



Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

10th April 2008
8:30pm, The Belfry, Cambourne.

1. Apologies for Absence

Received in advance from Howard Smith and Nevil McNish

Members in attendance: Mark Lisher (Chairman), Neil Ingham (Hon. Secretary) Mark Griffiths (Hon. Treasurer), Peter Simpson (Fixtures Secretary), Ben Yeats, Dan Sundler, James Sundler, Darren Macey, Bob Cox, David Warwick, Andy Nichols.

2. To Review the minutes from the Meeting of 11th March 2008.

The minutes of the committee meeting of the 11th March were reviewed and accepted as a true account.

3. Matters Arising

None were noted.

4. Chairman

ML expressed concerns to those present of the struggle to get numbers for weekend matches. The intention to coordinate player availability at least a month in advance for next season was re-iterated. **ML** informed the members that the club phone will be used next season to determine the team earlier each week and improve planning. **ML** notified members that club roles will have a more defined structure in the next season, based on the profiles compiled by **NI**. These profiles will be published on the club website in advance of the AGM, to give members the opportunity to provide feedback and to give members insights into roles / commitments they may be considering taking on.

5. Secretary

NI expressed the increased profile of the CCC role within the county setup. The CCC must be willing get involved to ensure that Cambourne Exiles RFC contribute at this level and receive the benefits of contribution at this level. **NI** also reported that the club appear to be on course to obtain RFU Section I status.

6. Treasurer

MG reported a healthy bank balance of £6845. The club is currently owed over £500 in outstanding fees from members, a situation that should be resolved as soon as feasible. **MG** reminded the members that mileage is claimable as an expense when attending meetings, training courses, etc. on club business.

7. Fixtures Secretary

PS reported that all is in hand with regard to the remaining fixtures of the season.

8. Youth Rugby

Youth Coordinator, **DM**, reported that since the youth session started proper in October '07, 6-12 children have been regularly attending training, with numbers being higher in better weather! **DM** will request from the membership that more get involved in coaching to spread the Sunday morning commitment, currently being shouldered by **DM** and **HS**. **DM** expressed his intention to step aside as youth coordinator to allow him to focus on coaching, and is actively seeking a replacement to take on organization the Youth Rugby.

9. Coaching.

The members present decided on an early break from training in the weeks following the conclusion of the 07/08 playing season, to be followed by fitness sessions through the summer, with pre-season training to start in early August, with a view to playing some training games in August before the commencement of the 08/09 season in September.

10. Sponsorship.

The committee expressed the urgency that potential new kit sponsors are brought on board and this should be complete by the end of April. **NI** will encourage progress on this crucial issue. [**HS** has expressed to **NI** his intention to step back from the role of sponsorship secretary at the end of the season.]

11. GoPlayRugby

GPR has now morphed into PlayOn, with the focus now on retention of players recruited thro GPR.

12. End-of-Season Dinner

BY is working to obtain a date for the dinner. Currently, early June is looking likely. [On April 17th, **BY** notified the membership that the dinner will take place on Saturday June 28th at The Hub in Cambourne.]

13. Tour

PS reported an idea to hold a tour to a (yet to be determined) club in Wales over the weekend preceding Easter 2009, estimating costs to be in the region of £100 per head.

BY will look into the option of taking a team to the Hunstanton Beach Rugby over the coming summer months.

14. Floodlights

NI appealed to the membership for a summer home for the floodlights. Grateful thanks go to Jack Peart for accommodating the lights during the 07/08 season. **BC** will be able to temporarily house the lights, but a longer term option will be needed.

15. Website

NI will work to ensure that the registration / hosting account details of the club website are not held in a sole name, but in the name of the club to prevent a recurrence of recent problems in accessing the account to re-instate the site.

16. A.O.B.

DM suggested that more committee meetings are opened up to the membership, an option supported by the committee and members present.

ML suggested meetings are held in May and June in advance of the AGM.

ML notified members of the Potton Presidents game, to be played on Sunday May 5th, should anyone wish to attend.

Next Meeting.

Thursday 8th May 2008. 8:30pm, The Monkfield Arms. Time and Venue TBC.

Minutes for this meeting prepared by **NI** (19.4.08)