

BEDFORD RUGBY FOLLOWERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a Committee meeting held in the Larry Webb Room on Thursday 22 October 2009.

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

Apologies: Alan Harper-Smith

Matters Arising: None.

Correspondence: 1. PS updated the meeting on the events around Martin & Hayley's resignations. JM suggested writing to them thanking them for all their hard work and suggesting they may wish to return to the committee at a future date – agreed. JM will do. 2. Letter received from Gareth & Marie thanking Committee for the 60th do – they both really enjoyed it. 3. Letter from Bedford Choral Society confirming Carols evening.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer reported the income & expenditure on the four away trips since our last meeting – Doncaster, Plymouth, London Welsh & Rotherham. Also the income received from the last three Jackpot draws – Coventry, Bristol & Birmingham.

He also updated the meeting on expenditure since the last meeting and on income/expenditure relating to the 60th Anniversary Ball.

Further player sponsorship payment will be discussed at next meeting.

Membership: Adults - 224, Juniors – 14, Life members – 5

Outings: MA advised that we continue to lose on some trips. Costs are based on 40 adults. For Newquay, currently only 18 travelling, 3 of whom are juniors. For Coventry will have to leave by 1630 hrs and for Bristol, by 1430 hrs. We will potentially make some large losses on the trips up to Christmas. PS – we will have to monitor and see how it goes. MA mentioned the coach to the airport for the Ulster trip – costs will be split between those travelling on the coach. Pete Beard is checking on the parking situation at the ground for that trip. MA will speak with him.

Social Events:

Dog Racing – MA has tickets and will distribute.

Carols Evening – Players will be training and eating on 17th so can't hold event in Scrum Hall. There is a function in the Members Bar. PS will check if Members Bar is available the night before (16th) – he'll let JM know and she'll contact Choral Society. **Since resolved, thanks to Andy Irvine, still 17th.**

New Year's Eve – After discussion around the noise issues, it was agreed that JR will contact the DJ and alert him to the fact that the evening may not go ahead. If he can find another booking, we will ask him to let us know so we pay nothing further, however, if he can't at this late stage, we will pay him the full amount contracted. **Since resolved, thanks to Andy Irvine, now in the Scrum Hall.**

Fireworks – PS had meetings with all relevant agencies and all OK. Noise is not an issue on that night. There are over 50 stewards. Police will close Goldington Road for 15 minutes after the end of the Fireworks to allow people to leave easily. Tickets will be on sale as usual. Heart Radio will be at the ground and running a competition the week prior to the fireworks.

Quiz – 26 February 2010.

From the Boardroom:

The Mini competition is not going well. There was discussion about how Club could sell more tickets. JM will put something in the Exeter programme to say that Followers not running usual Christmas raffle and will be supporting the Mini draw. Normal business was pursued.

Any Other Business:

AR –anything for newsletter to him ASAP. He mentioned the email from Robin Dewson re a Hall of Fame. No decision made.

JM – requested a volunteer to do programme notes for Moseley – BR offered to do.

AT – from conversations had in the ground, it appears that information is getting out from the Committee meetings. Request made to keep Committee business within Committee and not discuss outside. Also, please check email groupings to ensure only current Committee members included.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 26 November at 1930 hrs.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2120 hrs.

Agenda for next meeting:

Apologies for absence

Minutes of the last meeting

Matters arising

Correspondence

Treasurer's Report

Membership & Outings Report

Social Events

From the Boardroom

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