

**MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF SUSSEX RFU HELD ON 16TH JUNE
2009 AT BRIGHTON FC (RFU) AT 8.30PM**

09/01 Present; Roger Edmondson (President) Peter Silk, (Secretary), Richard Hopkins, (Treasurer), G. Thompson (RFU Representative) Messrs. Atthis, A. Butcher, A. Croucher, G. Howorth, F. Edmonds, M. Eley, P. Sealey, J. Thompson, M. Richardson, R. Rogers, K. Nichols, E. Bridges, A. Parker, N. Silk, Ms. J. Coleman and Representatives from Bognor, Brighton, Burgess Hill, Chichester, Cinque Ports, Crawley, Crowborough, Ditchling, Eastbourne, East Grinstead, Hastings/Bexhill, Haywards Heath, Horsham, Hove, Midhurst, Old Brightonians, Pulborough, Seaford, Shoreham and Worthing

09/02 Apologies for absence: Messrs, D. Fisher, A. Sallows, K. Gordon, G. Brown, M. de St. Croix, M. Morton-George B. Vincent, R. Russell, Uckfield RFC,

09/03 Minutes: The minutes of the General meeting on 10 March 2009, were adopted and the minutes of the Executive meetings on 30 March 2009 and 26 May 2009 were considered and approved.

09/04 Matters arising; There were no matters arising.

09/05 The President presented Shields and congratulated the League winners from London III SW (Chichester), Sussex 1 (Brighton), Sussex Intermediate (Worthing III), Sussex II East (East Grinstead), Sussex III West (Worthing V), Sussex III Central (Ditchling).

09/06 The meeting confirmed the re-appointment of G. Thompson as our representative to the RFU for the season 2009-10.

09/07 The following, having been proposed and seconded, were elected officers.

Co-ordinator of Policy and Strategy	P. Atthis
Governance and Discipline	F. Edmonds
Finance	R. Hopkins
Competitions	K. Nichols
Coaching & Playing	G. Jones
Facilities	P. Mercer
Child Safeguarding Officer	Ms. J. Coleman
Sponsorship	N. Silk
Representative Rugby	No appointment
Youth 7-18	D. Hooker
Youth 19-24	No appointment

N. Silk thanked the meeting for their support – he was hopeful of securing sponsorship from major organisations, despite the economic situation.

G. Thompson thanked M. Cook and Tudor Ellis and their U20 and Senior XV teams for their work, and noted that a new team was being recruited.

09/08 - The following, having been proposed and seconded, were elected assistant officers.

Minutes Secretary	P. Sealey
Discipline Secretary	K. Gordon
Patrons Secretary	D. Wade
Match Administration	K. Gordon

09/09 - The following, having been proposed and seconded, were elected as CB Management personnel.

Youth Registrar	E. Sears
Shop Manager	K. Siggs
Non-Kit purchasing	K. Gordon
Senior XV Manager	No appointment
U 20's Manager	No appointment
London DOC representative	J. Thompson
Sussex Schools RFU	P. Atthis
ERCA	F.Edmonds & R. Edmondson
Honorary Medical Panel	Dr. D. Elliott and Dr. D. Thomas

09/10 The Draws for the Sussex Club Knockouts were made and appear on the SRFU website. Following a request for hosting offers, 13 Clubs, and 2 reserves, had been selected to host Finals and County games next year.

09/11 President invited Richard Glynne-Jones – National Referee Development Manager – to speak about the Community Referees Group. Richard set out the aims and benefits of the scheme, which was to offer Club Referees – who did not want to be involved as a Society Referee, support, training and enhanced status. He congratulated Sussex RFU and the Referees' Society on their progress. It is probable that in the near future, all Referees would have to be qualified for Insurance and Child safeguarding purposes. He urged Clubs and Schools to seek out candidates and send them for training. Answering questions, he stressed that the group was not in competition with the Society – it targeted those who would referee occasionally, and if they wished, could join the society, but would not be placed under pressure to do so.

09/12 Any other Business

Crawley RFC asked that a full list of events be placed on the Website – including committee meetings and P. Silk said that this was to be a feature of the Website.

Crawley RFC asked for some standardisation in attachments sent out by the Officers and the County office. He suggested that pdf's would be easier to use.

It was noted that the recent Newsletter sent out by the County Office contained out of date news of RugbyFirst closedown. President said that it was intended that the County Office Newsletter would be concerned mainly with Rugby Development and RFU matters, and the e-zine, started in May, would contain CB material and News.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50pm, with a vote of thanks to Brighton FC (RFU)