



## **Bournemouth Sports Club**

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### **Annual General Meeting of Bournemouth and District Recreational Charity 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

In order to:

**1. To receive the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Bournemouth Sports Club held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015:-**

It was agreed that this was a true reflection of the meeting held.

Nominated - Steve Main

2<sup>nd</sup> - Malcolm Symons

**2. To consider Matters Arising:-**

N/A

**3. To receive the Chairman of the Trustees Report:-**

Please see Appendix 2

**4. To receive the accounts for Bournemouth Sports Club Ltd for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015, and also the relevant accounts for The Bournemouth & District Recreational Charity and Bournemouth Sports Club Trading Ltd for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016:-**

We currently on have draft accounts, therefore it was agreed to defer this decision. Full and final accounts will be sent to all chairman and AGM attendees to receive. If there are little differences to the draft accounts, then these can be accepted, however if there are major differences, a decision will be made on how to proceed.

**5. To appoint the BDRC's Auditors:-**

**Currently PKF Francis Clark**

Nominated - Board of Trustees

2<sup>nd</sup> – Richard Whitham

#### **Section Reports**

Please see Appendix 3

#### **General Forum**

- David Williams (DW) – answering Ian's points regarding the floodlights and sinking fund, we know there are issues and we are committed to resolving these ASAP. Cash flow is tight, and this is why it is imperative to create greater levels of income.

- Doug Warren (DWa) – it is great to hear that all the sections are doing well, but it would be nice to hear more throughout the year. Can we get a television with rolling scores on it?  
Mark Rance (MR) - I will have to look into the possibility of this, however we are looking at creating a entrance hall full of trophies from all of the sections to create an imposing entrance for teams.
- Phil Sinkinson (PS) can we please have an update on the situation with the boilers in the changing rooms please?  
MR – the contractors have removed the first two boilers and have completed a lot of the plumbing work ready for the first two boilers to be installed. We would expect for the system to be fully completed by the end of October.
- DWa – hot water is at a premium, therefore can I suggest that we get automatic stop taps for the toilets? This would save water, and hopefully the water will not get as hot.

## Appendix 1 – the President's notes

BDRC 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM

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Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen and thank you for joining us this evening to celebrate the second Annual General Meeting of the Bournemouth and District Recreational Charity in its new form.

Strictly with our new charitable status this style of meeting is not necessary as this meeting is for the benefit of the representatives of the eight Members of the Charity.

Whilst there is an assumption that it should be the appropriate Chairperson, this needs clarity, hence our request for prior notification of the representative and particularly with regard to the appointment of any proxy.

In addition it is the Trustees only who appoint their Chairman, Vice Chairman and President Etc and I can say now that the David, Helen, and myself have been asked to continue in our present roles. Nevertheless it must be good practice for the general membership to have the opportunity to ask questions of the Trustees and other executives from time to time.

Whilst discussing constitutional stuff it's worth mentioning that during the course of the next few months we will spend some time ironing out some of the glitches in the Articles, it is so easy to confuse ourselves with the term "members" and there are a number of other points that need consideration.

It's quite possible that we will need an EGM at some point to ratify any proposals.

Last year I made the point that our charitable status changes our position in the great scheme of things considerably: David will enlarge on these matters I'm sure, but firstly the charitable system ensured we considered our position very carefully regarding the Diamond Sports offer.

Those of us involved learnt a great deal about charity law in double quick time, and absorbed enough to understand that were we to agree to the offer on the table the Trustees could well have found themselves enjoying discussions with Her Majesties authorities, but the procedure allowed us to formally discover that our Club is a great deal more valuable than we believed to be the case and that even without advertising a number of people showed commercial interest in us.

Unfortunately the process held us back enormously from recovering from the tortuous period finalising our charitable status, it also used huge amounts of angst, energy and valuable cash. David, with support from Brian, held us all together over that very difficult period, quite apart from having to run the business we also had to clear our minds, and find the best course of action.

Having become a Charity our Club needed a breathing space to find the real potential of our status and we hadn't had it.

