



Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

13th November 2008
7:30pm, The Monkfield Arms, Cambourne.

Attending. Mark Lisher (Chairman), Neil Ingham (Hon. Secretary), Mark Griffiths (Treasurer), Peter Simpson (Fixtures Secretary), Andy Nichols, Chris Elderfield, Ian Manley, Dave Hatrick, Bob Cox.

1. Apologies for Absence

Received from Steve Brudenell, Dan Sundler, Keith Robinson, Ben Yeats.

2. To Review the minutes from the Meeting of 2nd October 2008.

The minutes were accepted as a true account of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

None raised.

4. Chairman

ML reported that turnout and performances are still pleasing and that having the occasional break weekends between games seems to be working well to reduce injuries and increase motivation [notwithstanding the outstanding training injury suffered by **MG!!**].

ML recommended we should start to allocate dates to matches through to the end of the season and to notify everyone of the proposed match dates to allow players to plan their availability.

5. Secretary

NI was uncharacteristically quiet with nothing to report.

6. Treasurer

MG reminded members to record mileage for travel claims when on club business (expenses paid at 30p per mile). **BC** asked for an update as to which sponsors have contributed so far during the 08-09 season. **MG** confirmed that support has been received from Stagecoach only to date.

MG reported that the clubs finances remain healthy, but expressed concern that the club is running at a slight deficit for the current season. This is due to considerable outstanding membership dues and match fees. **ML** will give a polite reminder to members to pay outstanding monies at their earliest convenience.

7. Fixtures Secretary

PS reported that the Junior County Cup fixture against Cambridge Exiles and rearranging the recently postponed GK League fixture against Cantabrigians 3's

are still to be confirmed. The members present reported by current problems with the MUGA changing facilities or with the provision of food by the Monkfield Arms. Fixtures dates to the end of season should be “pencilled in” as soon as possible. **NI** reminded the membership that the club need to maintain 20 matches against 12 clubs.

8. Playing / Training Matters.

ML is to aim to achieve L2 coaching training in the near future. **BC** and **WB** are to look to L1 coaching. The “GoPlayRugby” Gilbert balls will be used for training. New Gilbert match balls will be provided when needed. **AN** suggested that when games are cancelled at short notice, the club should run a training session instead for those players available.

9. Tour Proposal.

IM made a proposal for an Easter tour in 2009. This would take place somewhere in the region of 3-20 April 09 and involve a visit to his old club in south Wales, a match under floodlights, visits to “rugby attractions” in Cardiff and excessive alcohol consumption! The tour should not break the bank – **IM** is aiming in the region of £100 per person. A minimum of 15 players would be required to make tour viable. The tour is open to all members. Further information on the proposal is available to those interested (contact **NI**). **IM** will email the membership to get an idea of interest to allow planning to begin.

10. Sponsorship.

BC will continue to push ahead with obtaining sponsorship for the club. **CE** asked for information on what the club can offer sponsors in return for their support.

11. Youth Rugby.

NI read a report received in advance of the meeting from **KR**. Keith reported regular attendance of 10-12 children. He is to try to work with the Monkfield School to increase interest on the back of the schools tag rugby sessions. It was suggested that those running the youth sessions should attend first aid training.

12. Xmas Dinner.

Deposits have been received so far from 29 individuals. Places have been reserved (and paid for) for 40 members and partners / friends.

13. A.O.B.

NI asked for suggestions of other material for submission to the Crier.

AN again offered to arrange First Aid courses. **NI** suggested **AN** arrange some possible dates for courses. **MG** said that we should encourage members of the rugby club, and other clubs to attend the courses to make them viable.

Next Meeting. Suggested date – Dec 18th 2008. Monkfield Arms 8:00pm. tbc

Minutes for this meeting prepared by **NI** (18.11.08)