

## COLWYN BAY Rugby Football Club

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Colwyn Bay Rugby Club Executive Committee Held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 20 January 2010

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

**Apologies:** Dilwyn Jones Neil Ashworth

**1** The Minutes of the last meeting held on 18 November 2009 were approved as a true record. Proposed Jon Shaw Seconded Peter Rice

#### **2 Matters Arising**

##### **1 Dave Brown**

Item 2.2(1) Dave confirmed that he had completed the risk assessment and was liaising with Geoff Taylor about getting the changing rooms painted. Also been suggested that tiling would be done too (Action DB)

##### **2 Ron Burke**

Item 2.4 As far as the works relating to the passageway ceiling, Club fascia and gym door he was liaising with Dave Brown and Geoff Taylor to get the work done. Delays had been inevitable because of the recent bad weather (Action RB)

##### **3 Dave Edwards**

Item 2.5 a Dave showed the Committee a proposed design for the new slate plaque which the Committee unanimously found unacceptable and he would be organising a new supplier (Action DE)

b Dave confirmed that the leaflet distribution would be organised soon with Dave Brown (Action DE/DB)

##### **4 Geoff Taylor**

Items 2.4  
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10.2 Noted that Geoff had not attended this meeting or the last meeting. It was not clear what his intentions were. Graham Davies agreed to speak to Geoff about the programme to refurbish the shower area and in that respect it was noted that Dave Jones had done a good job in painting them but it was agreed that it was necessary to obtain quotes from a local builder, perhaps a member like Dave Lewis. Plastic lining for the showers could be included. Agreed that the Chairman would also take the necessary steps to get this project

moving in consultation with Graham Davies Brian Roberts and Dave Brown. (Action GD/RB/BR/DB)

## 5 Peter Rice

- Item 12.2 Peter reported that £50.00 compensation had been received from the party organisers whose party had resulted in the toilet door damage
- Item 16.4 Peter confirmed that he had spoken with Dave Jones about the provision of a technical area being marked out on match days for all senior games including youth games

## 3 Secretary's Report

Jon reported as follows:-

- 1 he had received a long letter from Roger Lewis Group Chief Executive of the WRU concerning his plans for the development of rugby in Wales. The letter was available from Jon for inspection by anybody wishing to see it
- 2 Will Morecambe at North Wales Rugby had been in touch saying that he would like training facilities for his Under 16 and 18 North Wales sides. It was agreed that Dave Edwards Jon Shaw and Peter Rice would liaise with Will to agree prices and dates (Action DE/JS/PR)
- 3 he had had a letter from the Under 13s Manager asking the Club's permission to run a competition sponsored by the First Hyder. The Committee granted permission and also permission for the Under 13s to tour South Wales
- 4 agreed that the Junior Section's Malingerer's Dinner could be held on 20 February 2010

## 4 Treasurer's Report

- 1 Peter reported as follows:-

Current Account	£ 6,987.16	
Reserve Account	£ 4,986.17	
Seahorse Club	£ 1,595.32	
Paul Jones Fund	£ 11,077.71	(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)

Peter also reported that he had started work on the year ending accounts which he had 90% completed.

## 5 First XV

- 1 Mark reported that since the last Committee Meeting in November there had been only 2 games on 5 December against Pwhelli at home which had been lost 23-9 and on 12 December at home in the Cup against Llangefni – lost

41-nil. The game against Caernarfon on 9 January was postponed because of the weather. A friendly fixture had been organised against Bethesda away for this coming Saturday 23 January

- 2 Mark further reported that numbers at training had not improved and because of the lack of numbers, coaching at these sessions was not workable. Mark estimated that numbers at the College on Wednesdays with Ben were between 5 and 10 and on Mondays at Rydal were between 10 and 15
- 3 Dave Brown was trying to get the lads interested in some adhoc Thursday night training before big games and was trying to promote a pod system to encourage team spirit. It was agreed that the First Team members would really have to take some responsibility for attendance at training. Max agreed to encourage the Second Team to attend the first of these training sessions at the Club on 21 January (Action DB/MEH)
- 4 It was agreed that the Club's main priority was to try and win the 3 home games against Llandudno Denbigh and Bro Ffestiniog. It was agreed that the Committee would encourage as many spectators to these games as possible and lay on attractions at the Club on 1<sup>st</sup> XV match days to encourage participation. Dave Edwards agreed that he would mailshot all members with details of the games (Action DE)
- 5 Mark also reported that he was going to be available to manage/coach these 3 big home games but there were a number of other games that he would be unable to cover because of work commitments but he was hopeful he would be able to liaise with Haydn to cover for him (Action ME)

