

Date/Time:	Wednesday 11 th October 2023
Location:	Doha Sports Park
Attendees:	Tim Newnham (TN), Andy Coomer (AC), Jo Addison (JA), Tom Robertson (TR), Curtis Wolstenholme (CW)
Apologies	Rachel Innes (RI)

Item Number	Description
1.	<p>2023-24</p> <p>a. Training & Coaching</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Training, travel and domestic schedule – Reminder for all reps & managers to keep training schedule & match-day plans frequently updated. DRFC will not be financially responsible for any charges due to late notifications of cancellations or for match arrangements that have not been communicated properly – <i>All Reps (ongoing)</i> Schools Schedule – To be sent in by TR, in order to allow proper planning for seasonal events - <i>TR</i> WR certs & FA training (MoSY requirements) – World rugby ‘Introduction to Coaching’ still to be completed or tracker to be updated. Chosen First Aid course date (17th Nov) now unavailable, new date TBC – <i>All Reps (WR – end of October) / TN (FA – End of October)</i> Wrestle Rugby – Coaching training programme, regarding contact areas, potentially to be booked after season end – <i>To be reviewed in 2024</i> Kit/equipment requirements – Any requirements by sections needs to be sent to TN. Details required are prices, list & amount of equipment and comparison of multiple providers (it is the responsibility of the Rep & Manager to get as much information as possible) – <i>All Reps (ongoing)</i> <p>b. DRFC 50th Anniversary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events & dates (chairman’s day / oval ball / etc) – Dates to be determined based on schools calendar – <i>TBD (next ExCom)</i> Commemorative items – Sections to offer ideas on certain items to commemorate DRFC 50th year. A selection of the most popular to be chosen - <i>TBD (next ExCom)</i> Chairman day kit – 50th anniversary commemorative kit, open to all members (not just players). Competition to design both teams with winners receiving a free kit – <i>To be held over winter break</i> Tournaments – 2023/24 season already confirmed for most clubs, so DRFC will look at what/when to host for the start of the 2024/25 season – <i>Dates TBC by end of 2023</i> <p>c. Finances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Season Budgets – All sections require subsidies to travel, and all sections currently have a sponsorship-funded budget. Reps to provide feedback on estimated amount required for the season (based on travel plans) – <i>All Reps (by end of October)</i> Payments updates – Current membership payments received at 75%. Decision was made that members (especially players) need to be paid up or should NOT be participating in trainings. Responsibility of Reps and Managers to chase up payments or refer members with financial issues to TN. 7 weeks into the season, should have no-one training without having fully joined or confirmed a payment plan. Reminder that any payment plans are under the approval of TN not the players themselves – <i>All reps (ongoing)</i> Sponsorship – Plays a big part in funding team travel, this should be ongoing throughout the season by all sections. TN will follow up all leads to confirm sponsors (if required by sections). Sponsorship presentation currently being updated – <i>TN & All Sections (ongoing)</i> Section subsidies – Subsidies provided to each section as a ‘thank you’ to volunteers. Important to note that this is not permanent policy moving forward, but at the discretion of the ExCom based on an annual review. JM to be informed of full details for each recipient of a subsidy – <i>All Reps (end of October)</i>
2.	<p>A.O.B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022/23 AGM – Date confirmed as Saturday 9th December, timing TBC and notifications to be sent out before end of October – <i>TN & JM</i> Club build updates & alternative options – At the request of the sponsors, RDT approached MoM & MoSY to request government land as an additional option for a long-term clubhouse. Upon receiving a response from both ministries, a decision, discussed with Arianne Holding, will be made as to the best option for both parties. Alternative options to be explored with a long-term contract at Doha Sports Park, to ensure all bases are covered to protect the future of DRFC - <i>TN</i> F&B prices at DSP – Meeting arranged with Mayfair GM for end of October to discuss options - <i>TN</i> Vets Players Player award - Renamed the ‘John Lewis Players Player’ Award. Vets to approach John’s son to present at the Oval Ball - <i>CW</i>