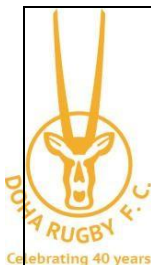




DRFC ExCom Minutes	
Date/Time:	Wednesday 7 th May 2025
Location:	Doha Golf Club
Attendees:	Tim Newnham (TN), Tom Robertson (TR), Pip Innes (PI), Justin Murray (JM), Chloe Egglestone-Briggs (CEB), Huw Ifan (HI)
Apologies	Curtis Wolstenholme (CW),

Item	Details	Action & Rep/s
2024-25		
1.A.	Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oval Ball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All awards confirmed - schedule of events to be prepared by PI. List of International Cap receivers to be provided by TN (to PI & CE-B). Currents sales - 107 tickets (<i>122 as of 12th May</i>) AGM (May 31st) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion to request use of DGC upstairs bar for 2025 AGM. Any agenda items to be sent to TN. 	
1.B.	Facility Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSP - Tender submitted on May 8th. Government Land Request - Follow up meeting with MoM (21st April) confirmed that request is still 'under review'. 	
1.C	DRFC Kit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current kit - Sections have been selling to members, all proceeds are added directly to section funds. Any left over kit at the start of 2025/26 season will be donated. 2025-26 Kit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designs to be sent to section reps. Home kit (playing shirt) will be the same for ALL sections, however, sections can design their own away kit (note - only 1 pair of shorts/socks will be ordered so both sides of reversible playing shirts should be compatible with shorts & socks). Sizes of playing kit need to be confirmed by sections ASAP. (ALL REPS) Enquire into bulk gumshield purchase from either Tsunami or Rhino. 	
2025-26		
2.A.	Membership. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Payments to open on June 1st (TN & JM to confirm prices). All sections aware of 'standing order' option if individuals struggle to complete a full payment at the start of term. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO PLAYERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN MATCHES UNTIL MEMBERSHIP IS FULLY PAID UP - NO EXCEPTIONS. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sections to provide preferred training days/timings/weeks to TN. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership is calculated off of 24 weeks of training, any additional training is at the discretion of the ExCom. Sports Dome (M&Y) may not be available due to new rules regarding numbers per pitch, but this will be confirmed in August. Membership option for 'school returners' to be reviewed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggestion required from current M&Y coach who proposed the option. Kit (training tee) to be provided at an extra cost (not included in membership). Limit to the 'pay-to-play' policy to be introduced. Travel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All sections to provide expected travel requirements & funding, for next season's budgeting (estimation). Pre/post season travel options to be provided to all Section Reps to discuss individually. Coaching - Courses for next season will be mandatory (as per MoSY requirements). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding (WR Passport). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALL coaches & managers to undertake safeguarding course AND sign DRFC policy. Refusal to complete the course or sign the document will exclude individuals from coaching or managing. ExCom to complete safeguarding course (practice what we preach). Safeguarding committee to be appointed to handle any breaches of DRFC policy. Training/matches with clubs outside of DRFC will not be permitted without official communication through the Section Rep and with documentation from the host club (<i>Any coaches ignoring this policy will be removed from coaching</i>) - *To be added into policies & procedures* Introduction to coaching. Concussion management for the General Public. Coaching for girls/ladies - To be reviewed by CE-B and only applicable to sections/age groups with female players, not all coaches. First Aid - Section Reps to first check how many qualified FA they have before arranging a course. Domestic Rugby - Sections to provide requests for planning now, including M&Y tournaments, NSD and anything additional to the regular QRF calendar (schools tournaments / GCC 7's / etc). Sponsorship - Presentation & rate card sent to ExCom <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With potential financial restrictions next season, each section will rely heavily on sponsorship. Currently 8 sponsors are in discussion with DRFC. DRFC Men (TR) have no potential sponsors lined up and will require significant financing for WASR. This needs to be addressed ASAP. 	
2.B.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> QRF - Feedback from the QRF received recently regarding the 'Values of Rugby', specifically linked to an ongoing issue with pitch side behaviour and a recent incident of violent conduct during a game. DRFC will release a notification to the whole club regarding acceptable behaviour and standards expected from the club and potential sanctions for members who choose not to abide by these expectations (TN & PI). ExCom Review - The ExCom have been 'off the ball' this season (apart from the Ladies section) with regards to time management, organisation and feedback, a point that needs to be rectified before next season with the following. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALL Reps are reminded that they are expected to attend ALL club events. A season-long events calendar will be produced over the summer (before the 2025/26 season begins). Implementation of a member's notifications and social media calendar to better manage information sharing to DRFC members & sponsors. Last ExCom of the season to be held on the same day as the AGM (either before or after - TBC). 	