# SRUFC Committee Meeting

# Monday 17th July 2023

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R. Down, C. Nutley, B. Broderick, P. Prett, D. Hall, S. Jeffrey, L Griffin, A Sharman, J Hobson,

P Thompson, D Gaunt, A Butler

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|  | Apologies  G Miller, J Fassenfelt |  |
|  | Matters Arising   * Double payments of membership and Lottery have been taken. Can’t see any issue with Website. Possibly a bank problem * New Website available from 1st August/September 2023 * Posts – Duffy has repaired posts for 2nd pitch * Food – looking into options for after game food on Saturdays. | **JF to follow up with**  **Santander**  **RD & BB to sort or prepare/serve food** |
|  | Seasonal Action Plans (Task agreed July 22)  CN said 2 or 3 new actions plans needed. Talked about ways of attracting Sponsors, such as reinvigorating the Silver/Gold/Platinum scheme. Red Lion pub will not be sponsoring now. | Any new volunteers welcomed? |
|  | GCCC Update  CN attended. Sadly Charles King, a previous GCCC committee member, has passed away. His funeral is 18/7/23.  No Treasurer report as he had not been in contact for a while.  Plan to hold Cricket Camps over the summer to encourage junior members.  Bar price increases agreed on a margin basis. Non-member function on new till.  Sharon Gates is new Bar Manager from 17/7/23.  No update on Cricket subs.  KS reminded about more keys needed and he is looking into finding someone to clear the road up to the pitches |  |
|  | Comms/Website  Current Website shutting down on 31st July 2023. New Website available from early August 2023.  New website will post into social media, email etc.  DG suggested a Whatsapp for info/news only with comments turned off except for a few Admins who can comment and post.  Good communications on Social Media. Using met business which is behind Fb & Insta which will schedule post to go out at certain times.  This month’s lottery winners were drawn at a later date as JF was not at meeting and the results are:  1st - Stuart Potter  2nd – Allison Bourne  3rd – Al Sharman | **BB to send update on website.**  **BB to investigate whatapp link via website.** |
|  | Finance  No report  D. Gaunt and S Jeffrey have taken on joint membership secretary role. |  |
|  | Playing/Coaching update (DP)   * 1’s Pre-season games: 2nd and 9th September 2023 * 3’s are currently in the Social/Old Farts league (Kent rural division) but BB will ask about young players being involved as we can’t run a 3’s/development team without them * Vets: Kent RFU have put out fixtures * Touch sessions are going well and are well attended * Banners to be redone and front of Score Board in time for season |  |
|  | Minis/Juniors  DH reported that SRUFC attended the Swale Combined Athletics event at Tunstall School. Good publicity for Club with Gazebo, Banners, activities.  Club have been invited to attend the opening of Highsted’s new Sports Hall on 5/9/23.  Reminder that all Junior teams need to fill in Score Cards and Team Sheets next Season.  The are new courses and a new RFU contact  Kent RFU are offering free hospitality/tickets to England game on 12/8/23 if you register an age-grade player by 6th August 2023  U14’s and U16’s tour (Twinning with Calais Youth Team) to be followed up.  J Hobson and A Sharman are Mini and Junior coordinators now so we have full coverage and links to all of the section. |  |
|  | Development Update  Nothing to report |  |
|  | Fun Day 6th August 2023  Posters and info has been sent out through Social Media.  Lots of activities this year including Touch tournament, Haka Workshop, Assault course, Bouncy Castle, Ice Cream Van, Live Music, Swap Shop and Tombola Price needs to be discussed for sale of Burger, etc (BBQ).  Professional photographer to be asked to take team photos.  PT said that ‘Mentalk’ had shown an interest in attending an event. Agreed not to invite to Fun Day but will research more about them. |  |
|  | AOB   * RD said that Sittinbourne Carnival will be reinstated August 2024 – agreed to apply for entry. * LG asked on behalf of R Spencer that a Feminine Hygiene Box be placed in the ladies toilets. CN will take to Gore Court committee meeting next month * Kit stash not happening – agreed that £40 be refunded or deducted from membership for those that have paid for it. * PT has checked First Aid Kits – most are bare. There is a deal on offer of ‘4 for the price of 3’ to replenish kits at a cost of £545 * PT asked if the club would consider Walking Rugby. * PT said that many clubs are failing audits and accreditation is taking far too long due to RFU First Aid courses not happening. Private First Aid courses will be expensive. * AB asked about roles within the club/committee particularly the DOR role, of which there will no be one currently. He also asked about whether the Rugby World cup games will be shown at the club? * CN said that Cam Donaldson was interested in looking into other kit options, such a sliders/gilets and T shirts. SJ will look into post-match shirts.   Next committee meeting 18th September 2023 |  |