So we were massively fortunate to be offered support by the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society; this was encouraged by Richard Warner one of their Directors and came in two parts firstly a very large

cheque last Christmas Eve, and then a series of helpful management actions enthusiastically orchestrated by one of their senior executives Annette Partridge.

She has done an amazing job for us.

LV sees this, dare I say partnership, as part of their community involvement and whilst they have asked for nothing in return, they see mutual value in our proposed business model of expanding our Club's weekday availability to local business for small meetings and conferences and so forth.

I would like to say at this point we have also had a generous donation from our friends at Goadsbys towards the boilers and one each from Tesco and the Talbot Trust towards improving our social facilities. These welcome funds demonstrate that charitable status enables us to more easily take advantage of the community funds that companies have, quite apart from the possibility of personal donation.

There may be others in the pipeline.

From the accounts you will see that we are beginning to make sufficient progress to at last get our financial bearings and in addition to the above Mark has unearthed opportunities to increase our income without compromising our sports activities.

We now need to seize this moment to dust down the old business plan have a look at it and then start again. This should start from the trustees looking at the way they want to run the business and then down the line – today I'm unaware of any major fires we need to fight ...tomorrow who knows?

If I may now I'd like to pay tribute to David, he has had to withstand any number of difficulties over the past three years, just getting on with running our Club has not been easy. Alongside him Mark has demonstrated a sensible and determined approach to his new role as general manager, getting it "right" for all our sections is well nigh impossible!

Well done to you both:

Now

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To receive the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2015:-

You've all read the Minutes perhaps I can Test you on them?

May I have a proposer that they are a true record?  
Seconder?

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Are there any Matters Arising?

Agreed to proceed?

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Chairman's Report:-

Are there any questions: David has kindly offered to answer any questions from his comments.

Do we agree to proceed?

4

To receive the various accounts for Bournemouth Sports Club and Bournemouth Sports Club Ltd for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> April 2015

And Then to receive the Accounts for The Bournemouth & District Recreational Charity and the accounts for Bournemouth Sports Trading Ltd for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Chris Charlton has offered to present these accounts:

May I have a proposer that we accept the various Club Accounts?

May I have a seconder?

5

To appoint the Auditors – Independent Valuers I believe they are called because we are of a size that doesn't need a full Audit.

Prince Croft Willis were taken over in April this year and with the same personal PKF Francis Clark have carried out the appropriate review for this year and are nominated by the Trustees.

May I have a seconder?

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The intention is to close the formal part of the meeting at this point and then continue with the Section Reports and follow with general questions or comments the Members might like to make; but if anyone wishes to make a comment concerning the conduct of this part of the meeting they are welcome.

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Section Reports:-

Archery

Cricket

Football

Golf

Hockey

Rugby

Squash

Table Tennis

Any Other Business: - I'm very anxious to ensure we get the best out of this evening: therefore are there any questions or comments that anyone might like to make?

One of the pleasant duties I have is to thank so many people who do so much for us, the Trustees, the Directors, Chris Charlton for Finance and of course Mark and Derek and their his teams. And we shouldn't forget the Section Chairmen either!

## Appendix 2 – The Chairman’s Report

### **Chairman’s Report – BDRC (Bournemouth Sports Club) AGM – 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016**

Well folks it has certainly been an interesting year!

Towards the end of last year we were all aware of the approach by Diamond Sports to purchase the Club. It is clear that Roger Woodall had done a great deal of research by speaking to the individual sections to ascertain their own aspirations for their own sport and for the Club generally. Whilst many of these views were already known, I think this exercise was enlightening for the Trustees.

Subsequently, the Club then received an approach by Liverpool Victoria (LV=) following a personal contact via Mike Old to one of their directors. This was based on developing an ‘informal partnership’ driven by their corporate objective of supporting the local community which fits very well with the objectives of The Bournemouth & District Recreational Charity – the name of our sports club’s Charity. In addition, to a generous donation from their community fund to invest in the future of the Club, they were keen to provide additional professional business support including:

- Exploring ways to maximise the donation through reinvestment in the site
- Investigating various grants that are available to assist with the running of the Club
- Consider different ways to generate income for the Club

It is important to stress that it is a benign relationship with LV= with them not demanding anything in return apart from the prospect of being able to use the site for business meetings during the week – they held the first one a few weeks ago, and perhaps using the Club for possible ‘family’ days. The relationship is much more a case of them helping us to help ourselves!

