



# Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club

## Minutes of the Committee Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 7:30pm, The Monkfield Arms, Cambourne.

### 1. Apologies

Received in advance from Ben Yeats & Pete Dreuitt

**Attending** : Mark Lisher (Chairman), Neil Ingham (Hon. Secretary), Mark Griffiths (Treasurer), Steve Brudenell (Fixtures Secretary), Bob Cox, Darren Macey.

### 2. To review the minutes from the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

The minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting.

### 3. Matters arising / Update of Actions

No matters arose from the minutes of the previous meeting.

Action #16 was discussed. **BC** and **DM** are working towards increasing the club profile through publicity posters. It was hoped to get posters in situ in suitable spots in Cambourne and the surrounding areas by Xmas.

**[Action # 18]** **NI** was asked to contact **BY** with a view to getting match reports published in the Hunts Post, currently the only local paper distributed in Cambourne.

### 4. Officer Reports -

#### Chairman

**ML** expressed disappointment at the number of matches being cancelled, but reported that players are in good spirits in the game played, especially the new members. **ML** reported this is a credit to all players and especially praised the coaches for boosting team spirits and moral.

#### Secretary

**NI** reported that the CPC have stated that the storage container should be in installed and useable by Xmas. **NI** has been in touch with "Brightlights" regarding additional floodlighting for training and is awaiting quotations. **NI** pointed out a recent letter received from the RFU regarding Player Age Regulations and sanction for clubs fielding underage players. **[Action #19]** **NI** will make a proposal to CPC and all sports clubs in Cambourne to work towards developing the Great Cambourne Pavillion independently. **NI** reported that Ross McEwan has agreed to take on the role of Club Referee Coordinator (CRefC).

#### Treasurer

**MG** reported that finances are healthy, but currently running with a deficit of around £1000 for this season. This deficit is due to a number of factors :-

- International Ticket allocations. It was resolved that tickets must now be paid for up-front.

- Pitch Fees. Currently £620 has been paid to CPC; this includes all matches for the 09/10 season and training up to Xmas 09. Another bill is expected to cover training pitch hire for the remainder of the season.
  - Equipment. To replace worn out and lost / stolen kit and equipment.
- There is some confusion as to whether annual subs to ECRU and Cambs RFU have been paid for 09-10. **[Action #20]** NI will follow this up with the relevant treasurers.

### **Fixtures Secretary**

**SB** reported that fixtures planning is proceeding well. **[Action #21]** **SB** will speak to the Monkfield Arms, re. timely provision of post-match hospitality.

### **5. Coaching**

**DM** reported that the revised coaching structure is working well, with Alex Skinley leading. There is a move towards more defined coaching with training being tailored to a players individual position within the team. **DM** reported that numbers at training are dwindling again as winter proceeds and it is often those who are not able to play at a weekend who attend training. **[Action #22]** **DM** will track down new match balls and ensure they are used.

### **7. Playing**

**BC** reported that Alex is making significant progress in training which is having great benefits in terms of improved match performances. Discipline is better, but there is still room for continued improvement. **BC** informed the committee that he will need to travel more with his work and that it might be necessary to expand the personal involved in selection and team organisation. **SB** reiterated that the club dress code should be implement for each game.

### **8. County Matters**

**SB** has been appointed County Volunteer Coordinator and will liaise between Cambs RFU and CVCs. **NI** reported that the senior squad at county level is to be given more prominence. Any Exiles player is welcome to try-out for the county squad. Please contact **NI** for further information.

### **9. Xmas Dinner**

Ben Yeats reported (relayed to the meeting by NI) that the Xmas dinner will proceed as planned; with tickets at £17 per head and £100 for a disco. Approximately 30 guests are expected.

### **10. President / Vice President**

**NI** reported that Alex Motts has accepted an invitation from the club to become Hon. President and expressed sincere thanks to Alex for his support to date. Peter Simpson is confirmed as Vice-President.

### **11. Whole Club Seal of Approval application**

**NI** is slowly proceeding with the application. This is more involved than first anticipated and **NI** will be calling on various club members to help complete the process.

**Next Meeting.** Suggested date – Tuesday January 12th 2010. Monkfield Arms 7:30pm.

Minutes for this meeting prepared by **NI** (29.12.09)