



## Minutes of AAARFC Committee Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 6:00 pm, AAA Clubhouse

Meeting called to order at 6pm with Sean Emmett in the chair.

Present: Sean Emmett, FC Holdt, Peet Vreugdenburg, Simon Graves, Llewellyn James, Pierre Van Rensburg, Gerhard Schafer, Alaa Al Samman, Carel Greeff, Wasele Ralifo, Ruan Bolman, Wihan Grobler.

1. Apologies: none
2. Acceptance of minutes from 17/01/23 & 23/04/23
3. RCC AGM Update (Sean)
  - Attended by Sean & Llewelyn
  - Player transfer window closes one week earlier (24/08/23) than team registrations (31/08/23)
  - Division 2 to now include a finals format at the end of the season, details tbc
  - New rule allows props to move up and down **one division only** within the same playing position
  - UAERF have approved live streaming of premiership games in the first instance, but this is reliant on the provider raising the required funding
  - Some changes to players' medical insurance providers will result in a slight increase in insurance fees
4. Membership fees (Sean)
  - The club aims to keep membership fees low
  - Single memberships will now include kit for all teams, including rugby, netball, touch, and girls' football
  - Family memberships **do not** include kit, so this will be offered as an add-on for the players to whom this applies
5. Kit design (Wihan)
  - New designs chosen for 1st XV, coaches & committee members. Wihan to work with suppliers to provide samples
  - Samples are in for netball team for sizing
  - Simon to send badge designs through to Sean so that each team has a logo aligning with their sport whilst still representing the club as a whole
6. Sponsorship allocation (Wihan)
  - Verbal agreements from a number of sponsors, with formal agreements from others
  - We expect to continue with sponsorship at various levels from: Mediclinic; Al Ain English Speaking School; Aldar Academy; Lekkershop; Gulf Physio; Brighton College Al Ain; Get Raw Nutrition; Windmill; Kanad Hospital; & Jazz Man's Spa & Lounge
7. Budget (Peet)
  - 2023/24 budget to be based on previous year's expenditure
  - Proposal made that social events, which have been running at cost, aim to bring in some revenue
  - Discussion held around which teams to enter for Dubai 7s tournament. The club will seek to enter youth, adult men's and a women's team, if viable, in addition to netball



8. Procedures for committee agendas & minutes (Simon)
  - It was suggested that all meeting agendas are posted on the website one week ahead of each committee meeting. Club members are then invited to put forward any comments/suggestions based on those items via a Google Form
  - In addition, minutes (with the exception of any confidential items) will be shared via the same forum, allowing members easy access to decisions being made to move the club forwards
  - It was also suggested that for certain questions, we put together a survey to gain more objective feedback from members
  - The committee agreed to trial this over the coming months & discuss issues that may arise in the future
9. Youth coaches (Pierre)
  - Currently there are a limited number of coaches for youth rugby. A discussion was had around the impact of potential benefits for coaches to counterbalance the commitment expected of them
10. First Aid in Rugby (FAIR) (Pierre)
  - FAIR training to be provided for all coaches of youth & adult teams in all sports. Updates needed for many coaches if they received last training two or more years ago
11. Coaches' handbook & player welfare (Pierre)
  - New information has recently been added. Pierre to share with all coaching staff
  - there are a number of free online courses included in the information, which all coaches will be encouraged to undertake
  - All coaches will be required to read & sign the UAERF Child Safeguarding in Sport & Gender Inclusion policies (both available on the website)
12. RCC Youth Team schedule
  - Tournament booked for 8/9 March. This is during Ramadan but dates are limited
  - Event will include invitations to girls' football & netball teams
13. Medical room (Pierre)
  - Access to be restricted to named individuals: Pierre, Carel & Wasele
  - Full first aid bags to be provided to all sports coaches. Any replenishment of stock will need to be through Pierre
  - Medical room will only be open during training, matches & club events
  - A first aid kit will be available at reception for minor injuries
14. Rugby boot donation (Alaa)
  - Box to be provided at reception for old/too small rugby boots to be taken to Fiji this summer
  - notice to go out on social media tomorrow
15. Restaurant (Alaa)
  - Concerns have been raised over the varying quality of the most recent Amblers Restaurant menu, as well as the quality of service
  - Carel will run some customer service training for all club employees
  - Simon to develop survey through the website to go out on social media to ascertain members' views of the food & service currently being provided
16. Amblers' shop & signage (Carel)



- Over the summer, old stock will be removed with new stock covering all sports to be made available
  - outside signage, which is now sun-damaged, will also be updated, with designs to follow
17. Gym & restaurant renovation (Carel)
- the gym is to be refurbished & decorated during the coming months, dependent on budget
  - the restaurant is also going to be repainted & redesigned, giving more of a 'pub' atmosphere. Designs tbc
18. AOB
- A number of new youth jerseys were found in bags in the lockers. These will be made available for free to those who need them for training
  - Ruan shared that new nets are being put up over the summer at the cricket club
  - Club Open day proposed for Saturday, 9th September

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.  
Next meeting scheduled for Monday, 28th August.