It was via LV= that we were introduced to Martin Kimberley, Chairman of Active Dorset. Consequently, I arranged for Martin to deliver two sessions to the Trustees covering their roles and responsibilities, the current trends in sport in Dorset, and considerations re business planning. These were well received and have given the Trustees much food for thought.

The initial focus by LV= following an informal survey by their Estates manager, was the need to review our compliance issues as some matters affecting the buildings needed urgent attention. This included important work to the boiler in the clubhouse, and updating the necessary asbestos, fire and hard wiring surveys. General maintenance was also given a boost by holding two ‘Fix It’ days which involved volunteers from LV= and from the sections. Much was achieved from these two days, and we hope to hold more in the future.

LV= have also helped us to develop a better format for monitoring our cash flow, and have developed a much improved website for the Club which is currently being project managed by Steve Ellis, our Football Trustee. It is clear that we need to improve our marketing and promotion of the Club – this is another area where LV= have offered help.

Probably the biggest achievement from the LV= relationship to date is the ability to replace the old changing room boilers – the work has started and we can now look forward to better, more reliable showers in the future! We are also grateful to Goadsbys for their kind donation towards this work.

We have also been successful in obtaining a grant from the Talbot Village Trust that has enabled Hockey to purchase new Astro goals, and allowed us to spend a small amount in the redecorating of the Lounge Bar, with plans to extend this to the main bar and the Garden Room. We also received an award from Tesco from their plastic bags fund to improve the garden area. You will see that it is now a properly fenced off area with new benches, and with small children's play area. Hopefully this will entice families to use the bar more whilst being able to watch their children using up their spare energy! We have recently been advised that we have been awarded another grant from Tesco towards the cost of installing fixed outdoor exercise equipment around the site to develop an exercise trail. This will hopefully be attractive to those who wish to do some gentle exercise without a formal commitment.

Another exciting plan is to develop the clubhouse flat into a business hub for local businesses wishing to hold small meetings, use a business room for training or for their daily needs. We have made a good start by converting the space in the eaves for archive storage – with our new member of the maintenance team playing a leading role: Alex is really making an impact across the site and we are very lucky to have found him!

In addition, we have recently appointed Matt Jones as our new catering provider. He has done some catering for us in the past re special functions, and he will be basing his catering business here at the sports club. This will mean that we will be able to offer food more often – not just at weekends but during the week as well. I am sure that we all wish him the best with this new venture.

You will see that we have recently appointed Mark as our General Manager following a period in an 'Acting' capacity. It is certainly a challenging role in a multi-sports environment such as ours with competing pressures and demands being received virtually daily from the sections – I should know wearing my Archery hat! It is not easy to keep everyone happy and sometimes compromise is the only way forward. I am sure we all want the best for the sports club and we all have a vested interest to support the Club in trying to develop the facilities for the benefit of our members, visitors and the local community. The office staff, Sue, Emma, and Catherine, do a great job for us, as do the outdoor team of Derek, Bill, and of course the maintenance team of Trevor and Alex. We are also fortunate to have a good team of bar staff.

We now have a new challenge to face with the very recent approval of planning permission for a go-kart track on our overflow car park at the front of the sports club. This land is owned by Dampneys and despite our objections, including support from our local councillor, and many other objections, the approval was granted subject to a number of conditions.

Finally, my last comments are to encourage greater unity across the sections and the sports club – I think we are getting there. There is clearly mutual benefit in supporting each other – we are here to pursue our chosen sport in a friendly and welcoming environment, and we need each other to improve the facilities that we will make us even more proud to be part of team Bournemouth!

David Williams  
Chairman – Board of Trustees

## Appendix 3 – Section Reports

### **Table Tennis**

No Report presented

### **Squash – Roy Widdowson**

The squash section continues to be a thinning section with around 100 members. We run internal squash and racketball leagues with many of the older squashers taking up racketball, thus prolonging their playing days. Also the doubles leagues continue to a good 'social' following on a Friday.

