

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

Incorporating  
**Bredon Star Junior Rugby**

( Affiliated to the Rugby Football Union, North Midlands RFU  
and Worcestershire & Herefordshire RFU )



## **Minutes of the Disciplinary Committee Meeting held at 6:00pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018.**

### **Present:**

David Newcombe (President)  
Scott Jameson (Junior Club Chairman)  
Adrian Bawdon (Treasurer)

### **Subject:**

Sanction imposed by North Midlands RFU on Kevin Falvey.

### **Committee Membership:**

It was agreed that Adrian Bawdon be co-opted onto the Disciplinary Panel for this meeting.

### **Background:**

Kevin had, prior to the meeting, forwarded a letter to the Committee that he had received from North Midlands RFU dated 23 May 2018. This letter confirmed that Kevin had received the sanction of a five-year ban from purchasing international tickets from North Midlands RFU, this followed an attempt to sell international ticket that had been sold to him as a patron, on the internet by a third party. It was explained to the Committee that Kevin had purchased two tickets for an international game via his position as a patron of North Midlands RFU. A family friend who is a member and sponsor of Bredon Star RFC asked Kevin if he could buy those tickets from him to take family members to the game, in good faith Kevin sold the tickets to him at face value. Subsequently those tickets appeared for sale at a significantly inflated price on an internet ticket site, contrary to the strict ticketing policy. The offer for sale was picked up by the RFU and the tickets traced back to Kevin via the North Midlands RFU. The individual concerned apologised for the error of judgement and claimed that without his knowledge his wife had put the tickets up for sale. North Midlands RFU imposed a five-year ban on Kevin from purchasing international tickets. Subsequently the RFU sanctioned North Midlands RFU with a one year 20% reduction in their allocation of international tickets, suspended.

### **Decision:**

The Committee discussed the difficulty they had with the situation. North Midlands RFU had not communicated directly with Bredon Star RFC and it only came to their notice because of Kevin's openness in sharing the letter with the members of the Committee. The Committee's view was that Kevin had behaved honestly and with integrity in this process but that he had been badly let down by someone who he had good reason to believe would not act in such a way. The Disciplinary Committee were also of the view that the sanction applied to Kevin by the North Midlands RFU was excessive, particularly bearing in mind his previous exemplary conduct and the significantly lighter sanction applied to North Midlands RFU themselves. The Committee therefore agreed that no further sanction would be applied but that Kevin should be reminded of his responsibility in relation to the onward sale of international tickets. The meeting was closed.

### **David Newcombe**

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