

Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club

1st March 2006

The Cambridge Belfry, Cambourne

1. Attendance:

Will Charter, Mark Griffiths, Neil Ingham, Ian Manley, Ben Yates, David Warwick, Darren Macey. Jack Carmichael, Pete Simpson, Jamie, Paul Greaves, Andy Nicholls.

2. Apologies:

3. Fundraising:

- **MG** to look into applying for 'Awards for all', a lottery funded grant that will pay for equipment such as posts and training kit up to a value of £5000.
- **PG** is looking at organizing a sponsored event. He will report back on a finalised idea in due course.
- **IM** suggested that we have an auction of players to raise funds and awareness of the team in the village. He will look into this.
- It was suggested by **BY** that we should organize a bonus ball (lottery) competition, which can be run from our web site. This will again raise awareness of the club and encourage people to look at the web site. **BY** will look into the finer details of setting this up.
- **Jamie** stated that a rugby club calendar would be an interesting way of raising funds; this will be discussed further.

4. Election of vacant posts:

- Members of the club were dissatisfied with the role of the secretary, due to a lack of commitment. A vote of 'No Confidence' was called for and carried by unanimous vote of 11 votes. A new secretary was proposed.
- Club Secretary: Neil Ingham

Proposed: David Warwick

Seconded: Andy Nicholls

Vote carried

- Advertising and sponsorship: Jamie
- Fixtures secretary: Paul Greaves

Proposed: Will Charter

Seconded: Ian Manley

All carried

5. Club Fees:

- There have been some issues with the collection club membership, since the DD system does not identify who has paid.
- It was proposed that the fees remain at £10 a month; this will cover club administration, insurance and training on the grass pitch.
- From the 1st April it was requested that all new members pay by **CHQ**. Team members can pay: **Weekly (£10) Quarterly (£30) Half yearly (£60) Yearly (£120)**
- Those who are currently paying on the DD scheme will continue to pay as normal.
- **MG** will inform players on the team what they currently owe.
- **MG** stated in agreement with **WC** that the £5 match fees would cover training on the grass pitches as well as well as Saturday fixtures.
- The MUGA, if we get that slot back will still be £2 per player per session.

6. Training:

- The club has lost its Wednesday night training slot. **WC** stated that we have been offered a Thursday; this was not acceptable as it is too close to matches at the weekend. **WC** will speak to Sports Extra about getting Wednesdays back.

7. **AOB:**

- **WC** asked who might be interested in going on a coaching course. Darren Macey and Paul Greaves offered their services. The club will pay for the fees for the course.
- Website is to be managed by Neil Ingham and David Warwick
- **PG** in his role of fixtures secretary will also take responsibility for grounds keeper and organizing referees for home games.
- **NI** is currently awaiting a quote for a scrum machine, this will possibly be £350ish.
- Sporting Cambourne is organizing a sports fun day for the 8th July. **IM** and **MG** thought it was a good idea to promote youth rugby at this event. **IM** will contact Tom Dan the youth development officer with regards this day.
- **NI** has looked into beach rugby, this year being held in Newquay (August Bank Holiday). It was suggested that the event formed part of an Exiles tour; this will be discussed at future meetings.
- **AN** is organising an end of season club meal for sometime in April/May for all players and their partners. This will be for partners as well and
- **Next Meeting:**
12th April 2006 in the Belfry

Mark Griffiths
Club Treasurer