

Meeting of the Steering Committee of the BRIS Trust held at The Memorial Ground, on 26/01/04

Minutes

Present; Jake, Andy, Giles, Mark, Gillian, Ian & representing the Supporters Club Sue & Mike.

Apologies; Debs, Oly & Nigel

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.

- Minutes of the meeting held on 6.1.04 were read, approved and entered into the record.

2. Treasurer's Report

- In the current account there is £16,362.57p Donated income by means of direct debit is £687 monthly, with an additional £80 being received quarterly. Income from direct debit being received annually stands at £250.

3 Secretary's Report

- We currently have 549 shareholding members.

4. Matters Arising

- Jake offered to take ownership of the development of the Lottery project from Andy P. He will draw up a plan of action and present this to our next meeting. His hope is to be in a position to launch at the next public meeting.
- In Andy's absence a paper, submitted by him, was read to the meeting detailing the current position of the schools' rugby festival. In recognition of the tremendous job Andy has done in setting up this event the chair proposed a vote of thanks. This was carried without dissent.

5. Discussion Items

- The newly appointed commercial manager of Bristol Shoguns addressed the meeting. He was still at the stage of formulating options designed to enhance the profile of the club within Bristol and, consequently, to improve attendances on match days. He listened attentively to the committee's views as to how this might best be achieved and appeared genuinely enthusiastic about working with BRIST to develop some of these. In conclusion, he observed that at "Harlequins RFC" good marketing had led to the healthy average attendance which that club currently enjoys, from a much smaller 'core support' than that which Bristol has, and that he was confident that this success could be repeated in Bristol.

6. Any Other Business

- BRIST have received an open invitation to send a representative to meetings of the club's management committee.
- A contribution of £200 was approved to wards the costs of the 'Minis & Juniors' tournament.

- Ian will be meeting, in the near future, with Andy Burnham MP Chairman of the “All Party Parliamentary Rugby Union Group.
- No update as yet on the ‘Webb Ellis’ request or the ‘golden share’.
- We have been invited to enter a team in a quiz tournament organized by Bristol Rovers supporters.

7. Time, Date and Venue of Next Meeting.

- Wednesday 18th February in the Executive Lounge of the Memorial Stadium @ 7.30pm.