

## COLWYN BAY Rugby Football Club

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Colwyn Bay Rugby Club Executive Committee Held at 7.15 pm on Wednesday 19 January 2011

**Present:** Brian Roberts Max Eames Hughes Steve Roberts Peter Rice Ben Evans  
Caroline Roberts Paul Wagner Mark Earl Martin Rees Andy Lee John  
Taylor

**Apologies:** Graham Davies Bryn Williams Dave Edwards

**1** The Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 17 November 2010 were approved as a true record. **Proposed and Seconded**

#### **2 Matters Arising**

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

(i) Item 2.1(i) Brian reported that there had been a successful handover of monies raised for Welsh Air Ambulance during the Llandudno game in early December

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

(i) Item 2.2(ii) Max reported that Dave Edwards has now signed up as an authorised user of the WRU portal

##### **3 Peter Rice**

(i) Item 4.2 Peter reported that he had not yet heard from the WRU about the agreed list of equipment available from the WRU on the participating points scheme. He would liaise with Craig Roberts Junior Chairman to chase this up **(Action PR)**

#### **3 First XV Report/Player Shortage/Availability**

Mark reported that there had been one game since the last meeting on 17 November which was a game against Llandudno in the league which we had lost 22-10. This dearth of games had been caused by the Autumn Internationals and some difficulties with the weather. This had meant loss of momentum during November which had affected player availability. He was also aware that we had suffered two or three years of player shortage with it getting worse this year and it was increasingly difficult to field a competitive First XV and there was grave danger because of a shortage of suitably qualified props that we would have to start three games in a row with an uncontested scrum.

There was no simple answer to this and the reasons appeared to be a mixture of work commitments and injuries to senior players and the matter was compounded by RGC player availability

#### 4 RGC Selection Policy

The Committee expressed some concern about players being required to play for RGC not being available to turn out for the First XV on Saturdays. It was agreed that in no way would the Club want to stand in any player's way if they were selected for the RGC senior squad and indeed the Committee's congratulations went to Bryn Williams, Ben Evans, Mark Bratt and Alex Jones for being incorporated in that squad.

It was agreed however that Max as Secretary would write to the Secretary of the North Wales Rugby Council expressing our concerns about the dual registration set up and our concerns that we would want, if at all possible, to have players available for important fixtures crucial to our prospects of remaining in the First Division North (Action MEH)

#### 5 Secretary's Report

Max reported as follows:-

- 1 Boxing Day fixture proposed by Rhys Williams Rydal Vikings VRGC BR liaising. Did not proceed: pitch under a foot of snow
- 2 Communications from WRU:
  - 1 26 November re 6 Nations ticket allocation passed on to BR to deal with
  - 2 Details of Performance Analysis Software from Cardiff. Prices range from £700.00 plus VAT to £2,100.00 plus VAT. Bit too much for our budget. Passed on to Treasurer for comment
  - 3 Special excursion train to Scotland game if anyone interested
  - 4 Facilities Questionnaire from WRU which he had completed and sent back. Copies available
  - 5 Details of First Aid Courses passed on to Geoff
  - 6 Details of IRB interpretation changes plus policy on prohibited substances passed over to Mark Earl and Peter Rose
  - 7 Christmas letter from WRU CEO Roger Lewis which he had forwarded on to all members of the Committee
  - 8 Had details from WRU of changes of various Club's officials
- 3 Maxine appears to have resigned. Jill will cover until early in the New Year but long term solution needs to be found. Her mother had died. Sent her an "in sympathy" card on behalf of the Club
- 4 Had an e-mail from Gareth B Owen Williams from America paying tribute to Tim Crook's contribution to rugby in Colwyn Bay and North Wales

- 5 Minutes of last meeting e-mailed to Junior section on 26 November in time for their meeting on 6 December
- 6 On 18 November sent e-mail to Craig and Caroline enclosing a template for a Section 28 audit for voluntary agencies (safeguarding children) for comment
- 7 Welcome to Steve Roberts – new Youth rep on Senior Committee and thank you to Allan Jenkins for all his work over the years.
- 8 E-mailed Peter Owens WRU Youth Organiser about Tony’s concern about Ruthin’s lateness in informing us of the fact they were going uncontested. Peter replied on 1 December – not very satisfactorily passed it on to Tony for comment. Copies available
- 9 Had a flier from Mark Newton about his “edges of Wales” charity trip in his mobile scooter. Hoping to cover 1200 miles
- 10 Memo from Keith Nicholls at Mold suggesting that 1 bonus point be given to teams that at Youth Level finish game uncontested rather than get the 1 point for turning up
- 11 No Minutes yet received of meeting on 4 November 2010 of North East Counties League

## **6 Treasurer’s Report**

- 1 Peter reported as follows:-

Current Account	£ 2,654.17	
Reserve Account	£ 13,501.57	
Seahorse Club	£ 2,020.32	
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)

It was confirmed that the Club was currently solvent

- 2 The annual accounts are 90% prepared but still awaiting some figures for year end cheques and invoices outstanding. Should be completed by the end of this month and ready for inspection by the Accountant.
- 3 Meeting regarding Sportsmatch funding still has to be organised by Brian and Peter
- 4 The amount raised by the Junior Section annual bag packing was down this year at £1,148.00 compared to £3,266.00 last year. The figure is still very acceptable however. Thanks to the Junior Section members who were involved

