



Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

22nd May 2008
8:30pm, The Monkfield Arms, Cambourne.

1. Apologies for Absence

Received in advance from Darren Macey, Steve Brudenell, Dan Sundler

Members in attendance: Mark Lisher (Chairman), Neil Ingham (Hon. Secretary) Mark Griffiths (Hon. Treasurer), Ben Yeats, Bob Cox, David Warwick, Keith Robinson, Howard Smith.

2. To Review the minutes from the Meeting of 10th April 2008.

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

3. Matters Arising

None were noted.

4. Chairman

ML stressed the importance that members attend the forthcoming AGM and asked all members to consider taking on a role within the club structure. **ML** reported that he had played in the recent Potton Presidents Match.

5. Secretary

NI reported that Cambs County Chairman, Alec Motts, is set to retire from the county committee at the AGM. **NI** proposed that Mr & Mrs Motts be invited as guests to the End-of-Season Dinner. This was approved. **NI** will make the invitation. [It was also suggested that Mr & Mrs Jack Peart also be invited as guests in return for housing the floodlights throughout the year!]

6. Treasurer

MG reported a healthy bank balance. A bill for use of the pitch during the 07/08 seasons has been paid (@ £20 per match). **MG** expressed concerns that the club are still owed over £500 in outstanding fees from members. **ML** will contact directly the members concerned to encourage that debts are cleared immediately.

7. Fixtures Secretary

On behalf of Pete Simpson, **NI** reported that at the recent GK League AGM, next seasons Greene King Deuxieme Merit Table is likely to be split into 3 divisions due to the high number of entrants. **NI** will also investigate whether Cambourne Exiles will be eligible to enter the 08/09 ECRU Cup / Plate competition [Andrew Sarek, ECRU, subsequently confirmed that Cambourne are not eligible to enter.]

DW suggested a discussion at the AGM that fixture numbers be more limited for next season. This is in the hope that players sustain fewer injuries and that player availability for matches is higher.

8. Youth Rugby / Welfare

All members present agreed that it was appropriate that, now that the senior playing season is finished, youth rugby be put on hold for the summer. This will re-start in September (date tbc) for the start of the new school year.

MG agreed to oversee CRB-checking procedures within the club, with the assistance of **KR**.

9. Sponsorship

HS reported that Stagecoach have agreed to sponsor the clubs shorts, to the tune of £200. Thanks to Steve Brudenell was initiating this. The deal is yet to be sealed.

HS and **BY** confirmed that a new shirt sponsor has not been secured. It was agreed that use of the current OXO match shirts will be stretched out for another season. **NI** will arrange for damaged shirts to be professionally repaired. **BC** will collect all OXO shirts in preparation for the repairs. **DW** is collect all of the red shirts, originally bought from ECRU to ensure all are returned to the club.

HS will contact existing club sponsors to investigate continuation of sponsorship into the 08/09 season.

10. A.O.B.

DW raised the issue of awards at the End-of-Season Dinner. The awards will be coordinated by the Chairman, Captain Vice Captain and **BY**.

BY will contact the membership to request that deposits (£5 per head) for the End-of-Season Dinner be given to **MG** as soon as possible.

BC noted that a new home is needed for the training floodlights. **DW** kindly offered to house the lights over the summer, but noted that this will not be practical for their use into next winter.

HS suggested a recruitment drive through the summer. **NI** reported that a parish council funded flyer, advertising various Cambourne Sports Clubs, should be in press to be circulated with the next issue of the Cambourne Crier.

Next Meeting. Annual General Meeting.

Thursday 3rd July 2008. Time & Venue tbc (likely to be The Hub).