

BLUFC Management & Club Committee Meeting Monday 6th January 2014	
When:	Members of the Management Committee met at 7pm following the same agenda to agree proposals for the Club Committee meeting at 7:30p.m. This document combines minutes of both meetings documenting the proposals and discussion for each agenda item.
Attendees and Apologies:	Management Committee Meeting: Lloyd Burnell (Chair), Rich Cowley (Vice Chair & U18s), Mark Harris (Club Secretary - Seniors), Sarah Rupprecht (Club Secretary - Juniors), Nathalie Haines (Treasurer), Julie Allison (CWO), Carlie Smith (VCO), Joined at Committee Meeting: Ewan Cameron (U16s), Pete Hawkes (U14s), Steve Price (U13s), Andy White (U12s), Rich Chaplin (U11s), Justin Ogilvie (U10s) <u>Apologies</u> Sandra Freke (Registrations Secretary), Paul Blenkinsopp (Head Coach) Nick Jones (U12s), Andrew Peachey (U10s)
Previous Minutes	Minutes of the Club Committee meetings held on 4 th November 2013 were reviewed and approved.
1. Chair's Report & Matters Arising	<p><u>Membership</u> There is one vacant position on the Management Committee, open to the club. Proposal is that the Club Captain or another senior player should fill this. Action: MH to liaise with Seniors</p> <p><u>Referees</u> GFA unable to provide a training course at Coombe Dingle, so LB has provided details of local courses to those interested. BGL have agreed that developing referees can officiate for younger age group matches pre their qualification, to support their training.</p> <p><u>Player Registration & Participation Policy</u> Draft document circulated and discussed. Discussion around participation vs winning games. Club's ethos is to be inclusive and encourage girls to play football. Policy reinforces this but gives guidance on the degree of flexibility available to team managers when their age groups are oversubscribed. Proposals were that new players should be invited to participate in taster sessions before signing up to the league and that players who are signed up for the league should have the opportunity to play around half of league fixtures and subs should always get a reasonable amount of match play time. Action: LB to update document for further discussion at next meeting. Policy will need to be finalised for adoption at June AGM.</p> <p><u>Amalgamation with Bristol Santos</u> The on-going amalgamation discussion with Bristol Santos has developed into a formal proposal. Santos has one-year group only (U15) now considering joining BLUFC. Preferred proposal is that the Santos squad transfers and becomes next year's BLUFC U16 squad. Alternatively some may join next year's U15s, as they have some players currently playing up a year and some could join U17s by playing up a year.</p> <p><u>GFA Funding</u> LB has submitted bid for £750 grant that is available specifically to support the retention and development of players within the 14-17 year old age range. The bid is under consideration.</p> <p><u>FA Football Mash Up</u> BLUFC engaging in this project which offers further football training opportunities for 14-17 year olds hosted at St Bedes School in association with Bristol Rovers.</p>
3. Junior Club	<u>Charter Standard Annual Health Check 2013-14</u>

Secretary's Report	Health check was returned by 25/11/13 with updated coaches' qualification records. Awaiting response/action plan from GFA. Thanks to Justin Ogilvie who has completed an In Service training event.
4. Treasurer's Report	Income is ahead of budget. Higher player numbers and some grant funding received. Sale of hoodies, jackets etc. generated profit of £275. Expenditure is slightly over budget. Increased kit costs for extra players and purchase of goalposts for 9V9 format. Action: LB to submit report to Sport England re: Sportsmatch funding
5. Registration Secretary's Report	Discussion around length of time taken for BGL to register late joiners, which is taking too long at this stage of the season. BGL has requested to keep registration process manageable, only one contact person for registrations for each club (Sandra Freke). Latest registration date is 28/2/14.
6. Volunteer Coordinator's Report	Still need a Referee Coordinator. Some coaches' Emergency Aid certificates will expire next season; so will need to do requalification.
7. Child Welfare Officer's Report	No issues to report. JA confirmed that 2 of the outstanding 3 DBS checks had been verified and submitted. The other one had all documentation, just need to verify the information, so all in hand.
8. Senior Secretary and First Team Report	<u>Senior Secretary's Report</u> Emergency Aid training required. Free session taking place in Feb 14. Action: MH to book <u>First Team Report</u> Behind 4 games due to cancellations etc. but team doing well with good spirit. Squad of 27. Development squad is looking positive for next year. Link with university for students who want to play weekend football.
9. Bristol Girls League Report	<u>2013-14</u> Updated fixture list incorporating all postponed matches before Christmas now on website. Last date for playing is the weekend before the AGM. Sharon Whelan is stepping down from Fixtures Secretary. Steve Price has provisionally offered to take-over next season. <u>U13s</u> It is proposed that this year's U13s league be split and current points cancelled. BLUFC has objected on the basis that it is unfair not to carry the points and there is no provision for this within the BGL rules. This is being considered between BGL and GFA and response is awaited. <u>2014-15</u> Next year no U10s competitive league. Edict from FA. Formally arranged games will continue but with no published results, league positions etc. It is proposed that there will be a U17/U18s format next year. Awaiting further info. <u>Social Media</u> There has been a complaint made to BGL regarding inappropriate material relating to football matches being posted via social media. Clubs will be disqualified even if individual players post such material on their own personal Facebook page. Actions: LB/JA to liaise to email all club coaches and reminder to be cascaded to all players and parents. Players' declaration and code of conduct to be reviewed and modified to include this.
10. Junior Section Report	U8/9s- Going well. Good number of players, possibly for 2 squads next season. Seeking coaches. U10s – Red team 4 th in the league. Yellows middle of table. Both teams doing well. Squads to be kept under review. League will be finished by mid Feb. Would like to

	<p>look into friendlies, possibly a tour and some variety in training sessions to maintain interest after the end of the season.</p> <p>Action: LB & RC to liaise with Bristol Academy and U18s</p> <p>U11s – Many players new to football this year and the team is continuing to expand and develop with players now settling into positions. Results improving.</p> <p>U12s – 2 full squads and good teams. Enjoying 9V9. Both teams have reaches semi-finals of cup – avoiding each other so far !</p> <p>U13s – Top of the league. Awaiting decision re split league.</p> <p>U14s – Mixed season. Very strong league.</p> <p>U16s – Mixed season. League matches finish by end of March. Discussion around quality of allocated pitch at CD.</p> <p>U18s – 2nd in league. Supplementing league games with friendlies.</p>
<p>11. Any Other Business</p>	<p><u>Youth Module 1</u></p> <p>Rich Chaplin and Rich Cowley attended in November. Very good course. Both will attend Module 2 in March. Training notes available for others – adaptable for all age groups. Highly recommended.</p> <p><u>Website</u></p> <p>New version Pitchero website is live. All managers have log ins. RC available to support, if needed.</p> <p><u>Fundraising</u></p> <p>Representative from Sovereign Financial Advisors will attend next meeting. Becky Cowley is preparing fundraising plan for the club.</p> <p><u>Christmas Party</u></p> <p>Thanks to Steve Price for organising. This was a fantastic evening, thoroughly enjoyed by all there and raised £250 for the British Heart Foundation. Hope to make this an annual event.</p> <p>NEXT MEETING MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2014</p> <p>7:00 PM MANAGEMENT MEETING</p> <p>7:30 PM COMMITTEE MEETING</p>