

COLWYN BAY Rugby Football Club

Minutes of the Meeting of the Colwyn Bay Rugby Club Executive Committee Held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16 September 2009

Present: Ron Burke Allan Jenkins Dave Brown Mandy Lumby Dave Edwards
Peter Rice Dilwyn Jones Geoff Taylor Jon Shaw Max Eames Hughes
Brian Roberts Tony Lumby

Apologies: None

1 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 15 July 2009 were approved as a true record. There were no minutes available from the meeting of 19 August.

2 **Treasurers Report**

1 Peter Rice reported balances as follows:-

Current Account	£ 6,014.38
Reserve Account	£ 4,484.95
Seahorse Club	£ 1,475.32

2 Peter further reported that the Club was solvent and with income from the bar now increasing with the start of the season and with new subscriptions coming in, the situation was improving. To date he could tell that Senior Subs of £1,700.00 and Junior Subs of £4,505.00 had been paid. He expected the first instalment of income from the WRU during September and a second instalment of the grant from Bay of Colwyn Town Council in October but those monies would be used to pay the final bills for the floodlights project. Peter advised prudence in view of the uncertainty of continuing sponsorship of Egniol following their restructuring

3 Dave Edwards again raised the question of the Paul Jones fund and why the Treasurers Report did not include these. Peter agreed that this figures would be incorporated in his report to the next meeting (**Action PR**)

3 **Secretary's Report**

Jon Shaw reported as follows:-

1 he had received a creditors list from Egniol Ltd. It appeared that Egniol had been reconstructed as a new Company and Brian was talking to the new powers that be at the new organisation concerning continuing sponsorship

2 that he had received new anti-doping regulations from the WRU

3 he had received details of the SWALEC Cup/Plate/Bowl in which we were not involved in view of our failure to fulfil the Brecon fixture last January

4 that he had received notification that the WRU Disciplinary Regulations had been renewed and could be viewed on the WRU website

5 that a new player registration form had been produced. He urged that steps be taken quickly to register any new players in the Club

- 6 he reported that the SWALEC National League Rules had been received and that he had a copy of them. These rules clarify that the Club that finished in 10th place in the table of Division 1 North at the end of 2009/10 would be relegated to Division 2 North in the 2010/11 season. Also confirmed that the top Club in Division 2 North 2009/10 will be promoted to Division 1 North in the 2010/11 Season. Full rules available from Jon Shaw or Max Eames Hughes.
- 7 that Aled Zachery had now joined Chester and that Tom Lewis Jones had applied for dual registration with Chepstow with Colwyn Bay remaining as his primary Club
- 8 unfortunately due to a mix up at Rydal Gary Watson had confirmed availability of the all-weather pitch for training on Mondays from 23 November to 14 December and from 7 January next year to 11 February next year from 7 pm to 9 pm. Also reported that Dawn Swanson at Rydal had taken over as bursar with the responsibility for the booking of facilities
- 9 that we had 12 registered referees but he noted there would be ramifications for the Club if they refereed in unrecognised games. It was important that those referees should have CRB certification and that the appropriate insurance was available for the Level 1 referees
- 10 that the WRU AGM was to take place in Port Talbot on 27 September 2009 at 11 am. It was agreed that Geoff Taylor and Ron Burke may be able to attend on behalf of the Club
- 11 there had been a request from some South Walian cyclists for sponsorship in relation to a prostate cancer charity. Agreed that we would contribute £20.00 and Pete Rice would organise the gift
- 12 there were exhibitions opening at the leisure centre in Colwyn Bay for the Park Eirias development on 17 September and further exhibitions over the week 18 – 25 September

5 First XV

- 1 In Mark Earl's absence Dave Brown reported that the 2 games so far have not gone well but the training with Ben Owen on a Tuesday was going well and that the Thursday game training was oriented well and Haydn Phillips with his backs perspective was doing well. The players all recognised that they should all keep positive.
- 2 The Committee were aware that Mark's dual role of Manager and Coach of the First Team was imposing a burden on him that he could not be expected to continue with and Dave Brown agreed that he would ask the players whether they would help with some of the management roles with regard to getting the kit washed, the bottles filled and other management chores. (Action DB/ME)

