

SUSSEX RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

Minutes of the General Meeting of Sussex RFU held at Brighton RFC on Tuesday 15th June 2010 following the AGM.

Present: Peter Bailey (President); Allan Butcher(Chairman); Peter Silk (Secretary) Messers Atthis, Chumbley, Edmonds, Edmondson, Gordon, Harding, Hooker, Howorth, Jones, Lewis, Mercer, Newcombe, Nichols, Parker, Richardson, Sealey, Thompson J; Thompson G; Wade and Representaives from Bognor, Brighton, Burgess Hill, Crawley, Eastbourne, East Grinstead, Haywards Heath, Heathfield &Waldron, Holbrook, Hove, Horsham, Lewes, Midhurst, Newick, Old Brightonians, Pulborough, Seaford, Uckfield and Worthing RFC's.

10/01 **Apologies for Absence:** Bradford, Croucher, Fisher, Hopkins, Jenkins, Goring, Walker, Steele(Pulborough); N. Silk,

10/02 **Minutes of the General Meeting** on the 10th March 2010 were adopted and signed as a true record. Minutes of the Executive Meetings on the 29th March and 17th May were considered.

10/03 **Presentation of Trophies by the President:**

Sussex 1	Crawley 1
Intermediate	East Grinstead 2
Sussex 2 West	Chichester 4
Sussex 2 East	Crowborough 2
Sussex 3 West	Horley
Sussex 3 East	Heathfield 4

10/04 **Sussex RFU Council Representative:** Graham Thompson (confirmed)

10/05 **Appointment of Officers for 2009/10 Season**

Chairman Discipline & Governance	F. Edmonds
Chairman Finance	R. Hopkins
Chairman Volunteers	G. Howorth
Chairman Competitions	K. Nichols
Chair Coaching & Playing Dev	G. Jones
Safeguarding Officer/Manager	Jacqui Coleman
Facilities	P. Mercer
Sponsorship & Communications	N. Silk
Schools	R. Edmondson
Patrons	D. Wade
Minute Secretary	R. Edmondson
Discipline Secretary	K. Gordon
Schools & Youth Disciplinary Sec	R. Edmondson
County Match Administration	K. Gordon
W&G	Sonja De Silva
Youth (7 – 18)	D. Hooker
Youth Secretary	S. Briscoe
Youth Competitions	D. Hooker
19-24 (HE and FE)	S. Christian
Minis	K. Blakiston
Webmaster	N. Silk
Referees Representative	I. Mitchell
Schools Representative	C. Jones
Sussex Fixtures Bureau	K. Nichols
Youth Registrar	E. Sears
RDP Chair South	G. Howorth
RDP Chair South East	D. Jenkins

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RDP Chair South West	C. Keeley
RDP Chair Central	P. Harding
West Forum	D. Beglan
East Forum	I. Newman
Senior XV Manager	S. Bates
London DOC	J. Thompson
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Sussex Schools RFU Committee	P. Atthis
ERCA	F. Edmonds and R. Edmondson
CSP	D. Fisher
League Competitions	M. Richardson
Keeper of Archives	P, Sealey
Handbook Editor	R. Edmondson
Medical Panel	Dr. D. Elliott & Dr. D. Thomas

Proposed: A. Butcher Seconded: P. Mercer PASSED.

10/06 **Treasurer's Report.**

Richard had proposed that the Club Subscriptions and RDO Levy remained unchanged for 2010/11
Passed

10/07 **CB Safeguarding Officer** – Jacqui Coleman - See Annual Report.

This morning at 7am, the new Coalition Government announced that the @Vetting and Barring Scheme was on hold. Hove RFC Course cancelled on the 23rd June. New CRB Forms need to be completed after the 25th June.

10/08 **Sponsorship Manager** – in the absence of Nick, his brother Peter reminded all about the Virgin Atlantic 2 ticket offer to most parts of the world if Clubs raised money. Lewes were happy with their 2 tickets.

10/09 **Community Rugby Chair** – see Annual Report

Haywards Heath have gained their Seal of Approval and Uckfield and Hellingly are near completion. Pulborough are in danger of sanctions if they do not complete by 1st September – they received a RFF Grant 2 years ago and a condition was Seal of Approval completion. He reminded Clubs that they should be looking at Whole Club Seal of Approval.

GH stated that the 2010-11 CB Action Plan was almost complete and RFU Funding would be unchanged from 09-10. However, if tasks in the CB Action Plan were not completed in 10-11, RFU Funding for 11-12 would be reduced.

10/10 **Hove RFC.** Andy Ward wanted to express his views on the disciplinary process, was invited but failed to attend. – and the agenda item was held over to the 7th September.

10/11 **Coaching & Playing** – Geraint Jones.

He stated that the U14 Development Squad Training would start in September with the help of the CRC's. The Coaching and Playing Committee will be reorganized as follows:

Chair:	Geraint Jones
Women & Girls	Robin Gale
Development Squads:	Jon May
Club Youth/CCC:	Dan Monroe and James Macintyre
London Division	Richard Siggs
Referees:	Phil Bowers
Playing:	Alan Croucher
Schools:	Martin Eley

Discussion took place concerning the coaching qualifications that the RFU will demand in the near future.

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10/12 **Archives** – Peter Sealey appealed for any archives for the CB especially pre 1960.

10/13 **Sussex KO Cup Draw** – Ken Nichols and Mike Richardson

TROPHY

Lewes v Brighton
Haywards Heath v Bognor
Chichester v Hove
East Grinstead v Worthing

Bob Rogers Cup

Hastings & Bexhill v Pulborough
Crowborough v Uckfield
Eastbourne v Horsham
Heathfield & Waldron v Crawley

SHIELD

Plumpton v Shoreham
St. Francis v Burgess Hill
Seaford v Newick
Rye v Holbrook

PLATE

Littlehampton v Barns Green
Sussex Police v Norfolk Arms

All Round 1 Ties to be played on Saturday 6th November (or Sunday 7th)

Cinque Ports v Littlehampton/Barns G
Hellingly v Midhurst
Ditchling v Brighton University
Sussex Police/Norfolk A v Horley
Matches on 27/28 November QF
Matches on 18/19 December SF

10/14 **A.O.B.**

- Peter Atthis read out a statement that referees for matches should be competent and the Clubs insured.
- Alan Sallows reported the incident when father and son had been appointed for 2 matches at Brighton, father did not turn up and son was pulled from the lower league Brighton match at HT to referee Brighton 1 v Uckfield 1. Another referee then was found to referee the Brighton 2 match. Luckily no injuries occurred.
- Paul Chapman inquired whether Club Disciplinary Panels should be held before the Disciplinary Hearing. Crawley banned the player for 2 matches and he was given a further 2 weeks by Sussex. Only 2 weeks was recorded. Frank Edmonds agreed to investigate the matter but stated that all Clubs are required to hold Club Disciplinary Hearings within 72 hours of being sent off.
- Handbook details to Dina Lewis for Clubs and Roger Edmondson.
- Next Meeting: TUESDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2010 7.30pm HANDBOOKS