

## COLWYN BAY Rugby Football Club

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Colwyn Bay Rugby Club Executive Committee Held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17 November 2010

**Present:** Brian Roberts Max Eames Hughes Bryn Williams Caroline Roberts  
Martin Rees Andy Lee John Taylor Dave Edwards Geoff Taylor

**Apologies:** Paul Wagner Peter Rice

**1** The Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 27 October 2010 were approved as a true record. **Proposed** Martin Rees **Seconded** Andy Lee

#### **2 Matters Arising**

##### **1 Brian Roberts**

(i) Item 3.1(i) Brian reported that he was hoping to sort out the formal handover of funds raised to Welsh Air Ambulance during the first home game in December which he was hoping to make a Sponsors Day also **(Action BR)**

##### **2 Max Eames Hughes**

(i) Item 3.2(i) Max reported that even though he had written reminders to Bro, no further response had been received even though they have been advised in writing that a reply by tonight's meeting would have been appreciated

(ii) Item 4.5 Max was continuing to chase up the WRU to get Dave Edwards nominated as an authorised user of the WRU portal **(Action MEH)**

(iii) Item 8 Max explained he had not yet had an opportunity of liaising with the Tiliwardanes about girls' Rugby at the Club **(Action MEH)**

##### **3 Geoff Taylor**

(i) Item 11(i) Geoff reported that the work outlined was being taken on board by the Saturday working party

(ii) Items 11(ii) Geoff would proceed to take action as identified as  
- 11(iv) necessary in his Health and Safety report

(iii) Item 16.4 Geoff reported that the Accident Book had been started and there was one accident report which he had passed over to Max as secretary to file

##### **4 Peter Rice**

(i) Item 12.3 Peter would be liaising with Brian as to improvements in stock levels to increase bar profits **(Action PR/BR)**

- (ii) Item 14 It was reported that Peter had ordered an agreed list of equipment on the WRU Participating Points scheme. The equipment ordered was worth about £8,000.00 and he would be liaising with Craig Roberts, Junior Chairman as to distribution of the items in question when they arrived (Action PR)
- (iii) Item 16.3 Reported that Peter's organisation of the Players Dinner next year was ongoing (Action PR)

### 3 Secretary's Report

Max reported as follows:-

- 1 He had had 4 days notice that deadline for orders for the WRU participation points scheme was 8 November. Subsequently advised on 5 November that it was extended to 23 November by which time we had complied with the earlier deadline and have now been told that our order cannot be changed. The orders that were made were selected by Pete and referred to Craig and Caroline for comment
- 2 Issue with one of our members and referee Paul Macalinden who had complained to WRU and Mold about being abused by Mold spectators in an Under 12 game. Pleased to note that it was dealt with very firmly and quickly by Mold to Paul's satisfaction
- 3 Correspondence from Regional Rugby Wales Chief Executive Stuart Gallagher seeking support in the way they deal with the WRU. No need to be involved
- 4 Max reported that he had been supplied earlier in the season with 20 referee report cards for us to comment on referees' performances in Senior Games. Had put them to one side because he felt they would have very little effect unless similar reports from our opponents were made but in the meantime had discussed it with Elwyn Thomas who had indicated that he would be more than willing to organise unilateral reports for home First XV Games. To liaise with him about future match referee reports (Action MEH)
- 6 Had some communication from WRU regarding:-
  - 1 Details of Referee Appointments for November for 1<sup>st</sup> XV
  - 2 Priorities for Referee Appointments for fixtures below National League Level which is as follows:-
    - i District Clubs First
    - ii WRU Seconds
    - iii Youth
    - iv District Seconds/Thirds
    - v Friendlies
- 7 Had had a number of ticket invoices which he'd passed on to Peter for the Autumn Internationals

## 5 Treasurer's Report

- 1 In Peter Rice's absence Brian reported the balances as at 12 November 2010 as follows:-

Current Account	£ 4,428.00	
Reserve Account	£ 4,500.81	
Seahorse Club	£ 2,010.32	
Paul Jones Fund	£ 9,560.11	(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)

- 2 It was confirmed that the Club was currently solvent and that income FloGas, our main sponsor had now been received and also a cash back from the WRU for the autumn international ticket sales. Monies received from FloGas and other sponsors amounted to £7,696.25 and the cash back was worth £2,035.50. Another £2,000.00 was also due from sponsors and it was reported that we were looking to Sportsmatch funding of somewhere between £8,500.00 and £9,000.00. Brian reported that there would be a meeting in the next two or three weeks to take that issue further