## 6 Second XV

Max reported as follows:-

- 1 Only 1 game had been possible since the last Committee Meeting in November. Co-operation from Llandudno was working well and the team had been organised to play Rhyl on 5 December but Rhyl had cancelled. Again on 2 January a fixture was possible against Abergele Seconds away which was lost by 20 points to 11. The team on that day had not relied on support from Llandudno as first team support was available from Dougie Graham Tom Williams Lee Parkes Callum Stronach Steve Williams Tom Lewis-Jones and Mike McDonogh. Again the fixture against Caer Borderers away on 9 January had been set up with enough players with Llandudno co-operation but unfortunately this game was postponed because of the weather. Max further reported that there was a game this Saturday against Flint Seconds when he was confident of being able to raise a team again with Llandudno's help
- 2 Max expressed his disappointment that the North East Counties League Secretary had not called a meeting with a view to re-organising the fixtures as Max had suggested at the last meeting. Max reported that it was probably now too late to do anything about re-organising the fixtures as there were only 2 scheduled league fixtures left after this Saturday (Rhyl Seconds at home and Corwen away) although the semi-finals of the plate against Llandudno 2s were in the schedule for 27 February and 24 April

- 3 Max would liaise with Peter Rose to find other friendly games to fill in the Saturdays including perhaps playing on International Saturdays at appropriate times (Action MEH)

## 7 Womens XV

Jon reported that Caernarfon Women would want a fixture against us in the early future

## 8 Youth XV

- 1 Allan reported that the weather had led to a number of cancellations of games. The game against Pwhelli for this coming Saturday had been cancelled but the lads were doing bag packing at Asda with a view to raising funds for their Northern Ireland tour which was earmarked to take place on the weekend of 20 March. The next game they had scheduled was against Wrexham at home on 30 January

## 9 Juniors/Girls

- 1 Mandy reported that a lot of recent games had been cancelled due to the weather but the Under 15s had recently drawn a game against Bangor and the Under 13s had managed to have games against Rhyl and Llangefni both which they had both won
- 2 Mandy reported some very excellent fund raising exercises by the Junior Section. Bag packing sessions on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Christmas had raised £3,266.00. The Youth in a recent fund raiser had raised about £900.00 and the Under 15 Mermaids had raised £996.00. The Committee wanted it to be known that they thought these efforts were brilliant and wanted their thanks to go to all involved for the remarkable efforts
- 3 Mandy also reported that the Under 7 – Under 12's santa sleigh fund raiser had raised approximately £1,000.00
- 4 Mandy reported that Julian Ferrari who is the North East Wales Development Officer had indicated that he would like to come to a committee meeting. The Committee confirmed that he had a standing invitation to attend

## 10 Facilities Update

- 1 In Geoff's absence Ron reported that the gym door would be erected he hoped within the next 2 weeks with Dave Brown's help and weather permitting. He thought that a combination lock on the door was the best solution. (Action RB/DB)
- 2 So far as the compressor cover at the rear of the premises is concerned he had noted that Dil was going to sort this out in the spring when the weather was better (Action DJ)

## **11 Health and Safety**

Ron reported in Geoff's absence that Dave regularly checks the fire alarm system. It was also noted that a new system had been installed at a cost of about £300.00.

## **12 Bar and Catering**

- 1 Peter reported that bar takings in the run up to Christmas were a bit slack but hopefully would now pick up as there were functions booked every Saturday until the end of February
- 2 he mentioned that we were struggling with obtaining bar staff on occasions as cover and asked committee members to think about anybody they knew who might be able to help
- 3 Peter reported that when outside functions used the Club from 8 pm onwards the Club was being used effectively for the Club hirer's exclusive use and impressed on members, especially players returning after away fixtures that this should be respected
- 4 Brian reported that he was having meetings with the brewery. It was noted that bar sales were up 12% this year and that an increase in bar prices was required because of brewery price increases. He noted that as far as turnover is concerned our turnover was approximately 80 barrels a year compared with the cricket clubs 340

## **13 Suggestions Book**

- 1 A comment from Dave Hedley concerning the Club allowing 16 year old birthday parties at the Club. See later under Any Other Business
- 2 The other suggestion in the book was an anonymous suggestion that the Suggestions Book should be tabled at each Committee Meeting which of course it was

## **14 Bar Diary**

21 January	Sport Conwy
23 January	65 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party
24 January	North Wales Under 16's Match Kick Off 2 pm
29 January	Members New Year Party
30 January	40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party
2 February	CBCC Property Services Meeting
6 February	30 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party England –v- Wales 5pm Kick Off
8 February	Tim Hoare WRU Meeting
10 February	TWG Meeting and WRU Tag Rugby

