



Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club

Committee Meeting Minutes 29th February 2007 8:00pm, The Belfry, Cambourne.

Present: Will Charter (*Chairman*), Neil Ingham (*Secretary*), Mark Griffiths (*Treasurer*), Pete Simpson (*Fixtures Secretary*), Mark Lisher, David Warwick

Updates from Committee Members.

Chairman – Will Charter - **WC** announced his intention to resign from the role of Club Chairman. The next meeting (Tuesday March 27th) will therefore take the form of an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) to formalize **WCs** resignation and to elect a successor.

Secretary – Neil Ingham - Andy Nichols has booked The Hub for April 21st for the End-of-Season Dinner. The disco is confirmed and **AN** is awaiting quotes from the Red House and the Monkfield Arms wrt drinks and catering.

Treasurer – Mark Griffiths - **MG** reported potential sponsorship opportunities with Cambourne Vehicle Services and a good response to the reminders sent out by **NI** regarding payment of Club Subs.

Fixtures Secretary – Pete Simpson - **PS** is working to fit in fixtures for the remaining “blank” weekends of the season. A suggestion was made by **ML** that for next season, all non-league weekends should have a friendly fixture pencilled-in. Such friendlies can then be rescheduled as appropriate when Cup fixtures need to be completed.

Disciplinary Matters

- Mark Lishers Disciplinary Hearing.

The committee were notified by **NI** (Chairman of the Club Disciplinary Committee) that Mark Lisher was suspended for a period of 8 weeks following the incident at Haverhill. He is eligible to resume playing from 23rd March 2007.

- General “bitching”

The Captain suggested an informal fines structure to help with Club Discipline. This was agreed by the committee and comes into force with immediate effect. There will be a **£5 fine** if a player receives a warning from the Captain during a match. A further **£5 fine** will be imposed if the player is removed from the game by the Captain. These fines will go towards beer after the match! There will be also be a **£2 fine** for “late-arrival” to be added to the match fee (making £7 total) for players absent at the pre-arranged meeting time and place for matches, unless agreed in advance with the Captain (eg. meeting at the away venue).

- Lost/Stolen Kit

It was agreed that any player(s) / member(s) deemed responsible for the loss of club equipment, either by action of by lack of action, is liable for the replacement of that equipment (of equal or better quality) at their own expense.

Re-Election of Club Positions

- **Committee Members**

The member will announce their intention to resign from their position within the club. The member will stay in the role until he has found a willing replacement, who will then be nominated, seconded and, with the will of the membership, voted in at a forthcoming AGM / EGM.

- **Captain / Vice-Captain**

As the AGM approaches, the membership will be asked for their nominations for the role of Captain for each team for the following season. Front-runners will then be asked by a committee member if they are willing to take on the responsibility of the role if elected. The Captains(s) will then be elected by a “blind” vote at the AGM. Within 14 days of the AGM, the Captain(s) will meet with the committee to discuss the appointment of Vice-Captain(s) for the following season.

Proposal for new Club Management Structure

A proposal, prepared by **NI**, along RFU guidelines, submitted to those present for feedback.

Proposal for changes to Membership payments

A proposal, prepared by **NI** following discussions with **MG**, was submitted to those present for feedback.

Player and Volunteer Recruitment

The Committee resolved to push the Club forward with a concerted campaign of recruitment of volunteers from existing members into various roles within the Club and of recruitment of new players into the Club via advertising as widely as possible.

Next Meeting

Extraordinary General Meeting - Tues 27th March, 2007

Minutes prepared by Neil Ingham (7th March 2007).