6 Second XV

- 1 Max reported one game so far this season with a 73 – 0 loss against Shotton. A lot of new players some of whom had not played a Club game before.
- 2 Max was impressed however with the commitment by the newcomers and the Second Team regulars and although victories may be hard won and difficult to come across this season he was positive that the commitment was there and would ensure that fixtures were fulfilled for the rest of the season
- 3 Max reported also that Llandudno had joined the North East Counties league to fill the gap created by Denbigh Seconds promotion last season

7 Youth XV

Allan reported that numbers were good with 25 – 30 regularly down at training on Wednesday. The season had started off very well with a victory against Llangollen 53 – 5. We had to lend them 5 of our players but we were very grateful that they had managed to make the trip. There was a second fixture, a friendly against Llandudno last Saturday which we won 29 -3. The real test perhaps may be this coming weekend when we have Rhyl at home but it was pleasing to note that we were at present top of our league.

8 Womens XV

No report

9 Juniors/Girls

- 1 Mandy reported that 262 children were registered with the Junior Section
- 2 So far as the Under 15 and Under 18 Mermaids are concerned, there were matches against Sandbach last Sunday which the Under 15's won 52 -22 and the Under 18's won 20 – 10. This weekend there was a tournament for both groups and on 3 October there were matches away against Glossop for both groups
- 3 Mandy further reported that the Juniors had had a series of games both home and away against Denbigh last Saturday with the Under 7's winning 6 tries to 2 the Under 8's drawing 5 tries each the Under 9's losing 4 tries to 6 and in another game 3 tries to 6 the Under 10's lost 7 tries to 1 the Under 11's lost their two games 40 – 26 and 35 – 25 the Under 12's lost 51 – nil but the Under 13's won 32 – 5 the Under 14's lost 7 – 45 the Under 15's won 19 – 12 and the Under 16's won 60 -10
- 4 Mandy also reported that looking forward very much to the lights being switched on to increase the training facilities but the Junior Section had no particular input as yet as to whether there should be a switching on ceremony

9 Facilities Update

- 1 Geoff Taylor reported the following matters:-

- i Disclaimer of Liability signs have been erected on the car park
- ii the gutters had been cleared
- iii Dave Brown and Dave Jones were to liaise about the painting of the changing rooms. There was an indication that Dave Brown in his role as a community service manager may be able to organise help in this respect (Action DB)
- iv the gym door needed work to it which Ron Burke was seeing to (Action RB)
- v so far as the light by the gate is concerned it now transpired that the college would not be able to help with this
- vi the salt box would be arriving in November
- vii Ron Burke would see to the passageway ceiling and the fascia at the Club (Action RB)
- viii Dilwyn Jones and Ron were also seeing to the compressor cover (Action DJ/RB)
- ix Geoff reported that the fence at the rear had been done
- x Ron indicated to the Committee that he was very busy at College at the moment and his time was therefore somewhat limited and perhaps Geoff, as facility manager should consider employing somebody to help him with the jobs that needed doing. Some concern expressed at the cost of this and it was going to be necessary if the jobs could not be done in-house, that the jobs themselves would be priced. It was indicated that Dave Brown with his community workers may be able to help with this. It was further noted that the tiling in the gents toilet needed attention (Action DB)

10 Health and Safety

- 1 Geoff Taylor confirmed that the fire alarm had been tested
- 2 Noted that Geoff had not got a copy of the health and safety policy and Max would arrange for him to have a copy (Action MEH)

11 Bar and Catering Report

Brian reported that function prices had been reviewed and bar turnover needed to be kept a close eye on

12 Floodlights/Pitch 3 Update

- 1 Jon Shaw reported that most of the trenches for the wiring had been filled in. The Colwyn Bay working party had all done their work and the electrician has finished his work and a new meter was to be fitted on Friday of this week which Andy would sort and the power would be off between 9 am and 5 pm.

