

BOURNEMOUTH RFC



2011 AGM MINUTES

The meeting took place at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th May 2011 at Bournemouth Sports Club

Apologies for absence

The meeting opened with 27 members present. Apologies were received from:

Denis Eveleigh, Richard Llewellyn, Dave Dunn, Brian Ford, Tim Seward, Domenick Davies, Nigel Yeoman, John Powell, John Arthur and Michael Old.

John Hardcastle chaired the meeting in the absence of Denis Eveleigh.

Minutes of the 2010 AGM

All those present agreed that the minutes of the 2010 AGM were a true record of the meeting.

Chairmans Report

It was probably the most successful season in clubs 118 year history. With success on the field at all levels both senior and Y&M. We have put significant distance between local opposition and us and this was witnessed in the 40 plus point victory over Swans in D&W final. Also we reached our highest position in the league and narrowly missed out on promotion to the next level, losing by 1 point to Hertford in the play-offs. 2nd XV are also the D&W Cup winners and came second in the Solent league but possibly most significantly, 3rd XV now playing only one level below Oaks and Wimborne 1st XV's. We are still regularly fielding a 4th XV.

Success comes in many forms and off the field the administration and financial budgeting have proved as equally successful as the on field activities. Raising finance to meet the ever increasing demands on our income is a constant challenge and although 90% of the club members pay their way there are still a minority of players who drag their heels about paying their subs and there are some regular spectators who think it is clever to duck in round the back thus missing Jo's watch tower and avoid paying for entrance. All conscientious and committed members should bring peer pressure to bear on these miscreants who are freeloading on their colleagues. Rant over.

Our decision to put our limited resources into the coaching team is paying off significantly with the highest level of coaching being available to all who wish to take advantage of the expertise regularly distilled by Tim Collier, Toddy, and Nigel Brunning under the direction of DofC Dave Dunn. Thanks to that team for making coaching so rewarding and beneficial as the seasons results bear witness.

Also one of my prime motivations whilst Chairman was to bring the two sections of the club senior and Y&M closer together to generate a one-club approach. This has been happening initially lead by Phil Thomas when Y&M Chairman and continued by his successors. You will hear a detailed report on the Y&M activities but it is gratifying to record the concerted efforts being made all round so that we can all be seen to be singing from the same hymn sheet. There is more to do but it is good work in progress.

A report on the 2010/2011 season would not be complete without mention of the dreadful news we received on 6th April informing us of the tragic death of Sam Yarwood. The feeling of grief that swept through the club at this devastating event was and still is profound. The esteem in which Sam was held was in evidence when over 70 from Bournemouth travelled to Birmingham for his funeral. Our collective grief was, however, softened to a certain extent by the warmth and sincerity of the messages received from the rugby community at large showing that the best traditions of the game and its ethos are still very much to the fore when disaster strikes. Many of you will have heard the following message read out at Sam's funeral but I think it is worth repeating to show that at difficult times from the top to the bottom of our game the real perspective shines through.

The following email from Martin Johnson was read out at the funeral;



RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

SAM YARWOOD

I only recently received the very sad news of the tragic death of Sam in a canoeing accident in the Lake District, and would like you to know that my thoughts are with you all today.

Although I did not know Sam personally I know that he was having an outstanding first season with Bournemouth Rugby Club and that he previously had represented Moseley, Camp Hill & his County North Midlands, at U20 level, with great success. By all accounts Sam was on the threshold of a fine playing career. To lose anyone from our rugby fraternity is always tough, but to lose someone as young as Sam is incredibly hard to bear.

As today you mourn his passing take comfort in the fact that he certainly gained great enjoyment from his love of rugby and from the camaraderie which he undoubtedly experienced wherever he played.

Sam's Family, his girlfriend and closest friends will, I know, get tremendous support at this difficult time from the players and members of the clubs with which Sam was associated, as this

characteristic is still thankfully one of the game's greatest assets.

My sincere condolences,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Johnson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Martin Johnson CBE
England Team Manager**

Finally none of the on or off field success would have been achieved without the hours and hours of dedicated commitment shown by numerous people. There are too many to mention by name but a very heartfelt thank you to you all for making my job that much easier. As I often say others do the work and I take the glory, which seems a good note on to end on.

Questions to the Chairman

There were none

Treasurers Report

The treasurer presented and explained the accounts for the year ending 30th April 2011, there has been a great deal of improvement from last season and with the continued increase in sponsorship and membership the future is looking positive.

Questions to the Treasurer

The Treasurer was asked why the income from International Ticket sales had been combined with the Grants and Fund Raising section of the accounts, rather than being individually itemised as in the expenditure section of the accounts, this was deemed to be an over sight and will be rectified

The high cost of catering from the Sports Club caterers was queried and these are under negotiation.

