

COLWYN BAY Rugby Football Club

Minutes of the Meeting of the Colwyn Bay Rugby Club Executive Committee Held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 21 October 2009

Present: Ron Burke Allan Jenkins Dave Brown Mandy Lumby Dave Edwards
Dilwyn Jones Jon Shaw Max Eames Hughes Tony Lumby

Apologies: Brian Roberts Peter Rice Geoff Taylor

1 The Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 September 2009 were approved as a true record. Proposed Jon Shaw. Seconded Dave Edwards

2 Matters Arising

(1) Dave Brown

- a) Item 4.2 Dave reported that Keith “Chunky” Pickering would organise first aid kit and water bottles for home and away games for the First XV
- b) Item 9.3 Dave Brown and Dave Jones would meet to sort out the painting of the changing rooms. Dave would do a risk assessment with a view to starting in November with his Community Service workforce **(Action DB)**
- c) Item 9.10 No action at this time (tiling in gents toilet)
- d) Item 15.1 It had been agreed that October 31 would be Presentation Day and Sponsors Day to include presentations of monies raised by the Club for Alder Hey hospital throughout last season
- e) Item 15.7 No progress made on Bangor game

(2) Dilwyn Jones

- a) Item 9.8 Dilwyn and Ron were liaising about the compressor cover **(Action DJ/RB)**

(3) Mark Earl

- a) Item 4.2 See above
- b) Item 15.3 See later under membership update Item 15 on the Agenda

(4) Ron Burke

- a) Item 9.4 Ron was hoping to get the gym door sorted out on an International Saturday when some lads would be down at the Club **(Action RB)**

- b) Item 9.7 Ron would liaise with Dave Brown and Geoff Taylor to sort the passageway ceiling and fascia at the Club (Action RB/DB/GT)

(5) Max Eames Hughes

- a) Item 10.2 Max had arranged for Geoff and Dave to have copies of Club's Official Policies including Health and Safety Report
- b) Item 15.3 See below under Membership Update

(6) Jon Shaw

- a) Item 12.3 Jon confirmed that he was making arrangements for the light switch on ceremony on Thursday 29 October with sponsors Bay of Colwyn Town Council and Conwy CBC members to be invited. He also confirmed that he was sending out invitations for Sponsors Day on 31 October
- b) Item 15.4 Dave Edwards had liaised with Jon to organise leaflet distribution amongst 500 local neighbours

(7) Peter Rice

- a) Item 12.2 Peter reported that the meeting with Scottish Power about electricity charges had not yet been set up but the consumption was currently being monitored. Previous cost of electricity was 13.63p per unit and new cost is 14p per unit and 11p per unit night rate so there would only be a small increase in costs at this stage. A point which needs stressing to all coaches is that they must use their common sense when using the lights and only use sufficient for their needs. Peter has seen for himself that depending on the numbers at training at times, use of the new lights only is sufficient or even just the new lights and those on the Club house side of pitch 2. Often there was no need to have all the lights on

3 Secretary's Report

Jon reported as follows:-

- 1 2 yellow cards given to Martin Cormack in a recent game which automatically converted to 1 red. The referee had mistakenly sited Len Hocknell. This had been corrected as a result of which Martin Cormack had received from the WR Disciplinary Committee a ban until 18 October 2009
- 2 There had been alterations to IRB Regulation 17 which were available for information on the website
- 3 Concern expressed about Under 19 disciplinary matters and that offences were arising. Letter from WRU on this matter to be passed onto Youth and Junior Sections

- 4 Rydal Vikings through Rhys Williams had asked whether we could host a game between The Vikings and the North Wales Seniors on Sunday 27 October 2009. The Committee agreed for no fee except for food charges
- 5 He had had a letter from Elwyn Thomas wondering whether the Club had had a request from Samoa about replacement rugby kit following the recent tsunami. The Committee agreed to make surplus kit available if required in support of any such request.
- 6 He had had some correspondence about dogs being on pitches and surroundings on match days. The Committee agreed that this was not permitted but otherwise the Committee agreed dogs permitted provided that they were on a lead and under control. This ban was to apply all Saturdays and Sundays during the season when rugby games were being played.

