

COLWYN BAY Rugby Football Club

Minutes of the Meeting of the Colwyn Bay Rugby Club Executive Committee Held at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 16 February 2011

Present: Brian Roberts John Taylor Martin Rees Caroline Roberts Peter Rice
Geoff Taylor Andy Lee Max Eames Hughes Paul Wagner

Apologies: Graham Davies Bryn Williams Dave Edwards Stephen Roberts

1 The Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 19 January 2011 were approved as a true record

Proposed: Peter Rice Secoded: John Taylor

2 Matters Arising

1 Peter Rice

(i) Item 2.3 Peter reported that he had still not heard anything from the WRU about the agreed list of equipment being available but he had heard on the grape vine that the items would be available within the next two weeks or so **(Action PR)**

2 Caroline Roberts

(i) Item 9.3 Caroline reported that liaison was ongoing between Nigel Roberts and Steve Roberts that strengthened the transition of players between the Under 16s and the youth side. It was noted that work was ongoing to ensure that this was achieved as smoothly as possible

3 Paul Wagner

(i) Item 14.2 Paul confirmed that he would be chasing the Local Authority to sort out the Christmas raffle arrangements **(Action PW)**

4 Brian Roberts

(i) Item 14.5 Brian had not been able to take the matter of the Canadian trip this summer any further but it was only in abeyance at present and would be revived towards the end of the season but in the meantime those who may be interested would be canvassed

3 Secretary's Report

1 Max reported as follows:-

i there was a certain amount of correspondence from the WRU which he advised was available for everybody to see

- ii confirmed that Josh Leach was now registered as a Colwyn Bay player and he gave a special thanks to Macclesfield RFC who had been very co-operative in speeding the transfer through quickly. Also noted that Matthew Jones and Ieuan Rhys Jones, two Colwyn Bay registered youth players were now registered as senior players
- iii Max also reported that Jack Roberts, a youth registered player had now transferred to Glamorgan Wanderers. It was apparent also that his home address was now in Pwllheli
- iv that he had had correspondence from the WRU about Ben Evans' red card in the Ruthin match and that the appeal was pending. The hearing was set for 1 March but Max had had an indication from Ben that he would be working away then and was awaiting details from Ben of confirmation of this from his employers (Action MEH)
- v further report that there had been a lot of exchange of views about senior players registering or not with the RGC and clearly there needs to be some clarification as to how this was to be organised on a week week basis
- vi there had been an offer of a course for Dave Jones to go on in Wrexham on 6 March about grounds' maintenance. It was cost free but the Club would be required to join the Institute of Groundsmen at a cost of £104.00. It was not clear whether this was an annual fee or not. It was agreed that PR would discuss with Dave (Action PR)
- vii Max had met with Geoff Taylor and Gary Cooper about the Mochdre Football Tournament and had subsequently written to him with health and safety concerns which Gary had replied to. Confirmed that the Committee approved the holding of the tournament although a concern was raised about steel pins/pegs used to hold down goal nets to be removed after the function. It was suggested by Martin that they should be held down with bright yellow pegs which would be much easier to spot for removal. Gary to be advised accordingly (Action MEH) The Committee unanimously agreed that they would support the tournament
- viii Max reported that the S4C Quiz night had taken place as indicated but unfortunately it was not well attended and the committee felt that there was too short notice given by S4C of their request to hold the event at the Club. Reported however that it was a very good evening enjoyed hugely by those that took part

4 Treasurer's Report

1 Peter reported balances as at 16 February 2011 as follows:-

Current Account	£ 6,494.53	
Reserve Account	£ 13,501.57	
Seahorse Club	£ 2,050.32	
Paul Jones Fund	£ 9,566.59	(this fund is a discrete entity within the Club's normal activities and

does not form part of the Club's accounts or balance sheet)

He was happy to report that the Club was currently solvent

The Committee thanked Peter for his ongoing hard work in keeping the Club's finances in order

5 First XV

- 1 A query was raised about continuing availability of the 3G pitches at the college. The Committee agreed that the present arrangements for training at the college should be repeated for next year from beginning of November to end of February
- 2 Caroline was to liaise with Stuart Rowicki of Food Glorious Food about catering options they may be able to provide for the Club including Players Dinner in future years **(Action CR)**
- 3 Nobody available from the coaching or the playing side for the First XV so no players report available. There had only been one re-arranged fixture in fact since the last meeting which was a mid-week fixture under lights against Ruthin away which had been lost 33 – 0. It was noted however that the team had performed strongly in the second half conceding only 6 points. Upcoming crunch fixture against Pwllheli this Saturday away