Team Reports

1st XV Report

Many things can be said for this season, with many highs and some extreme lows. But I think this year will be remembered by all involved, not by the success we had on the field but the brotherhood and friendships that was developed off of it.

Winning shows people what a good side you are but as players it is losing that proves how good of a side you are. How you bounce back and how you deal with a loss no matter how big or small.

The season started slow, struggling to pick up a bonus point for tries scored. In this early period there were some outstanding performances from Tomas Ford. The disjointed start turned very quickly in to smooth and clinical displays of rugby. Our season transformed when we went to Hartpury. A hugely spirited performance against a team that didn't seem to tire! We used physicality on that day to gain advantage and our never say never attitude to win it at the death.

My season report is not focused on results or losses but the players that made it such an enjoyment to play with each week. Each and every one of them made it easy for me to captain the side. I couldn't choose a better group of friends to cross that white line with every week.

The secret to our success this season was hugely down to consistency with the majority of the team playing in 18 plus of the matches. Jack Hennings one of our new recruits was exceptional all season, his strength and passion was inspirational to all playing with him. Tim Wareham and Frazer Wilford were excellent in the front row putting in big performances in every week. Callum Forrest was a huge asset in the second row; his line out skills gained us advantage on many occasions. Hopefully he finds a job locally or he would be a massive loss to the team. Tim Seward epitome of a club player, his athleticism and work rate never went unnoticed by his team mates. Tomas Ford never stopped tackling, his aggression and passion filtered through the team when we needed it most, he will be a huge loss to the team on and off the field. Anthony Dunkerley winger come flanker. He proved it can be done, his speed and strength isn't something to be messed with, and I look forward to see his progress next season. Chris Hughes was his usual self, his bulldozing runs through the heart of teams, devastating to say the least! Joe Tarrant the youngster who featured heavily this season was a great asset, he learnt things very quickly and showed what potential he has for next season, and he will be pushing Frazer all the way. I think one of our most valued team mates was Riad Lynch this season, at times he found it hard to be on the bench, but every time he came on he made a difference. It is players like him that make a team.

The return of Sam Hardcastle was a huge boost as he was back to his old self in no time, scoring tries at crucial times to turn the game in our favour. Dan Pollard another new recruit had a record breaking season and gave us stability in a position which was in previous seasons somewhat inconsistent. Scott Chislett was in fine form all season, wherever he was asked to play we would do it without any fuss, he always puts the team before himself and his actions always speak louder than words. Rob Bruce has had one of the best seasons I have seen him play. His power is immense; he on so many occasions built a platform for the rest of the team to play from. Ben Stewart had a consistent season out of position on the wing, tough for some but he did it. Karim Lynch was on fine form all season, every game he played he made a difference. His one on one tackling is quite brilliant, as he seems to cut people in half, always a pleasure to play with such talent. Dan Connolly joining us in the second half of the season soon found his feet, his pace and step is great to watch. Eddie Edwards who finished the season injured, put in some huge hits every game, body on the line every game.

It would now be fitting to mention the player who was a record break, a great player and friend to all his team mates. Sam Yarwood is the reason we as a team will remember this season. There are not enough words to describe a man like this and he will always be remembered.

Thanks to all involved in the club, the sponsors and committee have done great things keeping the club where it should be. We now look forward to moving on and rewarding our supporters. I would like to thank all of the teams at all ages for the support given. I am looking forward to the next batch of colts coming through to the seniors.

All in all a good season, ultimately we lost but now we move on to achieve new highs.

2nd XV BRFC Captains Report

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James Kavanagh

I would just like to say what a great season the 2's have had this year, ending up 2nd in the league (when we all know if we had managed to play all the games/had a full squad it would have been a different story!) and retaining the Dorset and Wilts 2nd XV cup – against Swans – AT Swans. Even though we did put ourselves under pressure in the 2nd half and it was closer than it should have been!

We've had a few of the new 1st team players come through the 2nd team, albeit for 1 or 2 games, and we've also seen some players having a great season almost break through (Dan Mallard!). It's been good to welcome Ricky, formerly Swans, join us as a prop. It's always difficult to single out individuals though so I would just like to say that every member of the team pulled together when we needed it and I would just like to say how proud I am to have played with all the guys this season.

Of course all of this wouldn't have been possible without the people 'behind the scenes'. Although we know that most of them are vocal so never really hidden!

