



Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting 6th September 2006 7 Coppice Drive, Cambourne

Attendance.

Will Charter (Chairman), Neil Ingham (Secretary), Mark Griffiths (Treasurer), Pete Simpson (Fixtures Secretary), Howard Smith (Vice Captain)

Review of Minutes of the AGM

Minutes approved by all those present.

The agenda for this meeting was prepared by **NI**.

Funding - Grant Applications (NI)

Applications to Awards for All and the Rugby Football Foundation Groundmatch Scheme were submitted in August 2006. The application to the Big Lottery Fund – Awards for All – if successful will provide the club with much needed equipment, provide coaching training for up to 3 club members and help the club develop Youth Rugby. The application to the RFF Groundmatch Scheme, if successful will provide 50:50 matched funding (similar to SportsMatch) to allow the club to buy a mobile floodlighting unit to facilitate training on the pitch throughout the winter months. Decisions are awaited on both applications. Anticipated dates are the end of September for the Awards for All application and October 20th for the Groundmatch Application.

Funding - Sponsorship (HS, WC).

WC has secured sponsorship from the Monkfield Arms (Cambourne). The club will provide a pitchside banner and include the companies details on the website, letterhead, etc. in return for £500 and food discounts for players in the pub. **PS** has negotiated sponsorship with the Red House (Longstowe). The owners will provide a banner for pitchside advertising and £200 for club funds. **HS** is proceeding with contacting companies local to Cambourne and Cambridge, and building contractors within Cambourne, in the hope of securing further sponsorship for the Club.

Fixtures Booklet / Membership Handbook / Membership Cards.

NI is close to finalising the fixtures booklet for the forthcoming season. With luck, this will be printed, at minimal expense, by Burlington Press (via Dean Anderson). A club membership booklet will follow soon, containing details of the club, contacts, management structure, codes of conduct, etc etc. The committee agreed that membership cards will be issued only to those confirmed by **MG** (Treasurer) as having paid their subscriptions to the club. Cards will be prepared and distributed by **NI** following authorization from **MG**.

Equipment Needed - Posts and Flags / First Aid Kit / Match Balls

Whilst funding for these items has been requested on the Awards for All application, the committee decided that these items will be needed by the club for home games for the coming season.

Equipment Needed - Training Kit - Club Ties / Shirts

Several players have been asking about the drill tops paid for last season. Once the Sports Match funding is received by the Club, we will be in a position to proceed with these items. Newer members of the club will have the option to buy these tops, but without the earlier subsidy from club funds. We aim to develop a range of Cambourne Exiles RFC merchandise, to include items such as replica match shirts, polo-shirts, ties, hats / caps, etc. which will be available for all to buy at very reasonable cost.

Quick updates from the committee members:

The Chairman (WC)

WC advised the committee that due to time and work constraints, he will now play a less prominent role as Chairman. Whilst remaining in the position, WC will now play a more “honorary” role, acting as a figurehead for the club and a point of contact. The more day-to-day responsibilities of the role will be deferred to NI, MG, and PS.

The Secretary (NI)

At a recent meeting of the Cambridge University and District Rugby Referees Society, (CUDRRS), Cambourne Exiles RFC request for affiliation was unanimously accepted. Through CUDRRS, we can obtain match officials for the sum of £18 per official per game.

The Treasurer (MG)

MG recently attended a meeting with the Cambourne Developers, Sporting Cambourne and Xpect Leisure regarding the provision of facilities in the proposed Sports Centre in Great Cambourne. A suggestion was submitted to alter the proposal to provide a building, separate to the main sports hall, to house outdoor sports changing facilities and a club room / bar to be shared between various sports teams, including Cambourne Exiles RFC.

The Fixtures Secretary (PS)

Many thanks to PS for the information regarding the need for affiliation to CUDRRS.

PS made a suggestion to try to obtain sponsorship to facilitate a Cambourne vs Camborne (Cambs vs Kernow) annual exchange match, which could provide potential good publicity for Cambourne.

Next Meeting :- Wednesday 20th September; Time and Venue to be confirmed.