This year the club has hosted the county closed tournament and several inter county weekends which have been well supported by the members.

On the tam from, we entered four squash teams and one racketball team into the county leagues and they all managed to finish in the top half of their respective leagues. The fourth team also reached the finals of the County Summer Cup, but were narrowly defeated in the final.

### **Rugby – Phil Sinkinson**

I said in my report to the 2015 AGM that our aim was to achieve a solid financial base on which to build for future seasons. We achieved that. I also said that with the right circumstances Bournemouth Rugby could progress both on and off the field in the following seasons. Well, we have had the right circumstances and we are progressing very well so far thank you!!

I am very proud to be the Chairman of a Community Rugby Club that has moved forward as far as it has in the past year. Off the field we have created a business model that is second to none. Under the Chief Executive, James Croker, we have a Board of Directors who are professionalising our club at a pace. I should like to introduce them to you this evening in case you have not yet met them. Please stand up and be acknowledged Chief Executive Officer, James Croker; Operations Director, Wendy King; Director of PR and Marketing, Carlie O'Neill; Director of Finance, Dan Webb; Director of Rugby Will Croker.

Working with this group are a huge band of volunteers, too many to mention here, who most definitely have the Club at the center of their hearts. I will not say too much more this evening and leave James to outline the Club's vision and strategy. What I will say though is that we have a fantastic group of people, all with a single vision; that of making Bournemouth Rugby the community club of choice within our catchment area. I am delighted with what they have achieved so far and am gobsmacked at what they can potentially achieve going forward.

On the playing front too we have been really successful. The reports of the Seniors, Touch and the Academy and Mini can be found on the website. I encourage you to read them to get a flavour of how

the club is moving forward. I would however just like to mention here tonight a few particular successes. The 1<sup>st</sup> XV finished the season in 5<sup>th</sup> place in National league 3 SW, only four points behind Lydney in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Exmouth and Barnstable, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively, having both been promoted leaves open a real opportunity for Bournemouth next season. The 2nds went through the season unbeaten winning the Dorset and Wilts Cup in the process. The 3rds too had a very successful season gaining promotion and winning their Cup as well. The 4ths too finished the season well in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. A massive vote of thanks to our Senior players all, and to our Senior Coaches under DoR Will Croker; Jon Sanchez, James Croker, Jo Burns. Eddie Edwards, Ian Moore, Pete Grant, Mark Palmer and Simon Carkeet.

The U18s enjoyed a great season of representational rugby – with three players representing the county at U18s – and two players representing the county at U20s. In addition, three players also made debuts for the senior sides – gaining very positive feedback from the senior coaches.

The Colts experienced similar successes – with the U17s winning the D&W Bowl allowing them to progress to the National U17s Competition Divisional Rounds. They subsequently were crowned the Southwest U17s Bowl champions – and were semi-finalists at the National U17 Competition Regional finals – an outstanding achievement. The U17s also had 6 representatives at county level.

The U16s ended up runners up in their pool for the D&W cup and continued into the plate competition - ultimately winning this against Sherborne – a brilliant result!

The U15s have a wealth of talent in their ranks – experiencing another very solid season – including winning our own Bournemouth Tournament and reaching the Dorset & Wilts cup final – a tremendous effort. The squad this season feature no less than seven D&W county players and also three Bath Academy players.

The U13s & U14s both started the season with new coaching structures. The U13s built on early performances with some great results against some tough touring sides, and the season highlight was reaching the semi-finals of our own Bournemouth tournament. The U14s enjoyed a very good developmental season for the players and have, as a result, achieved a real team spirit and togetherness.

The U11s and U12s experienced a fast and furious season too reaching semi-finals and finals in festivals and tournaments on a number of occasions. The U11s completed their season with a bang – being crowned both Dorset Champions and Dorset & Wilts Champions.