- Richard and Bernie – for organising pretty much everything, getting players involved and ensuring availability! Playing taxi for a lot of players, all the post-match drinks provided and putting so much time and effort into the team and the games.
- The coaches for training us week in week out and giving up their weekends too!
- Katie – Fantastic support throughout the season and a really great job with all aspects of her physio work, especially in light of the people and banter she manages to put up with!
- Bob – just for generally being a good egg. Seriously, fantastic co-ordinator and seems to know what is going on!
- Alan Ketchley – thanks for driving us a lot around and also for your support to the team. I also only think it's fair to mention forgetting the kit at Havant.....

I've probably missed some people off, apologies and I do appreciate that people help out with the team behind the scenes and I would just like to take this opportunity to say thanks.

Looking forward I really think that we will have a strong squad again with fringe players throughout the season and we will look to have large squads for training sessions. It will be interesting to see if the league takes on Dennis's comments and if we can get a better play-off at the end of the season where we will hopefully be bringing this cup to Bournemouth.

Richard Pearce added that he would like to thank Dave Dunn, Robert Todd, Tim Collier and Nigel Brunning for their continued coaching support. He also emphasised the importance of continuing with the 2nd XV and 3rd XV combined training sessions.

3rd XV

Bournemouth Thirds started the new season in Dorset & Wilts Division 1. This is the first time a thirds team has been in this league which shows the standard of rugby that Bournemouth have set. We were competing against teams that the first were playing only a few seasons ago. It was a mixed season in that we wanted to finish mid-way in the table, we finished one place below that position. A number of new young players came into the team which has allowed us to compete in that league. The worry was that we would be out of our depths and relegated. At one time in November, we were at the top of the league. Unfortunately injuries took their toll and it was hard being a third team to bring in replacements capable of playing the standard that we are playing at.

A credit to some of the lads who went on and played for the seconds in the Dorset & Wilts cup final. As the manager, I must also mention the captain who at times, if it hadn't been for him getting players to come and play, we may have had to cancel a few fixtures. We tried to work with the seconds this year, I must thank Bernie and Richard for supporting the thirds when it was possible.

Hopefully, this will continue next season where the thirds and seconds become closer because this is the only way forward if we want to develop players for both teams.

Phil Todd

Team Manager

4th XV

No report given

Colts

Bob Strickland

Another good year, ran two teams in D&W leagues and knock out cups – (only us and Wimborne managed whole season).

Played 18s and 17s separately. Two large groups who preferred to stay independent- degree of one-upmanship between the two ages which seems common feature over last 6 years -and no doubt before.

18s had gaps in the league so also played couple of friendlies against London clubs

Won both Southern league sections but lost in decider.

18s had excellent Easter tour of coach's home town of Edinburgh. Once again only a handful not going away to uni so very few around for 2s and 3s next season.

The 18s were encouraged to play for the seniors when their own fixtures for club and school allowed but only 3 felt ready although they enjoyed it when they did and acquitted themselves more than honourably.

Both groups but especially the 17s had very patchy time through early teens but both groups struck lucky when their coach changed.

17s were especially fortunate when large number of boys moved over from Oaks – largely because of dispute with coach. Despite influx those that wanted to play did get to play.

Seems to be a thread – the club needs to take closer interest in younger teen groups.

We have been lucky in that we have had parents willing and able to invest at least one evening and every Sunday to leading their teams. We have been even luckier in that they have had the skills.

Special thanks need to be given to Richard Pearce and for his considerable contribution to the colts and 2s over the last couple of years when he has had no child involved. Similarly to Paul Joy who has been largely instrumental in the 17s resurgence

We have also had some input from the senior players and outsiders which the boys enjoyed

This year's 17s coaches will be moving up (all 4 of them) and Paul Joy will continue to take the lead. Sadly 2 of the 3 16s coaches are hanging up their boots so we'll need to look to recruit.

Experience suggests that each year groups find their best accommodation but in general the boys prefer to stick to their own group rather than be put into one 'colts squad'. Obviously we need to encourage the better players to try for the older groups if they are ready

Academy – sadly had rather a fallow year but hopefully will be revitalised under Stacey's urging – tremendous advertisement to attract best players from other clubs to seniors. Especially if we don't try to poach.

	P	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	Pts	Bonus Pts	Adjust	
Bournemouth A	8	6	1	1	175	99	76	38	4	0	22
Bournemouth B	10	8	0	2	242	113	129	45	3	0	24
											just under 100 tries
NvS A League play off		Chippenham 31			Bournemouth			7			
NvS B League play off		Wooton Bassett 14			Bournemouth			7			
											Wimborne docked 3 points for fieldin too many A players
Knock out											
As	3rd in cup										Sherbourn / Millfield
Bs	Plate winners v Wootton Bassett										
Nat 17s cup	Lost to Redruth Academy (who lost in regional final)										
Players	69										
As	28										
Bs	41										
games played	450										

Youth and Mini Report

Bournemouth RFC youth and mini Section report 2011

Taking over from Phil Thomas as chairman, I have had a lot to live up to as his leadership skills were second to none, driving the Youth and mini section in to a new era with recruiting new players and committee members involving players and parents to make the section stronger than it has been in the past.

