



Budd Bay Rugby Football Club Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2008
Ballyhoo Pub & Restaurant, Tumwater

I. Call to order

Mike Steenhout called to order the “Club Vision” meeting of the Budd Bay Rugby Football Club at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at Ballyhoo Pub & Restaurant in Tumwater, WA.

II. Roll call

The following persons were present: Dan Smith, Mike Steenhout, Monti Sorem, Tom Cusack, and Filbert Ford. Daniel Dahl (Goat) was also able to stop by from time-to-time to provide input (he was working at the time).

III. Club Vision Discussion

The initial focus of the meeting was to discuss development of a short & long term financial plan. After consideration of the intent of the financial plan, recommendations made by Monti Sorem and Mike Steenhout amended the focus of the meeting to relate to further refining and securing relationships with all teams within the club in hopes of increasing the success of all teams, on and off the pitch, under the comprehensive umbrella of a club structure.

Despite the low attendance, the group came up with an excellent agenda. The most fundamental thing we agreed needs the most work is developing the relationship between our adult and youth programs, administratively and culturally. As a start to accomplishing this goal, we developed the following plan to be executed over the next year.

1) The adult and youth programs should have a unified training regimen and coaching philosophy. What we mean by this, is that to the furthest extent possible, the adult and youth programs should be running the same conditioning and skills drills during trainings, so that when a youth player begins playing for an adult team, their experience is very similar. To accomplish this goal, the adult and youth coaching staff will need to continue meeting together and develop this plan. Leads are: **Trevor Anderson and Dan Smith.**

2) Youth and Adult players need to make greater attempts to attend each others matches, and trainings when possible. Of course, in many cases, the teams are in different towns on game days, so this is not always possible. But when matches are in the same town, we should strive for 100% attendance. E-mail reminders should be sent out prior to game day. And, in the event that a youth game follows an adult game, the adult social should be delayed, so that the adults can watch the youth match in its entirety. Leads are: **Jasmine Budrow and Trevor Anderson.**



3) We should organize at least one adult/youth social event this Spring/Summer (non-alcoholic of course :)). Ideas tossed around included a 1) social at Ballyhoo with food and rugby on the television; 2) a day trip to the beach where we could barbecue and play rugby on the beach; 3) an overnight barbecue/camping trip. Leads are: **Monti Sorem and Mike Steenhout.**

4) The U-19 boys have wanted a trailer to transport match gear for several years. We should assist them in pricing out, raising the revenue, and purchasing the trailer. Leads are: **Monti Sorem and Mike Steenhout, but we could use help from everyone on this one.**

5) All team coaches have expressed interest in a scrum sled. Dan Smith has a lead on some financial support that may bring this to reality in the short term; however storage and transportation continue to be an issue. We will strive to secure financing and develop revised budgets to determine if this is a reality for the club. Leads are: **Dan Smith and Mike Steenhout.**

6) The U-19 girls need additional sponsorship support. Leads are: **Monti Sorem and Mike Steenhout, but we could use help from everyone on this one.**

7) The U-19 teams have long expressed an interest in organizing a summer touch rugby program aimed at younger kids. The event would take place over several weekends (likely four). Each kid would be given a t-shirt and rugby ball (small size). The first or second weekends would be focused on learning the basics of the game. Over the next two weekends, we would hold games, and maybe a tournament. Ideally, this event would be free of charge to the kids. Leads are: **To Be Determined, but should include Adult and Youth Players. If interested, contact Mike Steenhout.**

IV. Adjournment

Mike Steenhout adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Mike Steenhout, BBRFC Treasurer

Minutes approved by: BBRFC Board of Directors