

SUSSEX RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LTD

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at 1, Ryefield Close on Thursday 23rd June 2011 @8.00 pm.

10.149.	Attendees; P Bailey (President), A Butcher (Chairman), R Hopkins (Treasurer), G. Howorth (People & Places); G. Thompson (Sussex RFU Rep) and R.Edmondson (IPP)
10.150.	Apologies; A. Croucher (Playing)
10.151.	Minutes; Minutes of Executive on 23.05.11 were approved and signed by Chairman after including that GT had submitted a RFU Representative Report.
10.152.	Matters arising; 10.128.12 County Office. Dina’s contract has been renewed for 6 months to 31 December 2011. 10.147.2. Brighton University invited to compete in Sussex Shield and Brighton Medical School in the Vase.
10.153.	Membership of London RFU. GT had attended the London RFU AGM and General Meeting last Monday and had put a resolution to disband the organisation but was told it was unconstitutional. After discussion, the following resolution was proposed: ‘Sussex RFU propose that London RFU be dissolved and that the assets of London RFU be distributed to its member Constituent Bodies accordingly’ Passed unanimously. Hampshire/Eastern Counties to be approached as Seconder.
10.154	To consider the Position of the Secretary Proposal: The Executive Committee members withdraw their support for the Hon. Secretary, Peter Silk. At a meeting called by the President, held on Wednesday 8 th June and attended by the following: Peter Bailey President Allan Butcher Executive Chairman Richard Hopkins Hon Treasurer Roger Edmondson Immediate Past President Graham Thompson RFU Representative for Sussex RFU Frank Edmonds Chairman of Discipline (Governance) The President explained that he had called the meeting to discuss the performance of the Hon. Secretary and working relations with him. During the discussion, the following items were identified as the prime reasons for the dissatisfaction in the Hon. Secretary by many of the Executive: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. His disgraceful outburst against a member of the professional staff during an Executive Meeting. 2. His poor working relationship with the President. 3. His poor working relationship with the Executive Chairman 4. His actions in relation to the request of Hastings & Bexhill RFC to play their first team in the Kent League. 5. Communications sent regarding the Kit contract. 6. He has undermined other members of the Executive committee. 7. He had not conformed with several working practices. It was agreed that Allan Butcher telephone Peter Silk as soon as possible to advise him of the group’s agreement to request that Peter Silk withdraws his nomination at the forthcoming AGM to continue as Hon Secretary. If such agreement is withheld that the date of the AGM be postponed until the Executive meet in full to further discuss this proposal. AB had had a conversation with PS and PS had spoken with GT. PS had been invited by letter to tonight’s meeting but had not appeared and no apology had been received. He also has not withdrawn his nomination as Secretary for 11-12 Season. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Executive Committee had no confidence in the present Secretary. 2. RCE appointed Acting Secretary until the AGM. 3. RCE asked to communicate with the Legal Department at the RFU 4. RCE asked to communicate with the IT Department so that e-mails sent to PS in the last few weeks can be recovered and to be copied in all Hon. Secretary’s e-mails. 5. The AGM will be held at SEAFORD RFC on Monday 25th July at 7.30pm followed by the GENERAL Meeting. 6. All Clubs and members to be circulated about the new date this weekend and the Acting Secretary to ask for nominations for the post of Hon. Secretary (Proposed by 1 one Club and Seconded by another Club.) GT to confirm the date and venue.
10.155	Rugby Football Foundation ‘Helping Hand Grant’ – extension of the Ground match scheme. RDP’s circulation to Clubs.
10.156	CRB School Teacher’s – all need Rugby CRB clearance.
10.157	Coaching & Playing Committee – Geraint Jones has resigned his position as Chairman but will continue as Lead Coach of U18’s. Alan Croucher is the temporary Chair and Hadon Westerby is looking after the County XV’s. There is concern about