Meanwhile in the minis the U10s performed extremely well with a number of semi-finals and finals reached in this year's tournaments, including winning the Oakmedians Minis tournament in April.

This year our Touch Rugby team reached the quarter finals of the national O2 Touch Tour competition in June. They also got to the semi finals of the Ellingham & Ringwood Touch Tournament on Good Friday and the Oaks Summer Touch Fest in July.

Progress has been good in what is our third year of operation and we anticipate a continuation of this success over the next twelve months. There is a real growth opportunity for Bournemouth Rugby with the potential to increase the number of regular attendees, introduce even more new people to the club and investigate concepts such as corporate leagues. There are exciting times ahead for Bournemouth Touch.

So overall Bournemouth Rugby have had a very good season both on and off the pitch and the future looks bright. Once again, many thanks go to all of our coaches at all levels; to our volunteers who give up

so much of their time and energy and to the parents and grandparents of our Youth and Minis. Not forgetting, of course, your committee members who guide the club so well. Without you all we would not be in the enviable position we are now in.

I am very excited about the direction we are travelling. But this is just the beginning of a journey on which I hope you will all join. A journey which will have its ups and downs, but which will be exciting, enduring but most of all enjoyable. I commend Bournemouth Rugby to you all as a Community Club to watch, be a part of and to be proud of.

### **Hockey – Ian Barber (on Behalf of Alan Ormerod –Taylor)**

Our men's and ladies sections have again performed well this year, with teams in both sections gaining promotion. Our junior sections have had another strong season with the U12 – U16 teams finishing top in 8 out of 10 Hampshire leagues. Our under 10 and 12 boys and girls all won the county championships, with the U12 girls winning the regional championships, this qualified the U12 Girls for the National Cup knockout finals at Nottingham Hockey centre where they finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the country.

Like last year we still need to fill vacant positions within the club and are looking for senior younger players to step up to the mark.

Finances are tight and with prudent budget control we managed to break even last season, which is an improvement on the previous two season's losses.

*I would like to make some comments on behalf of the Hockey section.*

Looking forward, we find ourselves increasingly worried about the hockey facilities here at Chapel Gate. We are consistently having to answer questions about the flood lighting not meeting the current standard, and with more teams now needing appointed umpires and the restrictions that brings regarding start & finish times we have had to bring our Saturday game times forward. This is a short term fix and will get us through the next season....just.

Our England Hockey accreditation is now asking for reviews and updates on available sinking funds to show that we are in a position to maintain the facilities on which we play. This would need to show funds being generated for future replacement of pitch 2, which we think has only another couple of years use before we are told its not fit for league or junior hockey. We will also need to show that there is a growing sinking fund for pitch 1 which is an integral part of the funding contract with Sport England and The Hockey Federation. We are not aware of the existence of the required sinking funds, despite the significant revenue income generated by the astro pitches.

2017 will see BHC reach its 125<sup>th</sup> year, & the issues I have mentioned need action now and the usual answer of "great but there's no money" is no longer valid. If BSC cannot take responsibility to set aside a pitch 1 & 2 sinking fund from rental revenue, then we face a real possibility of playing our matches at other venues in the near future.

Moving forward I would like to propose all section leaders & Mark Rance meet quarterly to discuss common maintenance and upgrades needs, collectively we are in a stronger position to gain cross section funding and sponsorship to achieve what we all desire, to improve the infrastructure here at BSC, thus securing all of our futures at Chapel Gate for many years to come.

### **Golf – Richard Whitham**

Although our membership list shows that we have 57 members, there is a nucleus of around 35 who attend any of the fixtures. Some of the members are unable to attend owing to heavy work commitments and there is a significant number who are no longer able to play because of advancing years and health issues.

This only serves to emphasise our need for more playing members and, in particular, more lady members (at the moment we have only one).