12 February	40 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party
13 February	50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party
15 February	Referees Meeting

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

Dave Edwards reported memberships as follows:-

Full	21	Same as reported at November Meeting
Life	10	Same as reported at November Meeting
Gold	37	Same as reported at November Meeting
Social	14	(2 more than at November Meeting)
Family	76	(3 more than at November Meeting)
Player	18	(3 more than at November Meeting)
Youth	16	(1 more than at November Meeting)
Women Players	4	Same as reported at November Meeting

## **16 Any Other Business**

### **1 Mochdre Junior Football Club Competition**

It was agreed that Jon and Max would meet with Gary from Mochdre Football Club with a view to discussing details of the competition with him in an effort to avoid the problems of last year which had arisen out of the sheer size of the competition (100 teams participated) and the lack of suitable marshalling. It was agreed that a decision as to whether the Club would support this competition would be made at the next meeting following further discussions with the organisers **(Action JS/MEH)**

### **2 16<sup>TH</sup> Birthday Events**

Ron raised concerns about whether alcohol was being supplied to attendees at such parties and whether there should be a blanket ban on allowing such parties on Club premises. It was agreed that no such ban would be imposed but that at these parties only soft drinks would be supplied to the party goers as had been the rule at previous such events. The Committee felt that Gill and Lou and all those persons serving behind the bar were very well aware of their responsibilities not to supply alcohol to underage persons. Ron was not aware of any complaints of underage drinking but stressed the issue was of continuing importance because of well publicised difficulties experienced by other local licensees

### **3 Lease Renewal**

Max mentioned that he had heard from CBCC concerning the lease renewal and it had now been agreed that a 50 year extension to the lease had been agreed in principle by the Council but difficulties had arisen as the Estates Department at the Council were now seeking to re-write the lease and require the Club to pay the CBCC's costs. Max would be writing in the strongest possible terms to the Council expressing the Committee's concerns about this. He would supply Jon with a copy **(Action MEH)**

#### 4 **Constitutional Amendments**

Dave and Max had met following Dave's representations to Committee concerning changes to categories of membership. Max and Dave had taken the opportunity of tidying up the Constitution and a draft document was made available for members of the Committee detailing the full changes which largely related to the new categories of membership, the non-payment of subs and the covering of temporary vacancies on the Committee and some other minor changes. It was agreed that members would consider the new rules before the February meeting and offer any feedback to Dave and/or Max with a view to a new agreed Constitution being made at the February meeting (Action DE/MEH)

5 Brian reported that the new handbooks had offered a very useful facility for members booking international tickets which had worked out very well although he still had some monies outstanding from Members for tickets allocated

6 Dave Brown was concerned that the Club should use the press more to raise the Club's profile and he had a couple of e-mail addresses that he would pass on to Jon for contacts (Action DB)

7 Mark confirmed that he would have continuing difficulty with assisting with the First Team coaching and management and perhaps steps should be taken to advertise for new persons to cover these positions especially First Team coaching. It was agreed that Jon and Mark would further discuss this matter with a view to considering how new blood in these positions could be attracted to the Club by way of advertising posts and perhaps financial incentives (Action JS/ME)

8 Dan Lycett was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. He was involved with PE at Aberconwy school and as such had contact with a number of pupils who may wish to play rugby at the Club. It was clear that schools rugby in North Wales in the state sector was not thriving but there were clearly a number of pupils who wanted to play the game. The Committee agreed to Dan acting as school liaison officer at the Club and that he should discuss further steps with John Broadway and the Junior committee with a view to the Club facilitating interschools games and increase pupil participation in rugby at the Club over the next year

9 Jon mentioned the belated New Year's Party at the Club on Friday 29 January at £5.00 per head. Members and guests all welcome. There would be a raffle with many prizes, entertainment would be provided by Carl James with a disco. The proceeds would be divided between the Club's chosen charity, Wales Air Ambulance Service and the Tour funds for the Under 10's and Youth Team. Jon hoped for a good attendance by Committee members

**Meeting Closed 9.28 pm**

ACTION REQUIRED

DB	2.1	2.3(b)	2.4	5.3	10.1	(5)
DE	2.3(a)	2.3(b)	3.2	5.4	16.4	(5)
RB	2.2	2.4	10.1			(3)
GD	2.4					(1)
PR	3.2					(1)
JS	3.2	16.1	16.7			(3)
MEH	5.3	6.3	16.1	16.3	16.4	(5)
ME	5.5	16.7				(2)
BR	2.4					(1)
DJ	10.2					(1)