

COLWYN BAY Rugby Football Club

Minutes of the Meeting of the Colwyn Bay Rugby Club Executive Committee Held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 22 September 2010

Present: Brian Roberts Max Eames Hughes Caroline Roberts Geoff Taylor Martin Rees Allan Jenkins Paul Wagner Dave Edwards Peter Rice Graham Davies

Apologies: Bryn Williams John Taylor Sion Thomas

1 The Minutes of the last Committee Meeting held on 25 August 2010 were approved as a true record

2 Matters Arising

1 Peter Rice

(i) Item 2.4(i) Peter was liaising with Welsh Air Ambulance to sort out formal handover of funds raised by the Club the previous year (**Action PR**)

2 Brian Roberts

(i) Item 11.1 He had considered the question of weeding and feeding pitches involving a further expenditure of nearly £500.00 but it had been decided to take no further action

3 Secretary's Report

Max reported as follows:-

1 On 27 August he had received details of Level 1 Referees courses which he had circulated to juniors and youth

2 On 17 September he had been informed by the WRU that the grant for this year would be £15,018.00 (as opposed to £11,628.00) last year. It was up because of the increased number of points allocated for the re-emergence of the youth team and the fact that we now had two level two referees attached to the Club

3 Max reported that he had received details of the basis of assessment for funding for next year

4 He had received some expense claim forms which he had passed on to Peter Rice

5 He reported that Callum and Tom's registration from Montreal Irish had been organised so that they could play for the Canadian Team on the Saturday 28 August and for us on 4 September. He had extended his gratitude for the co-operation from Alan Thomas at the WRU, the Canadian Authorities and Huw Bach in particular

6 He reported that unfortunately Dave Brown had transferred to Nant

- 7 There was news of a link up with Josh Leach who is now Rugby Development Officer at Llandrillo College and we would be making facilities available at the Club for his players at College
- 8 He had had two invitations to the WRU AGM on Sunday 10 October and was looking for two Club members to go
- 9 There was continuing correspondence by e-mail with RGC 1404 about their use of the Club's facilities and Brian was trying to agree a deal with Mark Roberts

4 Treasurer's Report

- 1 Peter Rice reported the balances as at 22 September 2010 as follows:-

Current Account	£ 4,288.26	
Reserve Account	£ 6,000.00	
Seahorse Club	£ 1,990.32	
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 Peter confirmed that the Club was currently solvent. He mentioned that he would like to formally recognise the work done by Jon Shaw in putting together the submission for the WRU Grant which had resulted in such a satisfactory amount. Also thanks to sponsorship from First Hydro for the annual tournament next year thanks to Martin Kane. He had invoiced our main major sponsors FloGas with an amount to cover costs of new senior shirts

5 First XV

Brian reported that he was in constant touch with the team three or four times a week and was concerned to note that training attendances seemed to be a little sketchy. We had had three games but had unfortunately suffered three losses, two of which should have been won, but the game against Ruthin last Saturday had seen very good performances. It did seem however that with help from Bryn, Ben and Haydn Mark was maximising the training efforts on the pitch and it was thought that steps should be taken to help combine training sessions with the youth

6 Second XV

Max reported that the Seconds had played a friendly against Longton Thirds which they had won 14 – 12. They had lost their first league game to Llandudno Seconds 37 - 3 but had trounced Flint Seconds 56 – 0 but had travelled to Wrexham the following week with only 11 players when they were well beaten 7 – 65

7 Youth XV

Allan reported that they had lost three of their last four games but training numbers were good at 20 plus and he suggested that he supported the joint senior/youth training sessions and hoped that Tony Lumby and Haydn Phillips might be able to sort something out

8 Women's XV

Unfortunately numbers were depleted. They had only been able to take five players to the National 10s and they joined up with Blackwood and had sustained an injury. Unfortunately the Under 15s side had not had a fixture but there were good numbers in the Under 18s who formed the bulk of the North Wales Under 18's side with Caernarfon

