

## COLWYN BAY Rugby Football Club

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Colwyn Bay Rugby Club Executive Committee Held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 18 November 2009

**Present:** Ron Burke Dilwyn Jones Jon Shaw Allan Jenkins Peter Rice  
Graham Davies Max Eames Hughes Dave Edwards Mark Earl Brian  
Roberts

**Apologies:** Dave Brown

**1** The Minutes of the last meeting held on 21 October 2009 were approved as a true record. Proposed Dilwyn Jones Seconded Dave Edwards

#### **2 Matters Arising**

**1** Unanimously proposed and seconded that Diane should be rewarded for all she does for the Club in typing minutes and sorting programmes etc

#### **2 Dave Brown**

a) Item 2.1(b) Apparently Dave was going to organise doing the risk assessment for the painting of the changing rooms before Christmas **(Action DB)**

#### **3 Dilwyn Jones**

a) Item 2.2(a) Dilwyn thought the weather was too uncertain to do anything about the compressor cover during the winter and there would be no issues arising if the matter was postponed to early Spring next year

#### **4 Ron Burke**

Item 2.4(a) and (b) Ron said he was continuing to liaise with Dave Brown and Geoff Taylor to sort out the passageway ceiling and the fascia at the Club and indeed the gym door which it was understood that Dave Brown would be organising obtaining a disc cutter to enable the wall to be cut to the appropriate size **(Action DB/GT)**

#### **5 Dave Edwards**

Item 4.3 Dave was continuing to chase up the provision of the slate commemorative plaque **(Action DE)**

Item 15.8 Dave had liaised with Ron and Dave to distribute the 500 leaflets around the Dinerth Road area **(Action RB/DJ)**

#### **3 Secretary's Report**

Jon reported as follows:-

- 1 he had been asked by North Wales to allow the pitches to be used for a North Wales Under 20's game against Cheshire on 6 January 2010. We could agree this but it will depend on pitch conditions
- 2 that the premises licence for the year had been received
- 3 that he had received the Egniol report to creditors
- 4 he reported that Dave Jones felt that the pitch should not be used for training until further notice in view of the difficult weather
- 5 also some concern had been expressed by Dave about staff abuse

#### **4 Treasurer's Report**

- 1 Peter reported as follows:-

Current Account	£ 4,049.80	
Reserve Account	£ 4,985.71	
Seahorse Club	£ 1,595.32	
Paul Jones Fund	£ 10,032.49	(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)

Figures show that the Club is currently solvent. Outstanding cheques against the account of £1,894.00 and outstanding invoices due to the Club for October lettings etc are £2,269.00

#### **5 First XV**

- 1 Mark reported that the First XV was in serious difficulties and that he had been able to take no more than 15 to the recent cup game in Llangefni. The first and second squad at the moment, due to injuries was no bigger than 20. There were about 6 injuries and only 10 at training last week where Mark was the only first team player
- 2 He was concerned that he was having to do every management chore for the team, including running the line. Very few supporters there and matters had become so stretched that Mark himself had had to go on the field of play
- 3 There had been a letter received from Llangefni, concerned about the team not staying behind for a meal to which Jon Shaw had replied. There had been some concern about the lack of hot water at Llangefni
- 4 The Committee felt that the First XV should be given more general support by the Club generally and the Committee in particular. Some concern that the players themselves needed to be more energetic and pro-active in the organisational side of things and not leave everything to Mark
- 5 It was agreed that every step should be taken to make sure that the Club was open and lit on training nights and that at least 5 plus committee members went to away fixtures

- 6 Mark was to report back to the next committee meeting with further details but in the meantime the Committee agreed to a change to the first XV training nights to Mondays (Fitness) and Wednesdays (Tactics)

## **6 Second XV**

Max reported as follows:-

“Since the last Committee Meeting, the Second XV programme has been very thin on the ground although there is some hope for improvement.

On 24 October 2009 the scheduled league game against Rhyl Seconds was conceded because I was only able to raise 9 players by 9 pm on the Thursday before.

So far as the scheduled game on 31 October was concerned, this was to be the second leg of the Cup Game against Denbigh, the first leg of which we had lost 85 – 5. I had in fact already conceded the round to Denbigh because in the second half of the first leg they had lent us some players.

Instead on 31 October we combined with the First Team to play a friendly against Wrexham. The Seconds contributed 8 players to this side and the First Teamers Tom Williams Martin Cormack Lee Parkes Barry Cravetto Stephen Williams Danny Lycett Mike McDonogh Ben “Ginge” and Chris Hughes played with help also from Ian Marshall and Bryn Williams with the result that a victory was obtained 24 – 10.

At the last meeting the difficulty with obtaining players was highlighted and it was suggested that I make an approach to Llandudno to see if they could help. With that in mind and after an exchange of e-mails and a meeting at Llandudno Rugby Club, we were able to prepare for the Corwen Game on 14 November with a full side including 6 players from Llandudno. It had been agreed that the game would proceed as a friendly but in the event regrettably and due to the first rule of sods law, the game was postponed because both Colwyn Bay pitches and Llandudno pitches were declared unplayable due to water logging at 10.30 am on the day. Very disappointing.