4 Treasurer's Report

- 1 Peter had e-mailed his report as follows:-

Current Account	£ 7,899.08
Reserve Account	£ 4,985.71
Seahorse Club	£ 1,545.32
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)

- 2 Peter further reported that the above figures speak for themselves regarding solvency so no further comment. September income was high but bar receipt of £4,063.00 and invoices for hiring £2,140.00 sent out. All invoices for the floodlights installation received to date have been paid giving a total expenditure to date of £19,721.14 against grants received of £16,000.00. Peter reported that there were one or two small invoices expected for unknown amounts and he was also awaiting the result of his application to the WRU for a grant of £4,000.00. At worst, the lights would have cost the Club approximately £3,500.00 or thereabouts or at best, nothing at all
- 3 The Club had received a sum of £500.00 as a legacy from the estate of the late George Hubert Ainsworth which Peter was holding in the reserve account at present. It was suggested that the Committee should consider what this legacy should be used for and the Committee agreed that it should be earmarked for the cost of commemorative slate to be installed in the foyer to the Club which installation would also include a plaque commemorating George Ainsworth's gift. Dave Edwards was to chase up the provision of the slate (**Action DE**)
- 4 A question arose as to whether the money borrowed from the Paul Jones fund would be repaid and this would be taken up with the Treasurer again in due course

5 First XV

- 1 In Mark Earl's absence Dave Brown reported a good win against Llangefni last Saturday and a respectable loss against Ruthin but the team was disappointed in their performance in their loss against Denbigh but generally speaking the spirit throughout the team is upbeat for future fixtures.

- 2 He was concerned however about dwindling numbers at fitness and tactical training nights query were Tuesdays and Thursdays the best nights and perhaps consideration ought to be given to reverting back to Monday nights.
- 3 Dave further reported that the Club was well prepared for an expected physical game on Saturday against Bro Ffestiniog. It was noted that some former second teamers were now playing in the front row of the first team and some committee members expressed concern about the experience of the players who were now playing in the first team front row. The Committee agreed that it was aware that safety was always a paramount issue for front row players but were satisfied that the matter was being dealt with responsibly by the coaches and the team selectors

6 Second XV

Max reported that the Second XV season so far was nothing short of a disaster with the number of players available hovering around the 8 – 10 mark. The first game of the season against Shotton had resulted in a 73 – nil defeat. In the subsequent 2 weeks Llandudno and Abergele had conceded to us and the Abergele game had been replaced with a game against Llangoed for which we had only been able to raise 6 players and which had been lost by 5 points to 14 with the referee calling time early. The next week's fixture against Caer Borderers was a much better performance especially in the second half when the team lost 17 points to 47. The following week against Denbigh in the Cup was another very bad loss 85 – 5. We did not have enough players having to dragoon 2 youth players from the adjacent game on the day which left us with 13 and Denbigh insisted on playing their 15 and the sides were not equalised until Denbigh were well and truly in a winning position. After that the game on the 17 October had to be conceded as was the game for this coming weekend against Rhyl. It was agreed that Max would e-mail Howie Roberts at Llandudno with a view to trying to arrange a side which would contain the amalgamation of both teams' players. It was apparent dual registration may not be the answer as it seemed to be the case that dual registration was only possible from a team in a higher league to a team in a lower league.

