

BEDFORD RUGBY FOLLOWERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Committee meeting held in the Lifesure Suite on 19 January 2012

Present: Peter Smith (Chairman), Jackie Markham (President), Andy Cobley (Vice Chairman), Geoff Appleton (Treasurer), Margaret Appleton (Membership & Outings Secretary), Martin Clark (Social Secretary), Jane Roberts (Secretary), Hayley Clark, Lesley Cornish, Peter Kimber, Phil Novis, Adrian Randall, Baz Townsend, Steve Wosley (Committee members).

Apologies: Alan Harper Smith, Brian Langston, Barry Rylands

The Committee would like to record their congratulations to Peter and Linda Smith on the birth of their granddaughter and to send love and best wishes to Rebecca and Chris on the birth of Regan.

Minutes of the last meeting: Agreed.

Matters Arising: MA has been in touch with Cathy Leather who will be delighted to speak at our AGM. Her talk will be entitled "You could not make it up". JM commented that it was a shame that Tony Goodman and Josh Bassett were not acknowledged at the Sport Bedford Awards evening.

PS confirmed that we can have a noticeboard near the office. We need to liaise with Andy Irvine over final location.

PS is contacting firework suppliers to get comparative quotes.

Correspondence: Letter received from Pat Parkinson who won the first prize in the Winter Draw – she thanked the Committee and sent a cheque for £30 to go into Club funds – JR has already responded and thanked her.

Chairman's Reports - The Chairman gave two reports as there has been no formal Board meeting – he and Richard Manning have met with the Mayor to further cooperation with the Borough. They have agreed 3 meetings a year – the Council will include us in welcome packs to new businesses to the area and open up their database to us which will open up the Club to new businesses in the area.

The Chairman, together with JM, MC and Andy Irvine had just had a meeting regarding the Auction of Promises – 30 March has been agreed as the date, which has also been agreed with David Fletcher. It will be a Club event so everyone in the Club will do their bit. MC will be coordinating the lots. We are aiming for 50 lots, 10-12 of which should be big ticket item lots.

At 1950hrs the Chairman left the meeting and the Vice-Chairman took over

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer updated the meeting on the financial situation.

Membership & Outings: Membership so far – 226 adults, 20 juniors, 5 life members, 1 paid for 5 yrs in advance, 1 x family (5).

Leeds – departing at 0930 hrs – taking 57-seater so far but could get larger one if numbers increase.

MC will put on HYS and LC on Facebook

Moseley – departing at 1100 hrs. Cost - £16 & £8.

Social Secretary's Report:

Quiz Night – 19 teams booked so far – can take 22 max. HC will do raffle on night.

End of Season Ball – Everything in hand. MC requested cheque for £200 as deposit for band. GA will arrange subject to receipt of contract.

Auction of Promises – next meeting on 16 Feb. MC and JM coordinating on behalf of Followers. MC wants to send electronic notification to those Followers with email addresses.

Go-karting – after further investigation, it was agreed that this is too expensive to be viable so will not be pursued.

From the Boardroom:

No formal meeting since last report. PS reports above.

AOB:

PS – email ref FPA cheese & wine evening – to stay on the Agenda for the next meeting.

JM – thanked everyone for their help with the Keech collection.

PN – at the Plymouth game, will have posters for the Nottingham game.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 23 February at 1930 hrs. Venue TBA.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2030 hrs.

Agenda for next meeting:

Apologies

Minutes of last meeting

Matters arising

Correspondence

Treasurer's Report

Membership & Outings Report

Social Secretary's Report

From the Boardroom

AoB – inc FPA Cheese & Wine evenings