At our AGM, Mo Haniff was elected Captain in succession to Mark Dowland. George Wazajewski was elected as Vice-Captain. Our fixture results so far are as follows: -

April meeting – Meyrick Park Golf Club – Spring Cup – Mike Francis MBE

May meeting – Bramshaw Golf Club – Treasurer’s Cup – Peter Ford

June meeting – Isle of Purbeck Golf Club – Texas Scramble – Mo Haniff’s team

July meeting – Remedy Oak Golf Club – Hooker Trophy – Doug Topple

August meeting – Ferndown Golf Club – Clayton Rogers Cup – Mike Francis MBE

September meeting – Parkstone Golf Club – Captain’s Day – Peter Jones

October meeting – Broadstone Golf Club – Angora Trophy – to be played

So far, we have been lucky with the weather and have enjoyed a successful season.

### **Football – Steve Main**

#### **SATURDAY MENS**

Both teams were competitive throughout the season, the 1sts winning 15 of their 20 league games in the Bournemouth FA Premier League and finishing 3rd in the League, while the Reserves finished 4th in Division 1. Both teams enjoyed good cup runs with the 1sts losing in the final of the MA Hart Pickford Cup and the Reserves reaching the semi-final of the MA Hart Poole Bay Cup.

It was a season where we consolidated our position locally and although we have lost a few senior players during the course of the last 12 months we are pleased to see a number of our Under 18s coming through and optimistic that we will make good progress on all fronts during 2016/17. Our objective is to see some silverware coming back to Chapel Gate.

#### **SUNDAY MENS**

With the best will in the world, our Sunday men's team is best described as a social experiment and they took part in quite a lot of games, very often with the requisite number of players and in very smart kit. Very much a case of taking part without getting overly competitive about the whole thing.

#### **LADIES**

Our Ladies play in the Hampshire County Women's Football League and have enjoyed tremendous success since they joined Division 3 in 2013/14, when they finished 9th. They were runners up in

2014/15 to AFC Bournemouth and gained promotion to Division 2. In 2015/16 they were again just pipped to the title by AFC Bournemouth, winning 14 of their 18 league games in the process, securing promotion into the top league, Division 1.

Our Ladies have been our most successful team in recent years but they will do well to sustain their momentum in 2016/17 and it will be an achievement for them to retain their place in the top division. They are an integral part of the Senior Football Section, ably managed by Ricky Barton and Paul Tiller, and we will hopefully see more girls playing football at Chapel Gate, following in the Ladies' footsteps.

Our focus is to ensure that football at Chapel Gate is played at the highest level we can attain, to the best of our collective abilities and in an environment which offers quality, opportunity and safety to all participants, young and old.

## YOUTH

Last season was mixed for the youth section.

Our 8's and 9's and 14's were promoted to higher divisions

Our 10's and 11's and 12's dropped a div with the 13's remaining in the top div.

We had some cup run's but no silverware.

Our newly formed u11's girls team found their feet and have gone from strength to strength

Sadly, we lost our u12's team and some stronger players in the older age groups during the summer break which has resulted in a large recruitment drive. Our remit for this season is to maintain our league positions at the upper age groups and push forward from 8's to 11's. It's early days so far this season but all seems to be going to our predictions.

We have now dropped our development centre on a Saturday mornings and have handed this over to BRS academy which now acts as a feeder to the football section. BRS has strong links with Southampton FC and other Premier league clubs and is drawing players to us at youth levels especially 8,9 and 10 which is the future of our club. So far all is going well with this and will be able to have an additional 9's team next year and a new u8 and possible 7'.

With the standing down of our Chairman/ Secretary/Treasurer and welfare officer we have formed a new committee headed up by yours truly and have already started to implement some new practices such as coach the coach session/ all players are now on standing orders/ Managers information Packs and Kits for coaches. There is a strong appetite for more teams and more training and trust that BSC will be able to accommodate us. We are all new at this and are learning as we go!

We remain fully supportive of Bournemouth Sports club and thank the trustees and Staff for their continued support along with our outgoing committee members.

## **Cricket – Malcolm Symons**

The section has enjoyed a very successful season and has now started to build on the stability of the last 2 years following the loss of an entire first team 5 years ago. Our first Xi finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position in the Southern Premier league narrowly missing out on promotion as a result of two 1 run or 1 wicket defeats, 3 key games against lower placed opposition when we were in a strong position due to rain. Four of our 7 adult teams achieved promotion which is pleasing and feel that this will be built on next season and

regain our position in the top league. Our Under 19 team won the Southern Premier league 20/20 cup and is an indication of the quality of young players who are currently in our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> xi squads.