7 Womens XV

No report

8 Youth XV

In recent games they have been beaten by Rhyl (but had a definite advantage in the second half) and had had a good win against Pwllheli. They had beaten Nant Conwy 36 -17 in a friendly which was cause for some congratulation because it was some years since Colwyn Bay had beaten Nant Youth. In summary they are doing well in friendlies but not so well in league games. They were hopeful that they may get Rydal lads back in the New Year and a prop called Gareth Judge from Stoke on Trent with relations in Dyserth. Generally the Committee was very pleased about the performance of the Youth Team. A reminder though that Jon Shaw and/or Max Eames Hughes should be informed if there was a change in the youth league games scheduled

9 Juniors/Girls

1 Mandy Lumby reported that more and more children were turning up for training with the result that the Under 8's and Under 9's were now oversubscribed but there were plenty of fixtures for the youngsters which all age groups were enjoying

10 Facilities Update

1 Geoff had sent in an e-mail stating that he was not aware of any outstanding defects other than those described in last month's meeting. The fire alarm had been tested and signed for by Dave Jones. Ron Burke reported that the gym door access for players would be resolved by the time the autumn internationals started. He is liaising with Dave Brown to secure safe access with a good lock which had been cleared with the insurance company without increasing premium or decreasing risk

11 Bar and Catering Report

It had been part of Peter's report that September had been a good income month for the bar. There had been a total number of hirings in September of 31 which was a very welcome source of income

12 Suggestions Book

Not available. Ron was concerned that at the next meeting it should be available at the start of the meeting together with the bar diary for immediate reference.

13 Membership Update

Dave reported that there were 4 new memberships and that he had been considering the Club rules. The tally of membership was as follows:-

i	Life Members	10	
ii	Gold Members	36	
iii	Full Members	19	
iv	Family Members	69	(It was not clear how many persons this covered.)
v	Social Members	12	
vi	Male Playing Members	14	
vii	Female Playing Members	4	
viii	Youth Players	19	

14 Bar Diary

Sunday 25 October

Under 18 North Wales match

Tuesday 27 October	Ceremonial Light Switch On
Friday 30 October	9 th Birthday party
	Halloween Girls Rugby Party
Sunday 1 November	Under 15 and Under 18 Girls North Wales Matches
Monday 2 November	Junior Committee Member
Friday 6 November	Vets Match -v- Abergele (7.30 kick off)
Saturday 7 November	Birthday Party
Friday 13 November	Wedding Party
Monday 16 November	Referees Meeting

15 Any Other Business

1 Coaching Co-ordinating

Tony Lumby reported on this

2 Light Switch on Evening

Fixed for 27 October. See reference above.

3 Rygbi Gogledd Cymru Presentation

Agreed that Rygbi Gogledd Cymru would be welcome at the Club on Wednesday 25 November 2009 at 7 pm to make their presentation

4 Darryl Musgrove Memorial Football Match

Set for 28 November 2009. Would involve football matches on football pitches between 11 am and 4.30 pm when the function would move onto the Golf Club. The Club was happy to co-operate in providing this function and would be more than happy to allow the Club facilities to be enjoyed by the attendees whilst they were at the Club's environs but they were most concerned that proper car parking marshals would be organised to ensure that there was responsible parking by all attendees at the function

5 Dilwyn had done some research and had discovered the players subs in Caernarfon were £10.00 per year and £25.00 per year in Llandudno and Nant did not pay any subs at all.

6 It was pleasing to note that Dave Wallace had expressed an interest in helping out with the Youth Coaching

7 There had been concern expressed by John Webb and other members that bad language and abuse was used towards players and officials. The Committee pointed out that they would not tolerate such behaviour and would hope that it would not persist

8 **Marketing Leaflet**

Dave Edwards said he had these available at prices for 500 in A5 size £69.00 plus VAT and A4 size £112.00 plus VAT. The Club agreed in principal that it should be distributed around the Dinerth Road area and Dave Edwards would sort it with Ron Burke **(Action DE/RB)**

Meeting Closed 9.30 pm

ACTION REQUIRED

DB	2(1)(b)	2(4)(b)		
DJ	2(2)(a)			
RB	2(2)(a)	2(4)(a)	2(4)(b)	15(8)
GT	2(4)(b)			
DE	4(3)	15(8)		