DRFC ExCom Minutes	
Date/Time:	30th August 2026
Location:	Doha Golf Club
Attendees:	Tim Newnham (TN), Matt Raper (MR), Curtis Wolstenholme (CW), Pip Innes (PI), Justin Murray (JM), Kelly Robinson (KR), Jemma Johnston (JJ)
Apologies	

Item	Details

1.A	**Welcome**
	• Introduction to 2 new Reps for the upcoming season.
	  ○ M&Y - Kelly Robinson (replacing Huw Ifan)
	  ○ Ladies - Jemma Johnston (replacing Chloe Egglestone-Briggs)
	• Safeguarding updates from RDO
	  ○ New 'Safeguarding Team' to be introduced to DRFC, with RDO assuming responsibility for Safeguarding Lead for the whole club.
	  ○ Introduction of two new policies regarding weather and travel and updates to the existing policies
	  ○ Introduction of a disclaimer on membership to ensure ALL club volunteers have read and agree to follow safeguarding policies.
	  ▪ **DRFC safeguarding policies are a requirement from the MoSY and not optional**

1.B	**2025-26 season** • Season Feedback - No feedback from Reps. Feedback from anonymous survey for members will be included in the first newsletter of the season.

1.C	**2026-27 Season**
	• Training
	  ○ All sections are aware of the start dates and proposed end dates for each term.
	  ○ Due to a recent 25% increase in pitch-hire prices from DSP/DGC, there is a strong likelihood that additional training sessions (outside of the membership guaranteed 24 weeks p/season) will be very unlikely.
	  ▪ DRFC to look at alternative venues for training & matches to mitigate any interference with training at DSP.

	○ All Reps reminded that a minimum 24 hours' notice is required for cancellations on pitch usage - *Any cancellations with less than 24hrs notice will incur a 200% reduction from the next travel subsidy for the section in question.* • Membership - Players should be fully registered before attending training sessions. ○ **4 trial sessions are for **new** joiners, NOT returning members (regardless of how long they have not been registered)** • Roles to be included on the DRFC website (to ensure members know who is 'working' for the club). ○ ExCom ○ Rugby Development Officer (RDO) ○ Communications Manager (Sponsorship & Social Media) • Events - Upcoming events include (1) players brunch, (2) sponsors golf day, (3) carols, (4) M&Y awards day, (5) oval ball & (6) AGM. Any additional events should be included on the Google Sheets document to ensure the whole club is aware of all events and can attend where necessary. ○ **TN** to check availability for Carols to be held on Dec 10th. • Social Media ○ Sections reminded to provide images and details throughout the season to Communications Manager (she can only post what she receives) ○ Match day and event information required in a timely manner to ensure it is posted in time for all members to receive notifications. ○ Log-in for ALL DRFC social media pages to be provided to Communications Manager.
1.E	**A.O.B.** • DSP Price Increase - As of September 1st, DSP have increased pitch rental prices by 25%. DRFC ExCom to review options to minimise disruption to training schedules and travel budgets. ○ Potential options include training at Kings College and requesting to host matches at Onaiza. • **JM** requests information updates for the website from all Section Reps as well as sponsor and member benefits updates. • **TN** requests details of updates to section management for WhatsApp groups.