- 2 Jon reported that the cost of electricity had been raised to 14p per unit during the day and 11p per unit at night, standing charge of £145.00 per month. We were now classified as bigger business and prices may very well have been increased for no good reason. Agreed that Peter Rice and Brian Roberts would discuss the pricing situation with Scottish Power. A huge vote of thanks was proposed for Jon Geoff Ron with help from other members including Paul Edwards for all the hard work that had been done over the summer **(Action PR/BR)**

- 3 it was agreed that we should have a switch on ceremony on Thursday 29 October. Also noted that there was a vets game to be organised on 6 November by Peter Rose and Dave Jones. Jon agreed to organise a switch on ceremony on 29 October which would involve inviting sponsors and hopefully all the junior sides would be present **(Action JS)**

13 Suggestions Book

Jon reported that there were no new suggestions in the Suggestions Book

14 Bar Diary

Thursday 17 September	6pm – 9 pm	Sport Conwy
Friday 18 September	7 pm	Private Function
Saturday 19 September		Private Party
Monday 21 September	Daytime	Foster Carers Association
	6pm – 8 pm	North Wales Rugby
Tuesday 22 September		Foster Carers Association
Wednesday 23 September		Conwy Borough Council Day
Thursday 24 September		Foster Carers Association
Friday 25 September	7.30 pm	Private Party
Saturday 26 September	7.30 pm	Private Party
Thursday 1 October		Conwy Borough Council
Friday 2 October		Private Party
Saturday 3 October		Private Party
Monday 5 October		Junior Committee Meeting
Wednesday 7 October		Conwy Borough Council
Saturday 10 October		Private Party

Sunday 11 October	North Wales Under 18 v Dragons
Wednesday 14 October	Foster Carers Association
Friday 16 October	Probation Meetings
Saturday 17 October	Private Party
Tuesday 20 October	Foster Carers Association

15 Any Other Business

1 Sponsors Day

It was agreed by the Committee that this would be held on 17 October and would incorporate charitable presentations to Alderhey to include monies raised at the sponsored try event. Jon Shaw Brian Roberts and Dave Brown would liaise to organise **(Action JS/BR/DB)**

2 North Wales AGM

Ron reported that he had attended this and there had been a presentation by the performance director of the WRU Joe Lydon who presented a 5 year plan for North Wales Rugby which was ambitious and was subject to major sponsors coming forward to finance it. Also noted that Canadian players would be joining the North Wales squad in January next year at the cost of Rugby Canada with 14 Canadian players helping the first year reducing by 4 each year to allow assimilation of North Wales based players. Furthermore WRU have agreed to an academy being set up in North Wales. Also pointed out that Eirias Park would be subject to a £2,000,000.00 refit to include relaying of the pitch and providing corporate boxes. Total costs of about £5,000,000.00 envisaged. Also envisaged that annual running costs would be about £500,000.00 per annum.

3 Memberships

Dave Edwards reported that there were 10 Life Members 38 Gold Membership 15 Full Members (8 unpaid) 3 Players Membership (37 unpaid) 68 Family Membership (3 unpaid) 17 Youth Membership. Of the 68 Family Membership 57 came through the junior registration system. 10 Social Membership (7 unpaid) 1 Women Membership (8 on the books last year). The Committee agreed that there should be a meeting between the managers captains and coaches of the First and Second Teams with Dave to discuss what could be done about the paying of memberships and subs **(Action DE/ME/MEH)**

4 Local Marketing Jon Shaw and Dave Edwards were to organise a leaflet for distribution amongst 500 local neighbours advertising the attractions at the Club which of course were not just rugby **(Action DE/JS)**

5 Jon reported that the website had been affected by a virus which he was working hard and long hours to sort out

6 Allan Jenkins indicated that it would be helpful if the Club was open on Wednesdays and if he could have a key

- 7 Dave Brown proposed a game against Bangor who it had been noted had won the right to free professional coaching having been selected as the worst Club side in Wales. Dave Brown would speak to Peter Rose about organising a fixture (**Action DB**)

Meeting Closed 10.10 pm

ACTION REQUIRED

DB	5.2	9(iii)	9(x)	15.1	15.7
DJ	9(iii)				
ME	5.2	15.3			
RB	9(iv)	9(vii)	9(viii)		
DJ	9(viii)				
MEH	10.2	15.3			
JS	12.3	15.1	15.4		
BR	12.2	15.1			
DE	15.3	15.4			
PR	2.3	12.2			