With all the necessary positions in place has made my job fairly easy I say! My first priority as Chairman was for Bournemouth RFC to gain the Seal of approval. Many hours were spent gathering all the necessary information required for the youth and mini to achieve the Seal of Approval, with help from members of the section and people not involved in our section we managed to achieve our goal and were awarded the seal of Approval on the 29th march 2011, moving forward We must continue to achieve the whole club approval.

The youth and Mini section have seen a closer relationship with the senior section with players and coaches helping out at training sessions, this is something that must continue as we hope to see as many players one day playing senior rugby at Bournemouth.

The youth and mini section has been growing over the past few years with more players arriving from local clubs and more getting involved in Rugby due to the success at international and club level, with the world cup around the corner we could see large numbers arriving at Bournemouth making next season quite exciting. The success at Bournemouth has shown on the pitch with most teams making a final in a tournament or Dorset cups.

The section has seen another successful tournament held on the 16th and 17th April, the Saturday saw some 600 youth players taking part and the Sunday saw some 1800 mini players from 20 clubs from around the country playing rugby, there was some fantastic rugby played over the two days. The Bournemouth Tournament has been deemed the best Tournament in the south if not the country, the tournament would not take place if it was not for the volunteers and helpers and many hours of preparation such a great tournament would not be possible.

Incorporation

Niall Gaffney has volunteered to look into club incorporation and progress will be made over the summer.

Election of Club Officers

	Position	Current Holder	Nominations	Proposed By	Seconded By
	Officers of the Club				
1	Chairman	Denis Eveleigh	Denis Eveleigh	John Hardcastle	Niall Gaffney
2	Vice Chairman (Sponsorship)	Anthony Williamson	Anthony Williamson	Gavin Fisher	Doug Warren
3	Vice Chairman (Secrerariat)	John Hardcastle	John Hardcastle	Doug Warren	Tony Ebner
4	Vice Chairman (Youth/Mini)	Paul Joy	Gavin Fisher	John Hardcastle	Anthony Williamson
5	Head of Administration/Secretariat	Stacey Ricketts	Stacey Ricketts	Jo Warren	Alistair Raworth
There is no requirement to vote in the following members and co-opted members					
	Head of Ground sub committee	Richard Llewellyn	Richard Llewellyn		
	Head of Marketing/Funraising Committee	Anthony Williamson	Anthony Williamson		
	Co-opted Members				
	Fixture Secretary	Mike Dedman	Mike Dedman		
	Membership Secretary	Jo Warren	Jo Warren		
	Chairman Y&M	Paul Joy	Gavin Fisher		
	Referee Secretary	Richard Williams	Richard Williams		
	Club Captain	Dan Cawley	Dan Cawley		
	Club Vice Captain				
	Press and Publicity	Doug Warren	Doug Warren		
	International,D&W rep and County Games Member	Phil Todd	Phil Todd		
	Social Coordinator	Bernie Flynn	Jack Hennings		
	New Player Liason	Denis Eveleigh	Denis Eveleigh		

	Lions Captain	These positions will be decided at the first players meeting of the season			
	Lions Manager				
	Nomads Captain				
	Nomads Manager				
	Wanderers Captain				
	Wanderers Manager				
	Bedouins Captain				
	Bedouins Manager				
	VP's Liason Manager	Nigel Yeoman	Nigel Yeoman		
	Web Site Manager	Bob Strickland	Bob Strickland		
	Assistant Web Site Manager	Dan Thomas	Dan Thomas		

Any Other Business

Jo Warren raised the issue of unpaid senior player subscriptions, all present agreed that if a player has not paid their yearly subscriptions or set up a standing order to do so, they will not be permitted to play.

The draw took place for the 100 Club, the winners were:

Peter Wilson 3 £150

Davina Aldon 9 £100

Jon Holdaway 1 £50

More members of the 100 Club are needed. You have to be in it to win it!!!

Date of Next Meeting.

The 2012 AGM will be held on Thursday 17th May at 7.30pm

The Club Dinner will take place on Friday 11th May 2012

It was requested that ALL members note these dates and try to avoid organising events on them that will mean large numbers of members will be unable to attend.