I am still hopeful that the connection with Llandudno will continue. Our next scheduled game is away against Shotton on 5 December. The plan for this however, is for us to join with Llandudno at Llandudno this time for us to play against Rhyl Seconds at Llandudno. The Committee’s views on this would be appreciated. The only other scheduled game this year is against Llandudno Seconds the following week on 12 December, although it does appear that Flint or Caer may be available for a friendly on that day because their fixture has been moved. I could liaise with Peter Rose, Howie at Llandudno and the League to see what could be arranged. Suggested revised fixtures for the rest of the season attached”

## **7 Womens XV**

The Committee agreed that the women should be invited to the fitness sessions. Ron would liaise with Geoff to organise this. (Action RB/GT)

## **8 Youth XV**

- 1 Allan reported that there were over 20 persons at training regularly. They were playing well although they had lost recently to Ruthin 3 points to 8 and to

Mold 3 points to 22 and they were hoping for a friendly this coming Saturday against Newtown if the pitch was fit.

- 2 Allan expressed some concern that there had been a recent match where pitches had been swapped at the last moment. Max apologised. It had been his fault that the original allocation of pitch 1 to the Youth had been made without full consultation.

## **9 Juniors/Girls**

- 1 The Under 7s had had some good games against Flint but unfortunately the games against Pwhelli were cancelled last weekend, the Under 8s and Under 10s had been performing regularly and had a 50-50 record. The Under 12s and Under 13s were unfortunately at the moment struggling for numbers but every other age group was doing well.
- 2 So far as the girls were concerned, the Under 15s were winning most games but there were no Club games possible until next year because of regional games. Some concern that girls changing room was not necessarily allocated for their sole use and there had been quite a few incidents which the obtaining of white board would help resolve. They are to be obtained and the Junior Section would put them up
- 3 Mandy also reported that Under 7 shirts had been obtained sponsored by First Line Digital

## **10 Facilities Update**

- 1 Ron reported that not much progress had been made since the last meeting
- 2 Some concern that the main showers area was looking particularly run down and as a priority the Committee agreed that they needed to be sorted out. It was agreed that Graham would liaise with Geoff to get the project going to include 3 quotes from builders. Liaison would be necessary with Peter to do grant applications with a view to getting the situation sorted out by the start of 2010/11 season (Action GT/GD)

## **11 Health and Safety**

Ron reported that the fire alarm had been tested and was being done regularly by Dave Jones every month

## **12 Bar and Catering**

- 1 It was noted that the lettings out in the run up to Christmas were not high but bookings were almost full for the whole of January
- 2 At an outside do, organised at the Club last yesterday a toilet door had been irretrievably damaged. Peter Rice would sort out with Dave and the party organisers with regard to compensation (Action PR/DJ)
- 3 There was some discussion as to whether 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Parties should be allowed in the Club where the parents were Club members. It was agreed that there would be no relaxing of the rules about 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday Parties but the Committee would consider

requests for 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Parties on a case by case basis but would be requiring a deposit of £200.00. Jon reminded everyone that there was a Quiz Night on 12 December.

### **13 Suggestions Book**

There were no suggestions in the book but it was noted that the maintenance book contained a complaint about the container being unlocked on occasion with lights left on in the changing room. The committee stressed that the last person out should really be responsible for ensuring these matters were attended to.

### **14 Bar Diary**

19 November	Sport Conwy
23 November	WRU Tag
26 November	Foster Carers Association
28 November	Rhos United Charity Day
29 November	Childrens Private Party
3 December	NW Presentations
3 December	Possible Australia U18 Training
4 December	CBC
6 December	NW Under 18 Match
7 December	Junior Meetings
8 December	North Wales youth Meeting
9 December	Llandrillo Function
10 December	Private Party
11 December	WAG Meeting
12 December	Quiz Night
16 December	Senior Committee Meeting

### **15 Membership Update/New Applications**

Dave Edwards reported memberships as follows:-

Full	21
Life	10
Gold	37
Social	12

Family	73
Player	15
Youth	15
Women Players	4

A list was available of all members which would be supplied to Max and Jon

## **16 Any Other Business**

- 1 Dave Edwards confirmed that the flyers concerning the facilities at the Club would be delivered in very early course and he also confirmed that he was organising a silly tie competition in the Club house on 5 December  
**(Action DE)**
- 2 Mandy raised the question whether the Ref's changing room should have a lock on the inside but the Committee felt that this was not a good idea for security reasons
- 3 Mark Earl reported that he had received best wishes for the Club's success from Patrick Leach who had now signed up for the Dragons but was injured at present
- 4 Allan Jenkins made a request that the technical area should be marked out on pitches for Youth Games. Peter agreed that he would sort this out with Dave Jones **(Action PR)**
- 5 Brian reported that there would be no money from the WRU for Girls Under 15 rugby as they were not able to play as many as 10 games as was required to trigger WRU funding
- 6 Jon Shaw reported that Kenton Morgan from the North Wales Rugby Council and Gogledd Cymru Team Manager would give a presentation at the Club on 2 December concerning the Gogledd Cymru set up

**Meeting Closed 9.23 pm**

ACTION REQUIRED

DB	2.2	2.4	
GT	2.4	7	10.2
DE	2.5	16.1	
RB	2.5	7	
GD	10.2		
PR	12.2	16.4	