**“Promoting Rugby for One and All”**

**“Avonsya Rugbi Rag Onen Hag Oll”**

Minutes of the Management Board Meeting

Held at Camborne RFC on Wednesday 27th Nov 24, at 7pm.

**Present:** Alan Milliner, Ashley Shopland, Jane Bell, Lee Maher, Bill Hooper, Simon Ferguson, Tony Knightsbridge, Paul Hayes, Jo Holden, Kevin Thomas, Tanya Thomas.

**On Zoom:** Andy Reed, Rachel Miller (RFU), Reggie Gough (limited access due to signal issues)

**Welcome:** ActingChair Alan Milliner welcomed everyone.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Steve Murley, Cozy Shrosbree, Daubroy Delahunty, Nicola McCombe
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** All agreed that these were a true and accurate record they were signed by Alan Milliner.
3. **Matters arising:**
* Formal introduction and warm welcome to our new Inclusivity & Diversity Lead, Simon.
* Ratification of President Elect 25/26, Terry Carter, who is delighted to take on this role. MB agreed. Steve Murley to write congratulations to Terry.
* Cornish Pirates, AM advised that there was a recent meeting with the new CEO, Sally Pettifer. Looking forward to strengthening our ties with the Pirates. AM awaiting on some actions.

**Confidential Items under Item 7:**

1. **Key Concerns from MB committees:**

**Executive:**

Not met but ongoing discussions and dialogue.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Report submitted.

* AS has been working with clubs and their accounts, 16 received and 9 to go.
* 4 facility grants have been made to recipient clubs, totalling £2000 after advising they can make claims.
* Penryn has claimed for their First Aid training.
* Several sponsors have now paid including Kellows and MSB.
* Reminder that the 2nd wave of Allianz Grants are open for applications, until the end of December. £500 - £3000 per club.

**RFU Council Rep:** Report submitted.

* AM would like county to raise the profile for IPF (RFU Injured Players Fund). BH to put on website and JB will mention in next newsletter.
* Twickenham Stadium Master Plan, RFU assure finances are sound.
* Bill Sweeney’s bonus was explained. A post Covid contractual agreement in line with standard business practice, unfortunately badly timed with its announcement.
* Ongoing confidential issues within the Council Member meetings.

**Finance & Governance:**

* PH advised RRL undertaking external review of CRFU accounts, this is not a full audit but will measure our compliance with our Finance Policy.
* Moving forward with the filling of a Discipline Chair role. The aim will be to get a chair elect in place to work alongside John Dunstan, before he steps down.
* Identifying options for a new partner for the CRFU website and social media, hope to have an idea of plan for the Feb MB meeting.

**Club Development & Volunteers:** SM speaking to an interested party.

**Commercial Development:**

* TT advised that the new kit had been seen and approved by the Rep Rugby committee and Executive. Graphics and mock-up of strip coming soon. There will be a supporter’s shirt.
* Meeting held with Trelawny’s Army, who are happy to take the existing stock to sell on. Players will be given the opportunity to purchase old shirts beforehand.
* AM thanked Tanya again for all her hard work.

**Competitions:** Report submitted.

* LM reminded all that there is a clubs meeting at St Austell on Wed 8th Jan 25, to discuss C3C and how we can reset the league to get more rugby played. LM wants to split Counties 3 , top 8 sides play each other, whilst remaining sides play in a deregulated league. However, this likely to meet opposition from both RFU and SW Leagues as rules and regulations are agreed ahead of a new season. Also we will discuss revamping the cup competitions.
* Recently unearthed Cornwall League Cup, trophy donated by Frank Justins and competed from season 20/21. LM would like to use the trophy for the de-regulated league.
* Lee has communicated our help and support to Veor RFC, as there are concerns for their future. RM reported about her work in supporting Veor RFC and the issues faced. Some meetings have been missed by Veor’s representative. Scott Sturdy has also been involved.

**Discipline:** Report submitted.

* BH updated on the Penryn case which saw a player receive a 13 match ban for a Reg 9:12 Punches Red Card.
* First Senior Player Ladies case dealt with this season. Player struck an opponent and given a 3 match ban.
* Discipline Audit sent out by the RFU, BH has completed it and await follow up in the New Year.

**Game Development:** No update from DD

**Inclusivity & Diversity:** SF introduced himself and explained he had some ideas going forward. The MB offered their full support.

**Representative Rugby:** KT presented MB with PowerPoint slide and explained up and coming County fixtures.

**Rugby Safe:** Report submitted.

**Safeguarding:** No update from CS

* AM was able to report back from Council that Safeguarding issues were going up. Reminder we all have a duty to ensure a safe environment in our game.

**Women’s Lead:** Report submitted

* JH would like to invite as many players as possible from the very first Cornwall Women’s team that played Devon at Truro in 1994 to a Gill Burns Cup game. BH suggested to recognise them too with a small memento.
* Fantastic turnout for the Women & Girls forum. Very positive discussions held.
* Secondary competition for the Women’s Cornwall Cup aimed at players in Inner Warriors (non-contact).

**Youth & Education:** Report submitted.

* Under 18 struggling for PHICS at present with many teams playing on the same day for county.

 **Correspondence:**

* John Sumnall had pointed out that the DCLI Cup (Cornwall Clubs Cup) should be kept in the DCLI Museum Bodmin for insurance purposes. With the discovery of the Cornwall League Cup presented in season 21/22 this also is a solid silver trophy this will also need to be valued. AS to get the valuation sorted.
* Cornish Pirates, Penzance & Newlyn RFC and Pirates Amateurs RFC have applied to the RFU to re-structure the clubs.
* We had a return of international tickets from one of our VPs. She asked that they should go to worthy recipient SM suggested Ian Gordon from Trelawny’s Army, which was accepted.
* Our Cornwall shirt ended up in Dinard, Brittany. Devon & Cornwall Police took it over to the British & Irish Film Festival held there.

**AOB:**

* RM reported that she would be in Hayle RFC tomorrow delivering the Active Bystander Course, which formed part of their sanction from their recent RFU Disciplinary Case.
* Club Disciplinary Webinar on December 4th.
* Paul Stentaford who is based in South Devon can travel into Cornwall to deliver 1st Aid Courses.
* Volunteer recruitment grant now closed. Clubs who applied were Newquay, Launceston, Wadebridge and St Austell.
* Walkovers, any team that give more than 2 walkovers she contacts, on her list are Penryn II & Falmouth II, mostly down to short-term number issues due to injuries.
* Early Rose Coaching Development for Women, level 3 coaching award.
* JB raised the need to advertise the RFU Council role as AM will come to the end of his term. PH said this would be dealt with by Governance.
* AS Mark Holmes newly appointed Schools Rugby Manager.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th Feb, 6:30pm @ Suez Meeting Room, St Dennis

Meeting closed at 9:05pm.

Signed by: Steve Murley Date: 19th Feb 2025

Chair: Steve Murley