



Cambourne Exiles Rugby Football Club

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

8th Jan 2008
8:30pm, The Monkfield Arms, Cambourne.

Members in Attendance.

Mark Lisher (Chairman), Neil Ingham, (Hon. Secretary), Mark Griffiths (Treasurer), Peter Simpson (Fixtures Secretary).

Chairman's Update

ML reported that the Parish Council has offered to fund a publicity flyer for the Cambourne Sports Clubs. **NI** is to draft content to be submitted for inclusion on the flyer.

ML reported concern for low turnout at training and is to push for improved attendance from players.

Secretary's Update

NI reported positive and encouraging feedback (via Andrew Sarek and Roger Pierson, ECRU) from the recent visit by RFU "top brass" to Cambourne as part of their Roadshow weekend of the Eastern Counties CB.

Treasurer's Update

MG is to remind members of the forthcoming February deadline for the final instalment of this seasons club membership subs. **MG** reported the Club is looking financially sound with a healthy sum in the bank.

Fixtures Secretary's Update

PS reported that Ross McEwan has offered to act as a standby referee in emergencies. The Exiles are to play March in the County Cup. **PS** is to chase reorganization of outstanding GK league fixtures.

First Aid Kit

Andy Nichols offered to help with tasks whilst his injured shoulder recovers. **NI** is to ask **AN** to ensure the First Aid Kit is fully and regularly restocked.

Playing Kit.

NI, MG and Howard Smith have met with kit suppliers, Samurai, Stash and Kukri with a view to a new playing kit for the 2008/09 season. Sponsors must be sought and secured as a matter of urgency.

Parish Council Related Issues.

Concerns were raised over the lack of pitch marking by the Parish Council groundsmen and the poor state of repair and cleanliness of the MUGA changing rooms. **NI** will informally approach John Vickery, clerk of the Parish Council to broach these issues. **ML** offered to take over the captains responsibility as the main club key-holder for the MUGA facilities, gates, posts, etc.

Club Mobile Phone.

The Committee decided that a dedicated mobile phone be provided for club use, especially for use by the captain (and vice-captain) to ascertain players availability for forthcoming matches. It was agreed that a direct phone call was a better method to employ for this process instead of the more unreliable / unresponsive email and / or text message routes of contact. **NI** will source a “pay-as-you-go” mobile phone, load players contact numbers from the club records and pass on to the captain for use.

Advertising.

Darren Macey has expressed a need for further advertising, especially for the youth rugby. Whilst the proposed Parish Council flyer will address this issue, **NI** will ask for volunteers to help distribute club publicity material.

Sponsors.

The committee resolved that the club need to do more to retain current sponsors as well as attract new support. With this in mind, it is proposed that the club look into holding a “Sponsors Match” – to replace the more typical “Presidents Game” – preceded by a Sponsors Lunch and Photo presentation.

Next Meeting.

Early February 2008 – Date, Time & Venue tbc.