



Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

12th Feb 2008

8:30pm, The Monkfield Arms, Cambourne.

Members in Attendance.

Mark Lisher (Chairman), Neil Ingham, (Hon. Secretary), Mark Griffiths (Treasurer), Peter Simpson (Fixtures Secretary).

Secretary's Update

NI reported, from a Sports Clubs meeting with the Parish Council (earlier on 12th Feb), that construction of the new Sports Centre is due to start in March 08, with the centre coming online in Jan 09; that Jane Lampshire (SCDC) offered assistance and support for the Youth Rugby; that the Parish Council will fund a joint advertising flyer for the Cambourne Sports Clubs; that a "Sports Development" fund is available from the Parish Council, up the value of £500 per club. The club will send a representative to a meeting with other sports clubs and the parish council on Tuesday 11th March to discuss clubs needs for a potential extended pavilion in Great Cambourne.

Following a brief meeting with Roger Pierson (ECRU), the Exiles are on course to achieve Section I status for next season. The authorities are looking for confirmation that the GK Merit League reaches the criteria of an "RFU League".

Treasurer's Update

MG reported the Club remains financially in a good state, with approx. £6200 in available funds. The bulk of this sum are being held in reserve to help to provide facilities needed in the proposed extended pavilion and club room. **NI** will send a last reminder to members that subs are due to be paid by the end of February.

Sponsorship

Further to the idea in the last meeting of a sponsors event, **ML** suggested that potential new sponsors are also invited as an introduction to the Club. **NI** is to ask the membership for ideas / contacts for potential new sponsors.

MUGA Facilities

In the light of recent concerns expressed to the club by visiting teams / match officials, the Parish Council have been asked to ensure that the current facilities are properly maintained in as clean and functional a state as possible. **PS** is to contact opposition clubs and referees who have visited Cambourne to ask for frank feedback on the facilities we are able to offer.

RFU Grand Draw 2007/08

NI received an information pack on the RFU Grand Draw. The committee decided that the club should enter the draw and try to sell as many tickets as possible as the club will benefit from 90% of ticket sales. **NI** will coordinate this.

GoPlayRugby

The club will send a representative to a forthcoming workshop on player retention as part of the ongoing GPR campaign.

Tour 2009

PS will poll the membership and investigate options for a club tour for next season.

Insurance

In the light of Ross McEwen acting as a stand-in referee for the club, **NI** will investigate issues relating to insurance etc.

Next Meeting.

Suggested date. Tuesday March 18th @ 8:30, The Monkfield Arms. TBC