



Cambourne Exiles RFC

Minutes for the General Committee Meeting

Thursday July 7th 2011

7pm, The Monkfield Arms, Cambourne.

1. Apologies

Received in advance from Alec Motts & Mark Kathro and on the night from Darren Macey, Dan Sundler & Scott Conway.

Attending: Mark Lisher (Chairman), Neil Ingham (Hon. Sec.) Mark Griffiths (Hon. Treasurer), Peter Simpson (Fixtures Secretary), Bob Cox, Dave Hatrick, James Cooper, Matt Bullen, Chris Oram, Bob Conway, Ben Yeats, Craig Millar, Chris Wallis & Ross McEwan.

2. To review the minutes from the meeting of 2nd June 2011.

Were considered and passed as a true record of the meeting.

3. Officer Reports

Chairman. ML reported attendance at the recent Cambs RU AGM at Shelford RUFC (along with **NI** and **AM**). Cambourne were drawn a bye in the first round of the county junior cup and will face either Cambridge Exiles or March Bears in the Quarter Finals. Subsequent to the meeting it was confirmed that Max Pocock (Ely RUFC) is the new President Elect for Cambs RU. **ML** enjoyed the comparison of his jinking running style to England legend Dickie Jeeps made by Chris Mepham!

Hon. Secretary. NI apologised for his absence from the end-of-season dinner and attempted to present RFU valued volunteer certificates to Alex Skingley, Steve Brudenell and Paul Greaves. In their absence from the meeting, NI will mail these to the recipients.

Hon. Treasurer. MG confirmed there is money in the bank! Ticket payments for the Eng-Wales match in August have now been taken (**NI** confirmed the tickets are due for delivery any day now). MG noted that many members are yet to begin payments for the 2011/12 season subs, although it was noted that many may decide to make a lump-sum payment in September. **MG** was happy to announce that Darren Macey is now finally fully paid up to the club (!!) and confirmed that members will only have training courses paid for by the club and be able to buy club-branded kit once they have paid their membership dues.

Fixtures Secretary. PS has "arranged some games". The calendar for both the 1st and 2nd XV are filling up nicely. **[ACTION: PS will look to arrange another pre-season friendly.]** The suggestion to play in the Stowmarket 10's was not taken up.

4. To discuss and decide on a Vice Captain for 2011/12

BY invited **CW** to be his Vice-Captain for the coming season and the invitation was accepted.

5. Coaching & Training Update

Bob Conway (CCC) confirmed that Bob Cox is now a L1 trained coach. Congratulation to Bob! Bobs Cox and Conway will attend a course this coming weekend, with a line-out course to follow soon. ECRU training courses appear somewhat lacking and the club is now also looking to more "local"

courses, eg with Midlands East. Training continues on Mondays & Wednesdays. **[ACTION: NI to find out from the PC when the pitches will reopen]** Pre-Season training will start on a date tbc.

6. Volunteers Start-Up

To offer advice and assistance to new volunteers. **CO** and **MB** are developing plans for social events. **CM** is progressing with sponsorship packages and press publicity based around the opening of the clubhouse.

7. Exiles 2nd XV

Over the last season the number of new players who have joined the Exiles has meant it has become increasingly difficult to get everyone as much time on the pitch as they would like. So that new and developing players can gain match experience it has been decided to regularly field a 2nd XV with priority given to new & developing players and to the more senior Exiles who can't commit to regular 1st XV rugby. These 2nd XV games will take place around once a month and will offer the opportunity for new players to get experience of a full 80 minute match.

8. Progress with clubhouse & bar

NI reported that the clubhouse remains due for completion by mid-August. The intention remains that "Sporting Cambourne" will reform to manage the clubhouse bar. Progress has been slow in gaining help from other clubs, but a meeting on Tuesday 12th July should resolve this and allow rapid progress to be made.

9. Progress towards Incorporation

NI reported that tax clearances have been sought and granted and the application to companies house will follow in due course.

10. Social / Special Events

CO and **MB** are working towards participation in the Southwold Beach Rugby weekend (22/23 July), a friendly Cricket Match with Cambourne CC Vets (more players needed!) and a New Years Eve party at the clubhouse. The suggestion was made to try to arrange a guest speaker for the End-of-Season dinner.

11. Charity Fundraising

Strategies and Objectives for fundraising and publicity for CF Trust, ANT & Help for Heroes were discussed. **BY** reported that the recent 3-Peaks Challenge raised around £5000 for the CF Trust. **NI** outlined ways by which the club might help to recruit new donors for ANT. The March 2012 2nd XV match vs Renegades will be a fundraiser for Help for Heroes, with a possible Disco and party in the clubhouse afterwards.

12. AOB

No other business was raised.

Next Meeting:-

Thursday August 4th, Monkfield Arms, Cambourne
Minutes for this meeting prepared by **NI** (11.7.11)