

BEDFORD RUGBY FOLLOWERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Committee meeting held in the Larry Webb Room on Thursday 4 March 2010.

Those present: Peter Smith (Chairman), Jackie Markham (President), Alf Tanner (Vice-Chairman), Geoff Appleton (Treasurer), Margaret Appleton (Membership & Outings Secretary), Jane Roberts (Secretary), Hayley Clark, Martin Clark, Andy Cobby, Lesley Cornish, Alan Harper-Smith, Peter Kimber, Adrian Randall, Sue Rice, Barry Rylands, Amanda Saxton, Edwina Tanner, Baz Townsend (Committee members).

Not Present: Bill Willson

The Chairman welcomed Hayley and Martin back to the Committee.

Matters Arising: None

Correspondence: (1) written apology from Melissa for the state of the Lifesure Suite at our last meeting; (2) written confirmation from the DJ for New Year's Eve – booking form now signed and returned together with deposit cheque; (3) email from Kimbolton Fireworks confirming display for 5 November 2010.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer updated the meeting on the financial situation.

Membership: Adults - 247, Juniors – 27, Life members – 5, Complimentary - 1

Outings: 36 booked to go to Moseley. MA hasn't yet received quotes from Barfordian for play-off trips. For Plymouth will need to leave at about 0630/0700 hrs. Pirates will be a day trip leaving at about 0600 hrs. 22 are booked so far for Bristol. Cost for all these trips is a problem – people can't afford what we should be charging to cover all costs. MA proposed that charges for play off games should be: Bristol - £20, Plymouth - £30, Pirates - £40. Agreed. Suggestion for a discounted rate for booking all three (£75 adults, £35 juniors), was also agreed. Will reduce to £65 adults and £25 children if not Plymouth. MA will take money in instalments if that helps.

Social Events:

1. PS thought the Quiz was a great success.
2. Must push Spring Draw as much as possible – 25th March is draw night. MA has spoken to Mike Rayer who has agreed to some players helping out. JM asked about prizes. In addition to the three cash prizes, there were various offers so we now have enough. Please pass all prizes to Jackie.
3. End of Season Ball – AC confirmed that band is booked and he is chasing Doreen Lambert for menus. No speaker confirmed yet, although a number of ideas are being discussed. Any ideas to Andy/Martin (will only be a 15-20 min slot) – possible we can manage without if no-one suitable is found. AR asked about timings – PS confirmed that 2315 hrs for the finish time is what we have to work with. After discussion, it was agreed that we should start half an hour earlier, ie 1830 for 1900 hrs sit down.
4. MA had obtained details of Newmarket races. It will be £18 entrance fee with no group discounts or concessions. With coach this would come to approx £30-£35 per head. It was agreed not to pursue.

From the Boardroom:

No formal meeting although informal discussions have taken place. PS will raise the matter of covered standing at the next meeting. The Championship and the B & I cup will be reviewed at the end of the season - will have some changes next season. There is no sponsor yet for the play-offs. Sky will be televising some of the games. The Board are currently looking at dates for the Shareholders' AGM.

Jackpot Tickets

AR – Additional help in selling jackpot tickets to spread the load would be appreciated. JM will put something in the next programme asking for volunteers to help with selling. It would be helpful to have some "runners"

to collect tickets stubs and money (particularly coins) and bring to office. ET and AT advised that they are now away until 17 April so we need to have cover for the areas they usually do.

Any Other Business:

AR – next issue of newsletter will be 27 March.

JM – mentioned Race for Life (25 July) – would any other ladies like to join us?

JM – agreed to look at role of Social Secretary.

JM – asked about juniors and what age constituted “junior”. After discussion it was agreed to leave as is for this season – for next season it was suggested that “junior” should be those in full time education, but 18 or under at the start of the season. Unanimously agreed.

AT – asked who would like to do play-off away Man of the Match. All slots now taken.

JR – with the remainder of the monies collected at Nos’ do in memory of Nigel, it was agreed to buy a nice shield to present to Player of the Year. This will be a permanent shield that we keep – player will be given a small trophy to keep.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 22 April 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2045 hrs.

Agenda for next meeting:

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the last meeting

Matters arising

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Treasurer’s Report

Membership & Outings Report

Social Events

From the Boardroom

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