

## Minutes of Meeting

**Subject:** Ashford Rugby Club Committee

**Date (Time):** 18-Oct-2017 (19:00)

**Minutes:** John Heaver

Meeting Attendees		Distribution
John Norman	Dylan Tomkins	Committee
Charlie Vavasour	Barbara Henderson	Web
Vicky Norman	Allan Ferries	
Bob Jones	Martin Briscall	
Rhys Fussell	Matt Parker	
Ian Foinette	John Heaver	

### Committee Minutes

Item	Date raised	Action	Owner
<b>18/10/17.01</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>Apologies</b>	<b>John Norman</b>
Neil Crossley-Roberts, Mark Bowes Grant Willson, Danny Leech, David Burdon			
<b>18/10/17.02</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<b>John Norman</b>
Nothing to report on matters arising.			
<b>18/10/17.03</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>John Heaver</b>
<p>JH to confirm with NCR when Amanda Johnstone and JH to be added as ASO's</p> <p>JH to email the accountant with missing committee members information and request committee members details</p> <p>Matt Parker elected to the committee for the position of communications officer, JN nominated JH seconded</p> <p>Nothing else to report on administration.</p>			
<b>18/10/17.04</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>Subscriptions</b>	<b>Barbara Henderson</b>
<p>BH to send out reminder/chaser on subscription</p> <p>Nothing else to report on subscription.</p>			

18/10/17.05	18-Oct-17	Games Reports	Allan Ferries
<p>AF Update</p> <p>a) Senior Men  First XV have now played 5 fixtures, winning two. There has been one heavy defeat (away to league leaders Beccehamians) and two games (Cranbrook and New Ash Green) where victory should have been achievable. The Club currently sits in 9th position, two places and four points above Saturday's opponents Southwark Lancers. Early season games have shown that there will be no automatic spring back into London and South East 3. We need to improve and show that we are able to win games in the current league on a regular basis. Then we can look at what will be required to secure promotion and survive at a higher level.</p> <p>The 2nd XV have got off to a good start, with four league wins on the trot. There is a strong cohesion within the team. Despite losing a number of players to the 1s, the team has continued to perform well, showing that with greater numbers of players available and the right team spirit they should be able to win their league and seek promotion next season. The team currently sits in 2nd place, four points behind Vigo who have played one game more. The two are due to meet on 28th October</p> <p>The 3rd XV has similarly shown a good run of performance in their opening league games with four straight wins, and will be serious champion contenders if they continue in the same vein. They are currently in joint first place with Ash who have played one more game. The team faces the usual problems re numbers but will be able to draw on a number of youngsters to supplement the cadre of experienced players.</p> <p>b) Ladies  Opened their account with a convincing 48-0 win over Beccehamians. Last Sunday, they played Barnes Ladies in an RFU Intermediate Cup match, losing by 21-5 in what was a very physical encounter. This Sunday, the team travels to East Sussex for an away fixture against Worthing. Numbers in the Ladies section have increased this season and the level of performance is improving, even taking into account the impact of newly arrived players.</p> <p>c) Juniors  All Junior sides are up and running, although fixtures at U17 level are not as frequent as at others. All sides have designated coaches.</p> <p>d) Girls  Games are now under way, although to date we have not received a definitive fixture list.</p> <p>e) Minis  Enjoying good numbers in most age groups. Coaching and management staff in place, and Club hosted a successful East Kent Tournament at the weekend.</p> <p>Other Issues</p> <p>a) New changing rooms came into play at the weekend when on Sunday afternoon we had both a Ladies and Vets game. This is a very welcome addition to the Club's facilities, and although currently there are no additional showers, that issue is being addressed as part of plans to improve the Club's water supply.</p> <p>b) Kit for sections under order. When Prices are known, Hon Treasurer will inform all what the Club will be able to funds.</p> <p>c) Media Coverage – in early weeks of the season, coverage tended to concentrate on the 1s. However more recently we have put in more effort to expand the coverage. We are also asking people to post information re games played and forthcoming events onto Facebook pages as the local media usually check these for information.</p>			

Games Continued

d) Duty Managers – We have identified a number of new volunteers and together with more experienced hands we have been able to spread the load. We will continue to encourage more people to get involved.

e) Physio cover – there was some disquiet expressed that, on a Saturday when there was no 1st XV game, the two teams playing at home did not have any physio cover, and some grumbling about the Club’s physio capacity. There are two separate issues entwined. The first is around Amber’s duties, and whether on weekends she is not covering 1st XV games she could be involved with other teams. The second is the overall level of provision, and has significant financial implications. Should we as a club be looking to increase our capacity so that players are treated more speedily on training nights – Amber has said she is not finishing until after 9.00pm midweek, to provide more cover on Saturdays, and to increase flexibility. Is this an area of expenditure for which we could seek sponsorship?

JN – The new flood lights are up and working and are have a positive impact on mid-week training

BJ – Reminder that all cards need to be reported within 12 hours.

Committee reserves the right to pass on payment of card fines to players if continently offending

<b>18/10/17.06</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>Bar / Kitchen Report</b>	<b>Julie Cromwell</b>
<p>Julie to provide a breakdown of social events</p> <p>Nothing else to report on Bar.</p>			
<b>18/10/17.07</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>Welfare</b>	<b>Neil Crosslet-Roberts</b>
<p>Nothing to report on Welfare.</p>			
<b>18/10/17.08</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>VP's</b>	<b>Dylan Tomkins</b>
<p>Nothing to report on VP's</p>			
<b>18/10/17.09</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Charlie Vavasour</b>
<p>Flood lights working really well</p> <p>Portacabin up and working and now needs the exterior paint to be completed.</p> <p>Additional car parking to commence post the fireworks.</p> <p>Nothing else to report on Development.</p>			

<b>18/10/17.10</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>Communication</b>	<b>Matt Parker</b>
<p>MP is going to update the ARFC Web site</p> <p>MP and JH to work on the updates of the committee web page Nothing else to report on Communications.</p>			
<b>18/10/17.11</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>Finances</b>	<b>Charlie Vavasour</b>
<p>Web Version</p> <p>A full copy of the minutes can be located behind the bar on request to any fully paid up member of Ashford Rugby Football Club.</p> <p>Nothing else to report on Finance</p>			
<b>18/10/17.12</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>100 Club</b>	<b>Mark Bowes</b>
<p>Nothing to report on 100 Club.</p>			
<b>18/10/17.13</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>House</b>	<b>John Norman</b>
<p>Nothing to report on House.</p>			
<b>18/10/17.14</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>Sponsorship</b>	<b>David Burdon</b>
<p>Nothing to report on Sponsorship.</p>			
<b>18/10/17.15</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>AoB</b>	<b>All</b>
<p>BJ – Autumn International ticket sales are ongoing, following still for sale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 x Eng Vs Ang</li> <li>• 3x Eng Vs Som</li> </ul> <p>6 Nations tickets are as follows and open to bid on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 35x home games</li> <li>• 2x Scot</li> <li>• 2x Fran</li> <li>• 4x Iti</li> </ul> <p>VN – Fireworks, only 4 age groups came forward to offer help. Club will be open to sponsors only</p> <p>Nothing else to report on AoB</p>			

<b>18/10/17.16</b>	<b>18-Oct-17</b>	<b>Meeting Complete: 20:10</b>	<b>Sign:</b>
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