## **7 Second XV**

Max reported as follows:

- 1 Since the last meeting played a re-arranged game V Ruthin 2s away on 20 November. Despite help from the 1sts: Ben, Ginge, Goose, Nathan, Sam Stevens we could not halt a tidal flow of scoring from a strong and settled Ruthin 2nds full of old heads and lost 58 - 0
- 2 Also on 27 November (I was away – thanks to Geoff for standing in as Manager) we played a Clwyd Cup game v Wrexham at home which we won 29 – 8. Again thanks to help from some 1<sup>st</sup> teamers Martin Cormack Tom Williams Goose and Ginge (also Gaz Williams from the youth). Great result but now cannot win the plate for the third year in a row.
- 3 Games cancelled because of weather v Denbigh away on 4 December, Llandudno on 8 January, Wrexham 2nds on 15 January. Game v Caer away on 22 January. Flint cancelled for want of players on 18 December but would probably have been cancelled because of weather anyway Llandudno, Wrexham, Caer, Denbigh and Flint games therefore to be rearranged
- 4 Semi-final of cup on 19 March at home v Denbigh 2s or Abergele 2s. (Some concern about playing Gaz because he is under 18 (but he played with parents consent. We could attract WRU sanctions – but what? Probably not covered by WRU serious injury insurance. WRU ruling is that Under 18s can only play senior rugby for an academy side if WRU dispensation is granted
- 5 Also had a league game V Mold on 11 December (again with 1<sup>st</sup> team players help) which we lost 33 – 25 having been 20 – 0 up at half time
- 6 Peter Rose is trying to reorganise fixtures so that we can play when the Firsts have not got a game and we can borrow a few in accordance with the rules. Player shortage a real problem. Getting the First Team out is always the priority though

## **8 Youth XV**

Steve Roberts reported as follows:-

- 1 He was organising the Youth Dinner on 13 May
- 2 There was a tour proposed to Rhiems at a cost of £200.00 per head
- 3 He was concerned that WRU insurance was available for youth players on tour
- 4 Steve proposed a very welcome proposal for the youth to start jointly training with the other senior players on a Thursday night before breaking off to train on their own. This would hopefully encourage senior player commitment and camaraderie throughout the playing section of the Club for all over 18 players

## **9 Juniors**

Caroline reported that:-

- 1 There had been further bag packing sessions at Asda
- 2 That there would be a trip by the junior Section to the Barbarians Wales game in the summer
- 3 Suggested that there should be liaison between the Under 16's and the Youth Section to try and lessen the fall off of players at that age. It was agreed that Caroline would liaise with Steve Roberts to ensure as smooth a transition as follows (**Action CR/SR**)
- 4 Noted that a few Saturday fixtures had been agreed with the Senior Section which would not cause any significant pitch clashes

## **10 Facilities Update**

In Geoff's absence no report was available but it was reported by Martin that the fire alarm had been regularly tested

## **11 Bar and Catering**

Peter reported as follows:-

- 1 Action has been taken in liaison with the Club Steward to improve stock levels and so maximise profit margins. The latest report from the stock taker indicates that we are moving in the right direction and the Steward has been congratulated on the improvements made so far. Monitoring of this will continue
- 2 Notification has been received from the Brewery of their annual price increase to take place in February. I will, therefore, be arranging a meeting with the Brewery rep to review our discounts following which I shall be able to decide what, if any, increases need to be made to our retail prices. Also bearing in mind the VAT increase

## **12 S4C Quiz Night**

This has been arranged at the Club. This would be a Welsh language evening with translation facilities which was taking place to promote S4C sports programming. John Roberts former Head Teacher at Ysgol Pen y Bryn and member of the Club, Mr Chairman and Dave Jones (Dave Caravans) were to be the members of our team who were to be pitched against an S4C team which would include former Welsh fly half Gareth Davies. It was hoped that many members would attend the evening

## **13 Festival of Sport Grant Application**

Brian and Peter reported that the application for a £250.00 grant was in hand

## 14 Any Other Business

- 1 Brian had received a request from Colwyn Bay Evening Cricket league as to whether we would have any objections to an artificial pitch being made available on the football pitches adjacent to the Club. The Committee agreed.
- 2 Paul was hoping to organise a Christmas Raffle in 2011 and would liaise with the Local Authority as to the requirements (Action PW)
- 3 There was a possibility that the Firsts would join in with Ben Thomas' physical training sessions on a Wednesday night
- 4 Noted that Under 16 player Callum Mitchell was involved at an All-Wales level as an Under 16 player. It was agreed in principle that the Club would assist with that players expenses in any way it could
- 5 Agreed that there would be another Canadian trip this summer which hopefully could be organised and hopefully again a reciprocal trip for two players from Canada might be arranged. Brian would liaise with Hugh Bach to further this (Action BR)

**Meeting Closed 9.05 pm**

### ACTION REQUIRED

Peter Rice	2.3
Max Eames Hughes	4
Caroline Roberts	9
Steve Roberts	9
Paul Wagner	14.2
Brian Roberts	14.5