Dragons Supporters’ Club

Committee Meeting

Weds 27th July 2016

Rodney Parade @ 19:00

Meeting Minutes

Present

| **Name** | **Committee Position** |  |
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| **Brad Hayward** | **Chair/Dep Sec** | **BH** |
| **Ryan Price** | **Treasurer** | **RP** |
| **Gavin Potts** | **Media/Marketing** | **GP** |
| **Matt Andrews** | **Committee Member** | **MA** |
| **Rhydian Davies** | **Committee Member** | **RD** |
| **Richard Hicks** | **Committee Member** | **RH** |
| **Christian Hyde** | **Committee Member** | **CH** |
| **Deb Hamilton** | **Committee Member** | **DH** |
| **Daniel Hallett** | **Sec** | **DJH** |

Apologies

| **Name** | **Committee Position** |  |
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| **Phil James** | **Dep Chair** | **PJ** |
| **Morgan Goff** | **Committee Member** | **MG** |
| **Gareth Bailey** | **Committee Member** | **GB** |

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| **1. Chairman’s Opening Remarks** | **ACTION** |
| BH formally opened the meeting, welcoming the committee and thanked them for the continued efforts. There had been a generally positive response on social media to the DOSC formation. A few emails had been received which had some valid concerns and points which would be brought up later in the meeting along with the Joint Supports Group (JSG) meeting with the WRU. |  |

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| **2. Apologies - Secretary** | **ACTION** |
| PJ, MG and GB sent their apologies  |  |

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| **3. Minutes and actions from Previous Meeting - Secretary** | **ACTION** |
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| **4.3** is ongoing. CH, DH and GP have been actively engaging with rugby clubs in the area. There have been numerous responses and have been generally positive. A directory is being compiled expanding on the traditional contact details with Twitter/facebook profiles and engagement required/requested. GP to contact Mike Sage in the Dragons community dept to check on any conflicting interests or duplication of work. **(ACTION)** | **GP** |
| **5.1** Completed. **5.2** Not a pot of money, but assistance with costs on an ad hoc basis. **5.3** BH contacted Brad at Urban Tap House (UTH) with initial costings for the POM award. MA had investigated an alternative trophy of the DOSC logo who have given a set up cost of £50 and £120 for each trophy. DJH suggested it could be used for one off awards e.g 50/100 caps, retirement etc. MA suggested the DOSC logo as the trophy and space for engraving underneath. MA to continue to discuss **(ACTION) 5.4** contact.us@dragonssupportersclub.com is active, others pending **5.5** GPKeep pushing, especially with local clubs as DOSC will generate 20% of any revenue created by them in yr1 if they set up via us. We have raised £30+ so far. | **MA****BH** |
| **6.1** Complete. **6.7** Tina Tew not responded as yet. **6.8** BH meeting with Friar's Walk this friday (29th) |  |
| **7.1** standalone Q&A with Coaches and new signings is the preferred option RH CH to continue to discuss with the Region **7.2** BH and RP attended meeting with WRU on Tuesday 26th will be discussed later. **7.3** Insufficient interest. |  |

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| **4 Treasurer’s Report & Fundraising** | **ACTION** |
| **4.1** RP informed the committee that the bank account had been applied for and was awaiting the details. RP also suggested that we consider applying for validation from the gambling commission to allow us to run fund raising schemes such as Bullion draws.  |  |

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| **5 Publicity, engagement & Marketing Report** | **ACTION** |
| **5.1** It was suggested by BH that we had some informal meet and greet events prior to the season starting to engage with supporters. It was agreed that should anyone wish to engage, we would publicise that a few committee members would be in UTH after committee meeting if they wished to join us. |  |
| **5.2** Following an email from a supporter, a few points were thought to be valid and taken on board. It was decided to close the facebook page and just have the group page. It was also discussed that if the twitter feed was becoming a burden there could be a rota. **(ACTION)** | **BH** |
| **5.3** “Dragged Up” an unofficial fan forum has announced it would be closing down from August 17th. DJH and GP suggested the DOSC take on the forum. It was discussed and agreed that the committee could contact the site owner, Nick, and discuss this option. It was decided the best option was to keep it “unofficial”, but the DOSC would fund it for an initial 1 year and review. DJH and GP to contact Nick and start the process. GP to put a link to it from the DOSC website. **(ACTION)** | **DJH****GP** |
| **5.4** The committee reiterated the importance on engaging with Friends of Newport Rugby in the coming weeks, to thank them for all they had done on behalf of the Dragons Supporters, and identify any lessons they had learnt in their time supporting the NGD. GP to continue to engage. (**ACTION**) |  |
| **5.5** BH has set up a meeting at Ebbw Vale RFC on Thursday 28th and will report back **(ACTION)** | **BH** |

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| **6 Supporter Match Day Experience** | **ACTION** |
| **6.1** Discussions on how the DOSC match day would look. We need to determine the area we will be allocated in the We Fight Any Claim tent (WFAC). MA suggested if the tent isn't well populated we could try using Rodney Hall. It was agreed we need to have a physical look at the area so we can assess how the area can be best utilised. Stand banner(s), Suggestion box, Flyers, raffle. MA costing a face paint stencil.  | **MA** |
| **6.2** DH inquiring about the cost for polo shirts to help identify DOSC committee member so the supporters can direct their queries to the correct people. | **DH** |
| **6.3** Away games – wonky sheep. Iwan organise trips to ECC &AW check if support payments can be done via ticket office.  |  |
| **6.4** Blues game – MA page in programme?, Meet BSC before game, UTH. Can't use as WFAC used for hog roast event for Lewis and Ashley.  |  |
| **6.5** Disabled Supporters Association meeting prior to the committee meeting. BH  |  |

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| **7. Communication to/from Region** | **ACTION** |
| 7.1 BH commented that DOSC had only had 1 piece of communication from the Region since the last meeting, though it was acknowledged that certain people were on annual leave. It was suggested we arrange regular meetings with the Region to maintain the communication lines. BH to contact the Region to set this up **(ACTION)** | **BH** |

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| **8. Any other business** | **ACTION** |
| **8.1** JSG |  |

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| **9. Date of next meeting** | **ACTION** |
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*Original Signed by Sec and Chair*

Daniel Hallett Brad Hayward

Sec Chair

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