



Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club

Agenda

2nd March 2010

7:00pm, The Monkfield Arms, Cambourne.

Attending. Mark Lisher (Chairman), Neil Ingham (Hon. Secretary), Mark Griffiths (Treasurer), Steve Brudenell (Fixtures Secretary), Bob Cox, Alex Skinley.

1. Apologies. Received in advance from Alec Motts & Darren Macey

2. To review the minutes from the meeting of 1st December 2010.

Subject to a correction of action #'s, the minutes were passed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising / Update of Actions

Action **#11**. Nothing has emerged from Pete Dreuitt's suggestion to host county U16 girls sessions at Cambourne. Action now closed.

Action **#15**. Organization of 2 fund-raising events [PG]. **[Action #23] NI** will contact Paul Greaves to look into progress. Action remains open.

Action **#16**. Publicity material [BC, DM]. Bob Cox will produce and print posters ready for distribution with a week of the meeting. Action remains open.

Action **#20**. **NI** awaits information regarding annual subs payment and is proceeding to secure the £400 ECRU grant from last season. Action remains open.

Action **#21**. **#22**. Completed and actions now closed.

Concern was expressed that the old OXO shirts have not yet been returned to the club following the loan of these to Pete Dreuitt for use in a schools match. **[Action #24] NI** will contact **PD** to organise return of the shirts.

4. Officer Reports

Chairman. ML was happy to report that the club appears to have turned a corner. Teams have been raised for all games recently, training is going well with good numbers, several new recruits are training and some have already played in matches. All is looking good and the team spirit remains high.

Secretary. NI reported the current situation regarding the plans for the Cambourne Sports Centre and the proposal to allow the clubs and CPC to develop the Great Cambourne Enhanced Pavillion (Clubhouse). After being let down by a kit reseller and concerns about the quality of other clothing, the club decided to return to dealing with Samurai directly for the supply of all club kit and branded clothing. CPC are yet to update the clubs on the provision of further temporary changing facilities. The storage container has been delivered and was put into use immediately to store the clubs equipment pitchside.

Treasurer. MG reported that the club is still in a healthy state financially, despite running at a deficit for the current season. This deficit is due to the need to buy replacement balls following a theft from the MUGA lock-up, the purchase of a stock of kit from suppliers, pitch fees, and the outstanding unpaid subs and match fees of several players in the club. These unpaid subs and match fees provide the greatest cause for concern. **[Action #25] MG** will send a list of amounts owed to the club and **BC** will approach the players with debts to the club to encourage settlement. Arguments were proposed to raise the income from annual subs /

match fees for next season to help to cover increasing costs of running the club. Ideas will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

Fixtures Secretary. SB reported that the Monkfield Arms are now providing post-match hospitality more reliably. Work continues to try to fulfil league fixtures missed earlier in the season. **NI** added that the Exiles have now faced 12 different clubs so far, and have played 15 of the required 20 matches to maintain section 1 status.

5. Coaching

AS (supported by **BC** and **DM**) proposed that training be extended to 2 nights per week; Tuesday, to focus on core-skills and Thursday, to focus on match strategy and preparation. **AS** reported that numbers should be sufficient to make this viable and that more detailed coaching will be crucial in driving the club forward and improve performances on the pitch. The committee supported this proposal and suggested that training twice a week be trialled for the remainder of the season. **AS** continued and proposed that training continue right through the off-season, albeit with a different focus, to ensure fitness levels are maintained in readiness for full pre-season training. **[Action #26]** **AS** and **BC** will notify players that training will move to 2 nights a week, starting on Tuesday 9th March. **[Action #27]** **BC** will provide a proposal and costings to equip the storage container with suitable shelving and other fixtures and to provide further options for additional flood lighting for training sessions. **[Action #28]** **BC** and **AS** will provide a full and complete inventory of club equipment.

6. Playing

BC concurred with **MLs** earlier comments. Numbers at training and availabilities for matches are encouraging. Several new and useful-looking players have arrived recently which should stand the club in good stead to cover other players injured or leaving.

7. End-of-Season Dinner 2010

In the absence of **BY**, **[Action #29]** **NI** agreed to contact Ben to seek and update on progress for the annual dinner and a proposed date.

8. Fund-Raising. Charity and Club

See earlier notes and Actions #23 & #15.

9. Whole Club Seal of Approval application

NI reported slow progress with the application and will focus on this over the summer months.

10. Annual General Meeting Date

[Action #30] **NI** will look to arrange the AGM for the evening of Wednesday May 12th 2010.

A.O.B

NI suggested that meetings be held monthly and that a schedule be prepared in advance. If training continues on 2 nights a week, the suggestion was that committee meetings be held on the first Wednesday of each month.

BC recommended improved procedures for recording players contact information. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Next Meeting. Wednesday April 7th 2010. Monkfield Arms 7:00pm.
Minutes for this meeting prepared by **NI** (3.3.10)