## 6 First XV

- 1 Bryn reported that there were no league fixtures in November and the last game that had been played had been on 30 October when a side much depleted by injuries and work commitments had lost in the first round of the SWALEC plate against Pwllheli 17 – nil away.
- 2 Training had been difficult with numbers, the bad weather had not helped but the 3G pitch at the College would now be available during the cold winter months every Thursday for an hour.
- 3 There was a long injury list which was affecting players with a possibility that Chris Hughes (shoulder) may be out for the season as well as Sion Thomas (knee) and Lem Hocknell (knee/shoulder/back). Bryn himself also had knee problems as did Adam Vallor. Mark Edwards Barry Cravetto and Tom Williams had working commitments that may mean that they would not be available regularly on Saturday. There were also players from away including Tom Duffy Alex Jones and Alex Fowler who would travel to help with key league fixtures. Possibility that other former players may be able to assist and Brian promised that he would chase them up to see if anything could be achieved **(Action BR)**

## 7 Second XV

- 1 Max reported that since that since the last meeting only one Seconds game had been played because of Autumn Internationals and 30 October was a spare Saturday. The only game was against Abergele Seconds under lights on 10 November at home which was lost 32 – 17. We had been 17 – 5 down and fought back to 17 – 17 but lost a couple of players to injury. They made some interesting subs and scored three tries in the last ten minutes

- 2 Max noted that there were six second team players and one youth player in the First XV squad that played at Pwllheli away in the SWALEC plate on 30 October. We had lost 17 – nil but it was a spirited show
- 3 Max iterated that player shortage is a real problem and it was a concern whether the Club could fulfil two fixtures this coming Saturday being the First XV game against Caernarfon away in round two of the North Wales Cup and the Second XV game against Ruthin away which was a re-arranged Division 4 East League game
- 4 Max reported there had been a meeting in Shotton on 4 November of the Division 4 East League which basically agreed that matches in the league could not any longer be conceded but if not played before the end of the season would result in a 5 – 0 points award to the initially disappointed team

## **8 Youth XV**

No report in Allan's absence

## **9 Juniors**

- 1 Caroline reported that Callum Mitchell had been selected for Wales Under 16 squad. The committee expressed their congratulations to him and it was agreed that the Club would assist him with any unusual travel expenses he may have out of the Paul Jones fund.
- 2 Reported that there would be bag packing fundraising days at Asda on 21 22 and 23 December as well as the Colwyn Bay round table float and a junior disco to raise funds
- 3 Last weekend all games against Pwllheli had been honoured
- 4 The Club noted with approval how the Junior Section was continuing to thrive under Craig Roberts as the new Chairman

## **10 Facilities Update and Health and Safety Report**

- 1 Geoff reported that the Saturday Working Party was underway with one member of the Committee and one First Team Member as a result of which some work was done. He reported that a new metal ladder had been obtained
- 2 He reported the fire alarms had been tested and that the accident book was now up to date
- 3 The painter, Ken, had done a lot of refurbishment including the re-varnishing of the bar top and painting the kitchen. Also reported that electrical problems in the changing room would need resolving with a separate fuse box and that new lights had been installed over the car park at a price of £500.00
- 4 Also reported that an NICEIC report had been done

## 11 Bar and Catering

- 1 Brian, in Peter's absence, reported that there was a function anticipated every weekend up until Christmas and that bar takings had been good during the Autumn Internationals so far, with over £2,000.00 taken over the bar last weekend. It was agreed that the Club bar would be open on the Friday evening of the Fiji game
- 2 Many thanks to Dave Jones and Maxine Biggs for helping with a successful all Wales Colleges 10's Tournament which had drawn some very talented players from South Wales and encouraging remarks from the organisers about the quality of the facilities

## 16 Any Other Business

- 1 Bryn promised to chase outstanding First Team Player subs (Action BW)

Meeting Closed 8.50 pm

### ACTION REQUIRED

BR	2.1(i)	4.(i)	6.3
MEH	2.2(ii)	2.2(iii)	3.4
PR	4(i)	4(ii)	4(iii)
BW	16		