DRFC ExCom Minutes	
Date/Time:	6th October 2026
Location:	Doha Sports Park
Attendees:	Tim Newnham (TN), Matt Raper (MR), Pip Innes (PI), Justin Murray (JM), Jemma Johnston (JJ)
Apologies	Curtis Wolstenholme (CW), Kelly Robinson (KR),

Item	Details

1.A	**Welcome**
	• Minutes approved from previous meeting
	  ○ Note to have all 2026 minutes upload to DRFC website (**JM**)
	• Safeguarding updates from **RDO**
	  ○ All new season policies up to date. To be sent to **JM** to be uploaded to DRFC website
	  ○ Safeguarding seminars held on Saturday, October 10th at 8:30 and 9:10am
	  ▪ ***All coaches, managers & ExCom members are required to attend***

1.B	**Membership & Training / Matches**
	• Membership updates provided by **JM**
	  ○ M&Y - 261 registrations (compared to 246 at the same date, last season). 88% fully signed up
	  ○ Ladies - 23 registrations (compared to 24 at the same date, last season). 48% fully signed up
	  ○ Men - 44 registrations (compared to 53 at the same date, last season). 82% fully signed up
	  ○ Vets - 35 registrations (compared to 38 at the same date, last season). 89% fully signed up
	  ○ **Total - 363 registrations (compared to 361 at the same date, last season). 77% fully signed up**
	• Membership fee enquiry - What do fees cover (in comparison with GAA), and what are the consequences of a section not having enough members to travel?
	  ○ Membership fees cover more than just training pitches and kit, including staff and the cost of running RDT
	  ○ Comparisons with other sports clubs are irrelevant when the provisions are vastly different
	  ○ If a section doesn't have enough individuals registered to compete, the validity of having that section will be reviewed
	  ▪ *Teams will not always be competitive, there are peaks and troughs. If individuals don't wish to participate in competitive matches based on the assumption that they may not be competitive, then clubs would cease to exist*
	• Match / travel details
	  ○ Reminder that ALL competitive rugby details must be signed off by the **RDO**

	○ Suggestion to extend end-of-month matchdays to the Ladies section (**RDO** and **JJ** to discuss) • DXB 7's ○ Kit designs to be submitted to Tsunami by 10th October at the latest ○ Accommodation subsidies confirmed with Section Reps • Training reminder that all cancellations require **24 hours' notice** ○ Recommendation to review the M&Y pitch requirements, as coaches have indicated that they don't require the amount of space provided, given the numbers in certain age groups • Women's & U'18's rugby - Request to include matches on the same days as other sections to increase interest. Suggestion to also reach out to all visiting teams with the possibility of bringing an additional squad with them
1.C	**Club Items** • Events ○ Carols - December 10th (**TN** to confirm with Mayfair / **PI** to confirm band) ○ Sponsors Golf Day - November 20th (**TN** to confirm with DGC). 8 sponsors mean 8 teams, requiring 16 members to participate (ideally members with DGC membership, but not a necessity) ○ M&Y Awards / Chairmans Day - Provisional date confirmed for May 14th (school dates and DSP availability to be checked by **TN**) ○ Oval Ball - Either 20th or 27th May (to be confirmed by **PI**) ○ AGM - First weekend of June (date, time & location to be confirmed by **TN**) ○ Community Day (sponsors & small businesses) - Proposal to host either on Jan 22nd or Feb 6th to coincide with a WAP match or M&Y Open Day (**TN** to confirm) • Website updates (**JM**) ○ Safeguarding policies to be uploaded ○ 2026 ExCom minutes to be uploaded ○ No feedback received from any section regarding their information pages. Updates required ASAP (**All Section Reps**) • Equipment ○ All requirements to be provided to **RDO** ○ Gazebo requests & quotes currently under review • Social Media ○ Query raised regarding the requirement for separate Instagram pages for each section, with the concern being that misinformation is being shared by individuals running the separate section pages. DRFC don't want to restrict sections from having their own pages to advertise on, but DRFC guidelines for social media MUST be followed and any information relating to the club should be approved by the SM Manager before being posted ○ Request made to push more posts for smaller sections to increase numbers. SM manager will prepare any requirements, Section Reps are responsible for providing the information • DRFC channels of communication - Reminder that every section has a Rep (and in most cases a manager). Chairman and Club Captain are not secretaries to pass information between sections