



Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club

Minutes

20th August 2009

7:30pm, The Monkfield Arms, Cambourne.

Attending.

Mark Lisher (Chairman), Neil Ingham (Secretary), Mark Griffiths (Treasurer), Steve Brudenell (Fixtures Secretary), Bob Cox, Howard Smith, Paul Greaves, Dan Sundler, Bob Conway

1. Apologies

Received in advance from Darren Macey & Ben Yeats.

2. To review the minutes from the meeting of 23rd April 2009.

The minutes were accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

3. Matters arising / Actions from AGM

The issue of St Neots player / team selection policy being at odds with the GK Merit League rules remains unresolved. The League managers have attempted to put measures in place to track "ringers", but these seem unworkable.

ML reported that as a result of changes to the team selection process at other local clubs, several players may seek to join Cambourne Exiles RFC.

Actions Register. Of the 9 actions added at the AGM, 6 have been completed and were closed at this meeting. The remaining 3 actions are in progress and will be listed as pending until complete. On completion of Action #7, it now falls to **NI** to respond to ECRU to decline entry to the ECRU Plate competition for the coming season [**Action #10**] during which time an assessment will be made of the standard of entrants to determine whether to enter the Exiles for the 10-11 season. Action #9 resulted in a new action. [**#11 : Peter Dreuitt to proceed to organise County U16 girls sessions at Cambourne.**]

4. Officer Reports

• Chairman

ML welcomed the addition of several new faces at training over recent weeks and reported that training sessions have been good, and enjoyable, with the new recruits returning for more! **ML** thanked to the coaches for their efforts so far. All is looking encouraging.

• Secretary

NI reported that the provision of the storage container is still pending and is in the hands of the CPC, and SDCD planning department. It is hoped that this will be in place when the need to use the floodlights regularly arrives. There have been no updates from the CPC on provision of further facilities. The new match kit has now been ordered, following lengthy delays in obtaining sponsorship funds and company logos. The express service requested should mean the kit is available for use by mid – late September.

• Treasurer

MG asked **PG** to chase sponsors who are yet to make their contribution for the coming season [**Action #12**]. **MG** reported that the club has applied for a NatWest current account

and will follow up to get the account in place **[Action #2]**. This account will be used to setup DDs to pay annual club subscriptions to ECRU, Cambridgeshire RU, etc., to set up accounts with kit suppliers and will hopefully allow members to pay their annual club subs via DD / SO. Approximately £1000 will sit in this account for easy access with the remainder of club funds “resting” in the Building Society account earning interest.

MG reported that invoices are now being received from CPC for use of the pitches for training and matches, for payment in advance. Prudent planning means that the club is able to cover these new costs.

- **Fixtures Secretary**

SB reported that attempts to arrange a last-minute training match for Saturday 22nd August were unsuccessful. However, a fixture against a new club, Peterborough RUFC, has been arranged. Cambourne will play Peterborough Vets, away, on 3rd October, with a view to arranging a return home fixture later in the season.

5. Sign-Off Club Policies amended by authority of the 2009 AGM.

Updated disciplinary, equal opportunity and child protection policies and club constitution were brought to the meeting to sign-off. However **NI** overlooked the actual sign-off. This will be done at the earliest convenient time.

6. International Tickets

Further to discussion at the AGM, sponsors will be approached to assess demand for the allocation of international tickets of the Investec “autumn internationals” against Australia and New Zealand. These will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis if received before the application deadline. The club has now received it’s ticket allocation for the RBS 6-Nations games at Twickenham in 2010. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Any Other Business

PG and **HS** reported that a potential new sponsor is interested in a guarantee of international tickets. **HS** will liaise between the potential sponsor and **NI** on possible terms **[Action #13]**.

PG reported that “Player Sponsorship” will now be an option. Costing £100 per season, a company may sponsor a particular player, with the player receiving a club t-shirt in return.

NI will liaise with **PG** and sponsors to arrange a publicity opportunity, for sponsors for the first home match after the new kit has been received **[Action #14]**.

PG will work towards organizing two fundraising events during the season; a proposal will be submitted to the committee for further discussion **[Action #15]**.

SB enquired about first aid provision. **MG** responded that a first aid kit (and water bottles) will be provided at training sessions and that a new match-day first aid kit has been ordered.

BC reiterated previous suggestions that publicity and awareness are key to recruiting new players. **BC** will work with **DM** to produce, distribute and display posters advertising the club **[Action #16]**. **NI** will forward a design for a club car-sticker to **PG** to investigate costing for production **[Action #17]**.

Minutes for this meeting prepared by **NI** (22.8.09)

Next Meeting. Thursday September 17th 2009. Monkfield Arms 7:00pm. *To be confirmed.*