6 Second XV Report

Max reported as follows:-

- 1 Dougie Graham as second team captain and other players were trying to organise an end of season night out
- 2 the team were third from bottom of the league at present and like the first team it was reported that they had only played once since the last meeting on 5 February against a strong and unbeaten Ruthin second XV and lost 8 – 0 in a very good performance led by a very heroic presence of Phil “Goose” Roberts leading the pack at number 8
- 3 Two other games had been postponed because of weather
- 4 A new league scenario had been put forward for next year and which had been discussed at the end of the North Wales Rugby Council two days ago. The proposal was that the season would start as at present with the East and West League Clubs playing each other once by mid-November then a new league of 8 comprising of the top four Clubs and the East and West forming a new division 4 for the remaining part of the season. It was proposed that the other teams would form Division 5 North as a merit table playing on a home and away basis for the rest of the season

7 Youth XV

Steve Roberts had sent in his apologies but had presented a written report as follows:-

“Matches

One league game since last meeting held on 5 February 2011 against Mold. A good game and performance by our lads but unfortunately we lost 5 – 16. There is a need to catch up on a lot of games since no games at all were played in January 2011 and currently looking at playing mid-week matches on Wednesday nights. All were to be informed when the games had been arranged

Training

Youth training started on a Thursday the previous week at the college 3G pitch and the whole session was with the seniors. There was a good attendance – 22 in total training and all appeared to have enjoyed the experience

Youth Dinner

Steve has contacted the chef from the Cricket Club as suggested by Andy Lee but unfortunately he has a function on at the Cricket Club on 13 May so will not be able to provide catering. Suggested that Food Glorious Food, Stuart Rowicki may be able to help”

8 Juniors

Caroline reported that:-

- 1 Most of the age groups playing schedules had been badly interrupted by the weather
- 2 as a way forward to smooth the passage from Under 16 to Youth level suggested there should be pre-season joint training sessions to include past Youth players also. That opportunity could be used to chase up registration details and ensure players continuing involvement with the Club
- 3 Junior Presentation Day pencilled in for 8 May

9 Facilities Update

Paul Wagner reported that the car parking had been marked out at the rear of the Clubhouse and he had carried out some paving and general maintenance work. Many thanks to Paul for his work at the Club

10 Bar and Catering

Peter reported as follows:-

- 1 He had met with the brewery rep and following negotiation he reported that the brewery had increased our discount which had negated half the price increase of 5%. Since we had not increased prices following the VAT increase in January and in light of those negotiations, he had reviewed our prices and had

to conclude that unfortunately they would be increased by 10p across the board from 1 March. He re-iterated that this still made our prices extremely competitive and had the discount not increased, a 20p increase would have been his recommendation. Peter's recommendation was approved by the Committee and it was noted that Wednesday discounted prices would remain the same. He had been speaking to somebody from Mochdre called Amanda who might be able to provide catering in place of Maxine on a long term basis

11 Mochdre Football Tournament

See back under item 3 vii

12 Paul Jones Fund – Player Support Subsidies

- 1 It was reported that Callum Mitchell had received £300.00 towards his training costs in South Wales from the fund
- 2 Query as to who would be the two players who might be going to Canada during the summer

13 Junior Tour Costs

Caroline conveyed to the Committee that about six weeks ago some parents had expressed concern to her and other members of the Junior Committee about costs of some tours being too high. There was a query about whether the cost of tours should be capped at somewhere between £175.00 and £200.00 per head. The Committee agreed to ask Craig Roberts, Junior Chairman and Caroline to liaise with the Junior Committee to consider the matter further and report back to Brian and Peter with suggestions in due course (Action CR/BR/PR)

14 Any Other Business

- 1 it was reported that Anthony Edwards had passed his referee level 1. The Committee noted with pleasure that a youth player was prepared to take this responsibility on
- 2 There were some new members including 16 – 18 year old lady members
- 3 The fire alarm had been tested
- 4 Brian was to liaise with Alwyn Jones, Secretary North Wales Rugby Council and with Clive Griffiths (North Wales Coach) about trying to avoid selecting our best players for regional friendlies when they were really required for our first team to help in the relegation battle (Action BR)
- 5 Geoff reported that there had been three accident reports, details of which had been passed on to Max to keep in the accident book

Meeting Closed 9.05 pm

ACTION REQUIRED

Peter Rice 2.1 (i) 3vi 13

Paul Wagner 2.3(i)

Max Eames Hughes 3 iv 3vii

Caroline Roberts 5.2 13

Brian Roberts 14.4 13