

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Our teams at through 8's to 13's won silverware in various Gloucestershire, North Midlands and club festival events over the season. Changes to the laws of Junior rugby lessening the 'must win' mentality of certain teams and coaches drove the more inclusive 'participate' agenda and that has no doubt built on the interest in the sport off the back of the world cup in the prior year.

Despite budget challenges within the club we were able to maintain Junior subscription costs flat year on year and our growing membership base ensured we exited the season with a reasonable surplus. The club's position on cost not being a barrier to rugby enabled the support financially for a number of players towards their in year rugby costs. To maintain this, we have formalised our 'Hardship Criteria' for the 17/18 season and beyond ensuring that we best use this to help those in most need where we can.

We invested resources in further first aid and coaching training and with the support of Claire Dickenson acting in her role as 'Welfare Officer' we already have plans to further this during the season for new and existing coaching teams.

Junior Catering provided a much needed financial and community boost to Junior budgets last year – with better facilities, organisation and offer via Lindsay Bartons' team at Westie we generated over £2k in income for use within the club; a quite phenomenal result and something those playing regularly at Westie have come to love on the colder days!

All is not perfect however when it comes to volunteering. We have a deficit in those supporting the club across the variety of needs we have. Club support remains a fundamental concern in Junior Rugby regardless of UK location and what Bredon must do is continue to broaden our inclusion, seek new ways to engage and ensure that as one we pull together for the overall betterment of the sport we all love and those children involved.

I was particularly pleased to see U14's Girls Touch start from very small beginnings and the prospect of it continuing remains strong, undoubtedly using our Ladies Touch team foundations, which are clearly growing season on season and deserves a mention. County representation and Academy colours went to over 15 lads in our teams upwards of 13+ demonstrating the quality of rugby the club provides.

As ever the Junior section is not about individuals but teams – led through Nick Harwood, Steve Jenkins, Jay Adams, Alex Ayers and Steve Thomas we have excellent foundations in the Mini's section and re-registering players look set to top at least 20 per age group for 17/18 and beyond. Our u12's under Johnny and 13's led by myself are showing huge promise into Youth rugby and beyond and the 12's were deserving winners of Chairman's Team this season.

The challenges we face are from our own successes and playing space remains one of the hardest to crack. We outgrow Westmancote season on season and with greater demands at Bredon through the season on Saturdays and Sundays whilst a nice problem to have it requires us as a club to think more strategically in finding a remedy. I welcome support to enable me to tackle this ongoing – even better if you've a field you can give us along with a car park and café to boot!

At the end of last season Mike Irwin our u14 coach stood down after 10 yrs of unquestioned commitment. A loss to the club in his on and off field efforts I would like to put on record our appreciation for all he did. He will ably be replaced by Dave Hughes who agreed to take on the u15's and we wish him well in his new capacity.

Regrettably John Oliver our U16 Coach was forced through personal reasons to stand down ahead of the 17/18 season start. John was a huge force in building the foundations for Bredon rugby in recent years – County Cup representation & success in 13/14, organising Club tours and absolutely committed to the boys in his charge for nearly 10 yrs, I know he leaves a void and legacy. We thank both John and Mike for their years of support and would

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take this opportunity to remind them the door is always open be that social or playing to reacquaint themselves with us. Boyd Hargreaves supported by Kieran will pick up a combined 16/17 squad moving forward.

There are many others that support the club with phenomenal effort – Meg Wilson does so much for our registrations and deservedly picked up ‘Club Person’ of the year at our highlight end of season Dinner. With Donacha O’Callaghan and Matt Cox of Worcester providing the prize giving not to mention enjoyable Q&A we saw the pivotal end of season event come brilliantly together. 200 kids banging tables demanding food was brought back to reality with all ages getting their formal welcome and club colours tie – who cannot be moved to see a club operating at this level and doing it so well.

I remain wholly and unrequitedly committed to Junior rugby at Bredon Star – I have always said “until Kit my youngest steps out in 1st XV colours” but it is a challenge when the spread of delivery stands on the shoulders of so few. It is great we individually are there for our teams but we as coaches, volunteers and parents must also ensure we create the whole club ethos I covet so many of our opposition with.

The seniors committee particularly Adrian, David and Kevin our Club Chairman remain a constant support to myself and the Juniors – we act with an attitude and decisions that support our ‘one club’ mentality; we don’t use the Juniors to bolster our seniors prowess and this is evident in all we try to enforce, deliver and create – principally through this wonderful facility. Without them we wouldn’t be the club we are and the Junior section owe a huge debt of thanks for all they do – seen and unseen.

My desire to see team, club and Junior success at Bredon remains steadfast. An incredible season to reflect on so many fronts, we are the envy of many others and through greater teamwork, planning and thought I see that long continuing.

In closing, I would like to thank all those that volunteered or did something for the benefit of our 200 Junior players last season. You all helped us make them better players and people and made a difference overall in no small way. I look forward to continuing and building on this base into 17/18 and beyond and I am willing to continue in my role and drive that as best I can should you so wish.

Thank you everyone.

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

AB reported a small surplus despite challenges.

Junior’s recorded the most number of paid up players.

Bacon Sandwiches etc. recorded us a £3.5k profit for the club.

The senior playing side is heavily reliant on sponsorship, particularly the sale of international tickets.

Without this support, there wouldn’t be a club!

The introduction of a weekly physio session paid for by the club has benefited both senior and junior players.

The honeymoon period for the Star Inn is over.

We need to find ways to utilise more.

Profitability has been down year on year, but there was still a small profit last season.

Overall the Club has increased its bank assets by £10k.

Collectively we have £50k in the bank from both our companies.

It is important to be building up a war chest for the day we want to look for new pitches or other major projects.

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The strategy of our new company structure is working and maintaining our CASC status is really important. We took on an interest free NMids RFU loan to help provide the Netting Solution at Bredon. We have challenges ahead, but we are in a good place right now financially.

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

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

That the Officers of the Club for the year 2017 -18 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: Adrian Bawdon Seconded : Brad Cooper

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: Keith Atkins Seconded : Darren Gamble

Supported Unanimously

11. Election of Committee Members

David Manns and Callum Potter are standing down from the Executive Committee.

A big thank you goes out to them for their work with the committee over the last 7 years.

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New Committee Members

The Club Officers together with :-

Keith Atkins, Daz Gamble, Kieran Matty, Sam Verralls, Steve Jenkins and Al Green

All the above have indicated their willingness to stand and were formally proposed by

Meryl Falvey and seconded by Tommy Spry on the 4th September 2017.

If anyone would like to join 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)

Confirmation of Mark Stevens being elected as a Life Vice President of the Club.

Proposed: Scott Jameson Seconded : Keith Atkins

Supported Unanimously

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

Confirmation of ALL Club Coaches in 2016/17 season and our Staff and International Ticket Sponsors being elected as Honorary Members of the Club.

Proposed: Al Green 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.

KF also raised the RFU injured players charity being supported by Gregg Bayliss through a number of events.

Both Gemma and Gregg are looking for sponsorship.

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

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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 season. All those present unanimously supported this action.

CD raised the 'Play it Safe' course coming up on the 3rd October.
This course needs a minimum of 10 delegates from our coaching staff.

16. Date of next AGM - Provisionally Friday, 14th September 2018.

KF closed the meeting by saying - This Club – Bredon Star – is thriving, yes we need more players and will continue to work to improve our facilities, but I must ask that we all strive to give more support and commitment for the off field events we hold.

This is your club and if we want it open more often and longer, then we need to use it.
We will run a trail opening on Friday evening and Sunday afternoons for the next 3 months.

Once again - Thank you all for coming.

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