**“Promoting Rugby for One and All”**

**“Avonsya Rugbi Rag Onen Hag Oll”**

Minutes of the Management Board Meeting

Wednesday 26th Apr 23, 7:30pm @ Redruth RFC.

**Present:** John Sumnall, David Saunter, Jane Bell, Andy Richards, Bill Hooper, Tony Knightsbridge, Kevin Thomas, Alan Milliner, Tom Magill, Lee Maher, Paul Hayes, Steve Murley, Andy Reed(AIR), Daubroy Delahunty.

**On Zoom:** n/a

**Welcome:** Chairman Dave Saunter welcomed everyone, especially our new Chair of Competitions, Lee Maher.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Reggie Gough, Cozette Shrosbree and Nicola McCombe.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** All agreed that these were a true and accurate record they were signed by David Saunter.
3. **Matters arising**: Game Development, DS had spoken with JI and he was comfortable with DD assuming his role as Chair. DD has already assumed the role and has started working with Wayne Reed on course participation.

**Confidential Items under Item 7:**

1. **Reports;**

**Executive:** Executive has not met.

**Treasurer’s Report:** AR had sent out his report. AR was concerned that clubs are not following up their initial approach for grants. TM agreed and added it was very disappointing that having been given approval clubs do not follow up.

AR hopes we can maximise income from the county games coming up, also the cup finals. How much the Coronation will affect the gate on May 6th is an unknown.

TM asked if any surplus funds could be transferred to other areas of the budget if needs be. DS added that RG was bringing the First Aid courses back within the RFU remit.

**RFU Council Rep:** AM had submitted a report on his activity. It’s been full on at Council, still some

grievances regarding the Tackle Height recommendation now passed with clubs trying to un-seat

their Council reps. JS asked what items were discussed at council. AM replied that regarding the

Tackle Height the Council had followed the recommendation from the sub-committee. Also a mixed

reaction regarding the Papa John’s Cups. LM added that the RFU needed to work with the CBs

regarding future format and dates of Papa Johns. PH mentioned that the RFU provide a small

contribution to travel costs, but it doesn’t come close.

**Finance & Governance:** PH had sent a report in.

Nomination for an Honorary VP for Bill Ryan (Saltash RFC). Keith Lean will also be made an

Honorary VP, as this was agreed at an earlier meeting. JB to write and invite them to the AGM.

It was also agreed to make a presentation of an inscribed glass to Honorary VPs.

Review of how the new format of MB meetings has gone during the year. Is it working, does it require any tweaking. Meeting felt it had worked and should continue next season. DS felt it had worked well, Clubs Forums need to be looked at. JS felt that the current format encouraged the committees to work better and come up with solutions for the MB to agree or not.

**Club Development & Volunteers:** TM had sent in a report. TM asked if Cluster leads could encourage their clubs to complete the RFU Audit, without which they will not be eligible for funds.

TM detailed in his report the clubs that had received up to £5k for toilets project as part of RWC 2025 Impact Funding.

Truro RFC have been awarded £100k to upgrade their facilities, this will be a marker project for the RFU.

Also a Pitch Power Web App, to assist clubs with pitch maintenance.

**Safeguarding:** No CS report. TK gave a brief update. 2 allegations of coaches/parents/linesmen putting hands on children. Allegation has come from the parent but it needs to come from the club for any action. The other was referred to the police but they have taken no action. TK reminded that an adult is allowed to go onto the pitch to remove their player if they are being assaulted on the pitch, they cannot intervene on the assailant.

**Game Development:** DD had sent in a report. He asked if Cluster leads could contact Camborne, Hayle and Newquay Hornets as they had not replied to his request regarding coaching co-ordinators.

Spoke with Wayne Reed regarding support material for Coaching Co-ordinators. Would like some funding to do a local awareness event to promote the role. AR said PFR funds available for such an event.

**Youth & Education:** TK had sent in his report.

DS added that on Sunday mornings both TK and Andy Seaton go around un-announced to clubs to

observe how they run their sessions. DS felt we could send the clubs an audit post visit to highlight

any action needed such as DBS checks, coaching courses etc. TK mentioned a club had 9 coaches

with no formal qualifications or DBS checks. Golden roles not being completed as per requirements.

JS mentioned that as he is stepping down at the AGM, maybe he could take on the vacant ‘Data

Officer’ role.

**Representative Rugby:** KT had sent in a report, was busy with Cornwall Senior selection meeting. DS gave a quick update. Under 20, Devon under investigation with a hearing the following evening regarding their fielding an un-registered player. We await the verdict. Ladies at home to Oxfordshire at Launceston on 7th May, whilst Seniors at home to Somerset on 6th May. JS raised the eligibility regarding the Cornwall Clubs XV, to be put on agenda for next meeting.

**Competitions:** LM had sent in a report. Late venue change for the Clubs Cup Final, now at Wadebridge Camels RFC;

Clubs Cup Final, Saltash v Perranporth

Shield Final, Illogan Park v Newquay Hornets

Clubs Vase likely to be Sat 14th May, at St. Agnes v Helston.

Clubs have asked if the CRFU will be supporting any clubs reaching a Papa John’s final. DS reminded that a club’s CRFU rep could act as a CB rep at finals day.

LM said the Duchy Cup finals day had gone well despite Falmouth also having a Papa John’s Cup game.

DS thanked LM for his hard work over the past few weeks in difficult circumstances. PH congratulated Falmouth for their hosting of the Duchy Cup Finals. AIR felt that Hayle had done a good job hosting the Colts Finals, thanks to TK and Phil Trevarton (TASC) for making presentations. TK also thanked the referees, who worked hard to cover all the game, notably young Archie Prout and Paul Hurrell for his ball management. TK written to thank Hayle. JB has since written to Falmouth and Wadebridge to thank them for their hosting duties.

**Rugby Safe:** RG had submitted a report.

**Diversity & Inclusion:** SM had sent in a detailed report. Clubs are aware of D&I but it’s taken a bit of backseat with Tackle Height and Papa Johns at the moment. Did a presentation at St. Ives which included the D&I message. Falmouth have asked for a presentation.

**Discipline:** BH had submitted a report. Up to the present 21 senior cases dealt with this season. Hopefully the last couple of weeks of cup matches will be played without any issues.

**A.O.B:** LM asked about having direct access to CRFU Facebook page. BH will make LM and administrator (Done).

JS raised Redruth Albany, still not got their boiler repaired. TM had been in touch but Albany have not replied. JS will contact Albany.

JS apologised to LM & DD that he had not brought their committee ties and badges. Presentation to be made on a suitable date. Also that they are now Directors of the CRFU.

AM will be going on the Bolingey Barbarians tour to Normandy. MB would like a wreath laid at a Normandy Memorial.

AIR asked about O’Neill’s gear. DS to sort.

DS had spotted some Whirlwind Sports gear with the CRFU badge on it. JS to write to Paul Billings.

Match day collections, Terry Pryor Trust for Redruth, White Gold for Camborne.

**Item 7**: Nothing to record.

Date of next meeting: Wed 14th June 2023, 7pm @ Bodmin RFC

Meeting closed at 8:37pm.

Approved and Signed: