



Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting **13th April 2006** **The Cambridge Belfry, Cambourne**

Attendance.

Will Charter (Chairman), Mark Griffiths (Treasurer), Andy Nicholls (Social Secretary), Paul Greaves (Fixtures Secretary), Neil Ingham (Club Secretary). Darren Macey, David Warwick, James Crotty, Stephen Keerie, Ben Yeats, Ben Rickard,

Apologies.

Ian Manley, Pete Simpson.

Review of Minutes of Last Meeting (1st March '06)

Minutes approved by all present.

The agenda for this meeting was prepared by WC.

Lottery Sport Funding.

WC has made a "Sports Match" Application for approximately £1000. A decision is awaited

MG to progress with making an application to "Sport-for-All" for larger items of kit for club use (commercial scrum machine, tackle bags, flags, etc.) and for coaching costs (either to bring in external coaches, or to training existing players as coaches)

Other Fund Raising

BY progressing with ideas and planning for "Lottery Ball"

"Player Auction" idea proposed at the last meeting by IM needs to be further investigated

JC progressing with ideas for Calendar and Player Waxing

More ideas are needed and the committee will be encouraging all to get involved and help with planning of events.

Club Fees

The payment of Fees detailed at the last meeting were approved. MG is continuing to follow up with outstanding fees payable to the club from players.

Scrum Machine

NI has arranged a quote of approx. £350 for a wooden frame scrum machine. This can be build in approx 3 weeks once approval of funds is granted.

Cambourne Sports Day

The Exiles Rugby will be involved with Cambourne village Sports Day to be held on Saturday July 8th. It is proposed to hold coaching and Mini-Rugby sessions on the grass

pitch at the MUGA during the morning. Other activities for the day include Junior Its-a-Knockout for late morning, Adults Its-a-Knockout in the afternoon, and an evening Disco (kids 6-8pm, adults 8-late). **WC** asked for ideas and proposals for activities and perhaps fund-raising opportunities.

Youth Rugby

WC reported that Tom Dan (Cambridge Rugby Club) is keen to get Youth Rugby up and running at Cambourne to cover the surrounding areas and villages. Volunteers are requested to attend coaching courses over the summer. **BR** suggested a followup session to maintain interest from the kids after the Sports Day. A volunteer is requested to act as “Youth Coordinator”

Beach Rugby & 2006 Club Tour

NI is progressing with gauging interest and numbers for a “tour” to the Beach Rugby tournament in Newquay Cornwall over the August Bank Holiday Weekend (26/27th August 2006). Currently, the idea is to arrange a coach for transport to / from Cornwall and to hire a Surfers Hostel as accommodation.

End of Season Club Dinner

AN is progressing with arrangements. Proposed venue – The Hub, Cambourne. Cost – approx £20+ per head. Date – to be confirmed – ideally at some time from the end of May to mid-June. **PG** to arrange a bar (beers kegs). Guests to include players + partners, Sponsors and Eastern Counties Rugby representatives.

Cambourne Exiles Rugby 7's Tournament

WC initially proposed an internal 7's tournament. It was proposed to expand this idea to invite 7's teams from opposition clubs faced by the Exiles during the season, such as Wendens Ambo, Datchworth and perhaps a Campbells team. Proposed date – 20th May 2006. **AN** to look into provision of food (BBQ?) & drinks. **MG** to look into loan of the Scouts marquee for use during the event.

Any Other Business

- **Advertising the Club.** **JC** to draw up poster / flyer for a mail-shot. Posters to be placed in display in all local venues, with permission, eg. The Hub, Library, Vets Surgery, Dentists Practice, Fish'n'Chick'n, etc.
- **First Aid.** **MG** has provided an “upgraded” but rudimentary first aid kit, which will be available at all games and training session for all to use if the need arises. **AN** to organise Red Cross qualified First Aider to attend home games. This will require a donation from the Club.
- **Merit League / Cup.** **WC** has entered the Cambourne Exiles in the local Merit League for the 2006/07 season. This will involve regular games with matches most weekends of the season and will need a similar commitment from players.

- **Coaching.** **BR** offered to coach the squad for the remainder of the current season and to act as player/coach next season. This was agreed by all present.
- **NZ game.** Notice was given of the match to be played against a “select” NZ XV on June 3rd with a curry to follow at the Papworth Hotel.
- **Cambourne Dental Practice.** **AN** stated that the Cambourne Dental Practice may consider sponsoring the club if players can reciprocate by visiting the practice for items such as gum shields.
- **Website.** All present agreed the need for the excellent new www.cambourneexiles.com site to be updated regularly and expanded. This is all the more important in the light of events planned for the summer. This website should be the first reference point for all interested parties to find out what’s going on with the Club. **WC, NI** and **DW** to liase to keep the website current.
- **Extra Team Shirts.** Several players have expressed an interest in getting their own team shirt. We need to estimate numbers and get an idea of costs before proceeding.

Next Committee Meeting :- June 1st, venue to be confirmed (likely to be The Belfry)