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1. Your Club Needs Your Support

Like most businesses, the Club experienced significant financial impact from the pandemic : the loss of a month's rugby which included two fully-booked sponsorship Saturday fixtures and a Women's semi-final; cancellation of fund-raisers like the Mini/Junior Festival and Golf Day; and events booked at the Club during the summer. Government support has mitigated this through grants coordinated by East Riding of Yorkshire Council, and the staff furlough scheme.

A few weeks ago we asked all playing members to pay the membership element of their normal 'subs', and that non-playing members pay their membership in full.

The response so far has been encouraging, with around 30% paying so far. We would like to thank everyone who has contributed so promptly. We are asking the remaining club membership, across all sections, to pay their subs **by the end of September**, to help get us through this most difficult season. As ever, we appreciate your continued support.

As the club is not open as often, this will be easiest by online banking to

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2. Managing Risks from Covid-19

We have now held two events at the club, and it has been great to see people using the club facilities again. Even though the type of rugby we will be seeing will be different for a while, we hope that you will be able to come to our events and support us with your custom.

We have implemented many measures to manage the risks, with sanitising points, signs and revised arrangement for the bar.

We would like to make sure that visitors remember that it is a requirement that they sign in when they visit the club, to allow 'Test and Trace' if necessary. There are signing-in sheets in the foyer and next to the ordering point at the bar in case you forget to complete the one downstairs.

Please help other people to stay safe by making sure you fill in the sheet every time you visit, and wash / sanitise your hands regularly.

Ideas for content for the Monthly Update are always welcome – just send the idea or 50-100 words to [Brad Webster](#).

3. Live Rugby on our TVs

We have bought a 6-month subscription to BT Sport to allow us to show live rugby matches at the club on Saturday afternoons. In a ground-breaking agreement between Premiership Rugby and BT Sport, subscribers can watch every single match from the remainder of the 2019/20 season live.

We know that you would rather see our own players on the field but, in the meantime, we would like to invite you to come down and watch live rugby on our screens, while enjoying a drink or two.

We will be starting this at 1pm this Saturday, 19 September. Games available include the Champions Cup quarterfinal between Leinster and Saracens at 15.00. Depending on the weight of opinion, you might also want to see the remainder of Leeds United's return to the top flight when they play Fulham.

4. Annual General Meeting

The Executive Committee met virtually again on Tuesday, 15 September and discussed how we might hold this, bearing in mind recent tightening in the sizes of meetings.

We propose to hold the meeting as soon as possible using Zoom, and will send more details soon. The Executive realise that this will not meet the needs of everyone but these are exceptional times, and this format will allow us to complete the essential business of the club while helping members stay safe.

5. Awards / Presentations for 2019-20 Season

David Dinsdale, Senior Vice President presented these awards after last Saturdays' Pitch up for Rugby event, which was very well attended:

- 1st XV Player of the Season – Ben Dinsdale
- 2nd XV Player of the Season – Rob Murray
- 3rd XV Player of the Season – Luke Matschke
- 4th XV Player of the Season – Garry Botterill
- Most Improved Player – Stuart Wright
- Most Improved Player 4th XV – Nathan Dixon
- Young Player of the Year – Owen Scurry
- Colt of the Year – Alex Hall
- President's Award – Simon Hornby

6. New Sponsorship Support for 2020-21

We are very grateful to existing corporate supporters of the club that have confirmed their renewed support for the coming season, and are delighted that we have new companies that have come on board. These are:

- Cargill
- Consultiv Utilities
- McArthur Agriculture

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We would encourage you to consider all of our sponsors, and recognise their support by considering them for your business.

7. New Vice Presidents

At the Executive Committee held virtually on Tuesday, 15 September, it awarded the role of Vice President to recognise the enormous contribution they have made, as volunteers, to the successful running of the club to the following :

- Simon Hornby – for coordinating senior fixtures and referee liaison
- Philip Dutton – for coordinating health and safety inspections and assessments

Without the tireless work of our volunteers, the club would not be in the position we are now. We always need new volunteers and welcome any, and all, offers of help. If you can help, please contact any member of the Executive Committee.

8. Fundraising Initiatives

Those of you that have been to the club recently will have seen the 'grey box' at the far end of the car park, an exciting new source of revenue for the club. The ByBox smart locker provides contact-free delivery for field engineers to pick up parts quickly and easily, 24/7, whilst maintaining social distancing. There are 40,000 lockers at over 1,000 UK sites.

In these straitened times we are always looking out for ways to gain income, and would welcome ideas from across the membership for how we can do this. If you have any ideas, please feel free to discuss them with any member of the Executive Committee.

Stay Safe