9 Juniors

- 1 Caroline reported that 6 September had been registration day and a total of £1,975.00 had been taken in registration fees and subs. Registration cards were being completed. The new fixtures secretary was in place
- 2 There had been problems with some teams not turning up for tournaments and a tournament in Caernarfon for the Under 12's had been cancelled at 6.45 am on the day. Caroline was very grateful to the coaches who did sort something out for that day and they deserved a pat on the back
- 3 Caroline hoped that after-match drinks for children who had been playing rugby could be provided and it was agreed that a jug of squash would be made available free
- 4 Query whether Friday night could be allocated for training but there had to be some concern that facilities would have to be tidied up for the Saturday if there was a home game and if Dave was not available to do the tidying up, coaches must be responsible. Caroline would report back accordingly to the Junior Committee

10 Facilities Update

- 1 It was reported that the ladies' loos had been painted
- 2 A new set of wheels had been put on the programme box
- 3 The Committee extended its thanks to Paul for all the hard work he had done

11 Bar and Catering

- 1 Peter reported that it had been a quiet month with few functions as was normal for this time of year and that a good income had derived from the Golf Day and £87.00 had been made for charity. A new brewery sign had been erected outside
- 2 Also reported that the Probation Service and Foster Carers Association were going to be regular attendees during the day for seminars and meetings at the Club

12 Game -V- Bro Ffestiniog

Mark Earl had written to the Committee following an off the ball assault by a Bro player during this game. The incident was seen by Peter Rice. The injury suffered by Mark had resulted in six days work lost. Query whether the junior fixture against Bro

should proceed and it was agreed that it should but in the meantime it was agreed that Max would write a formal letter of complaint to Bro with copies to the North Wales Rugby Council and WRU and other Clubs who had expressed concern about the way the Bro played the game

13 Dinner with JPR

Max mentioned that this dinner was to take place on Wednesday 6 October at the Deganwy Quay Hotel. Tickets were £45.00 and a table of ten available for £400.00. The Committee noted that the offer was available but did not think it necessary for there to be a Club presence at the dinner

14 Appointment of Vice Chairman

Brian mentioned Andy Lee who had played for the Club for about 25 years and had recently returned to the area after 14 years away. It was agreed that he would be approached to see whether he would be prepared to take up the position of vice chairman

15 Club Charity

It was agreed that the Club Charity for 2010/11 should be joint ie Guide Dogs for the Blind and the North Wales Society for the Blind

16 Any Other Business

- 1 Geoff reported that he had been busy working on health and safety systems and that they were all in place and some risk assessments based on those systems were in place too
 - i He had tested the fire alarm on 8 September
 - ii He queried whether protective foam should be tied round the lighting poles
 - iii Geoff emphasised the need to put in place a training programme to ensure that all staff were up to speed with the latest health and safety legislation. Brian thanked Geoff for all his hard work in this field
 - iv Query also raised about holes that appeared on pitch 3 which Dave Jones was kept busy filling in
- 2 The question about RGC 1404 use of the Club facilities. It was agreed that a representative from RGC 1404 should be invited to make a presentation to the Committee about the use of the facilities and get something in writing from them to form the basis of a question and answer session for the Committee
- 3 Dave Edwards reported that subs from players were unfortunately low and soon the time would have to come when the Committee might have to make a decision as to whether players who had not paid subs should be barred from playing. He reminded everybody that membership booklets were available for collection from behind the bar

- 4 It was pleasing how well the Canada Trip had gone for Callum Stronach and Tom Williams and the Committee discussed whether they could reciprocate but it was agreed that it would probably not be possible this year but Brian agreed that he would be speaking to Huw Bach about trying to organise something the following year (Action BR)
- 5 Peter reported that he had been able to engage the services of a third of the famous Pontypool front row for the Players Dinner namely Graham Price MBE at very attractive rates. He was investigating catering prices and was hopeful of getting the night organised early this year.
- 6 It was noted the North Wales AGM had taken place last week to whom Dave Pickering had spoken and one good bit of news was that a Wales “A” side would be forthcoming in the not too distant future and more importantly the debt for building the Millennium Stadium could very well be cleared by the year 2021. Wales would not be participating however in the Churchill Cup. It also seemed to be apparent that RGC 1404 would not be admitted to the Premiership next year. It was noted that Team Canada would be arriving in January to bolster RGC 1404 playing resources

Meeting Closed 9.24 pm

ACTION REQUIRED

PR 2.1(i)

BR 16.4