We have been very fortunate to bring Chris Park, the Dorset County Captain who has had a significant impact on training and the competitiveness of players at the Club. He will be taking over the Captaincy of the First Xi from Martin Miller for next season. Thank you to Martin for the work he put in.

I mentioned that we have seen significant growth in the number of players developing into adult cricket from our Colts programme and Academy well managed by Neil Pack. In addition, we are finding players transferring from other Clubs to us.

We have been working to establish close working relationship with Dorset Cricket and I am pleased to say that we managed to bring 7 days Minor Counties cricket to cricket 2 this year although probably only 3.5 days play! This is first time for some 15 years that Dorset have played here. In addition we now also host an increasing number of Dorset Colts matches

After discussions with the Sports Club we agreed that we would move to cricket 2 for our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> xi matches this year where we also brought the University team to play Varsity matches. All the University games and County games take place in midweek and therefore bring increased activity to the Club when pitches are not normally being used. The decision to move from C1 was made to enable opportunities for a number of events to be held by the Sports Club on C1 in the summer. A massive thanks to Derek for the work he put into getting C2 up to the standard for division 1 of the Premier League

We have been very conscious of the need to bring increased activity and funding to the Club and also introduced the Bournemouth Secondary Schools Finals to C1 for a 3-day event again in midweek.

An opportunity arose during the season to become a hub for Last Man Stands a new form of 8 a-side cricket designed to bring players back to the game. This opportunity also allowed the ECB to provide us with 2 new artificial strips on C1 and C4 providing we could arrange everything in 2 weeks including planning. We did it thanks for Mark's help.

I am lucky to have a good group of hard working officers and committee who are tremendous! We do need more however! A lot going on and even more work to be carried during the winter but here's to another successful season next year

### **Archery – David Williams**

The Club continues to prosper, and to provide a friendly environment for both social and competitive archers to pursue their chosen sport at whatever level.

I am pleased to report that our membership renewals this May were I think at an all time record – approaching 90% - this is great news and hopefully indicates that our members enjoy shooting at BAC.

Club members again supported the Club tournaments very strongly with 20 at Canford School at our indoor tournament in January, and 25 at the Blue Lion this July. These are both increases on the previous year, and it is great to see some of our newer members attending these shoots

Some of our members were also selected for the County team and achieved notable performances.

I would especially like to thank Helen Wraight for her commitment and effort in organising these tournaments on our behalf – not an easy task, particularly the Blue Lion this year in view of her having to cope with her son's serious car accident. However, it is great to hear that Joe is making good progress in Poole hospital in respect of his rehabilitation.

The Introduction to Archery courses we run each year have provided the Club with a very good number of new members, and I hope they will enjoy shooting with us. I am extremely grateful to our small team of dedicated coaches and the other archers who have helped to run our courses during the year.

I want to congratulate Ollie Seager for gaining his Level 1 coaching certificate this year – well done!

I would also like to thank all the Coaching team members, Committee members and Club Officers for their willingness to support the Club during the last 12 months.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark, the office team at BSC, and Trevor, Alex, Derek and Bill for their support and assistance during the year – it is much appreciated!

#### Appendix 4 – Attendees

David Williams – Archery, Chairman of the board of Trustees

Mike Old – President

Chris Charlton – Chairman of the Finance Committee

Mark Rance – General Manager

Carole Tidd – Archery

Martin Shaw – Archery

Brian Ford - Trustee

Richard Williams – Trustee, Rugby

Niall Gaffney – Rugby

Doug Warren – Rugby

Colin Davis – Trustee, Hockey

Steve Ellis – Trustee, football

Brian Hills – Archery

Malcolm Symons – Cricket

Roy Widdowson – Squash

Phil Sinkinson – Rugby

Simon Carkeet – Rugby

Steve Main – Football

Dan Webb – Rugby

Richard Whitham – Golf