

# CORNWALL RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION Ltd

## “Promoting Rugby for One and All”

## “Avonsya Rugbi rag Onen hag Oll”

Minutes of the Cornwall RFU Management Board meeting held at Camborne RFC on Wednesday 22 January 20 at 7pm.

**Present:** David Saunter, John Sumnall, Andy Richards, Tom Magill, Chris Jewells, Georgina Finnegan, Bill Hooper, David Martin, Ross Tucknott, Tony Knightsbridge, and Terry Williams.

**Apologies for Absence:** Chris Lee, Cozette Shroesbury, Bob Hubble and Alan Milliner.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** These were agreed as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chairman, David Saunter.

### **Matters Arising:**

1. Website – John Sumnall was pleased to report that the website was now live. He would deal with the tabs and Bill Hooper would deal with the social side. In the future we would need to train people on how to populate the tabs. There was room for 4 news items at a time after which each item would drop off in turn into archive. After a suggestion from David Saunter, John Sumnall agreed to put a tab on for mental health.
2. Financial contribution to Colt’s for long away trips – After discussion it was agreed that if within the county then it was the club’s responsibility to finance such trips. Outside the county then CRFU would provide some assistance towards the cost.
3. Player duty of care (Sam Stevens, Redruth RFC) – David Saunter and Terry Williams had attended Redruth where they had met with Nigel Hambly and Chris Allen to discuss their proposal that CRFU pay for Sam Stevens’s treatment for injury caused whilst playing for the county. It was felt that club and county needed to be more transparent as regards players injuries. It would be a good idea if the Redruth physio also attended county training/matches as the bulk of the County XV came from that club. A discussion took place concerning Redruth’s request for CRFU to pay for the treatment and it was agreed that we would offer them £350 towards it. The secretary would write to the club accordingly.
4. Withdrawal of Saltash from 2<sup>nd</sup> XV competitions – This was regrettable. Chris Jewells had spoken with Lee Maher and advised him of the consequences of that decision. At the moment he felt that the best option was “wait and see”.

## Reports:

- a. Treasurer – AR. As per report. In addition, he went on to explain the current accounting system, and went over the accounts. David Martin thanked the Treasurer for the way in which the accounts were presented, and all agreed that it was an excellent development. He was still looking into the change of bankers to Lloyds, but it was not straightforward, and we may remain with NatWest.
- b. RFU Council – AM, as per report
- c. Governance and Finance – GF, the next meeting was due in February
- d. Club Development and Volunteers – TM, as per report, in addition he stated that a new operations manual was required for Camborne and Redruth for County games. Kevin Instance was looking into level 2/3 NVQ courses for stewards.
- e. Safeguarding – CS, as per report
- f. Game Development –
- g. Youth and Education – TK, as per report
- h. Representative Rugby – CL, as per report
- i. Competitions – CJ, as per report. Chris Jewells advised the MB that there was an issue with result cards/fixtures not being sent in. David Saunter stated that Club's had not been informed as to what to do. It was decided not to fine clubs at the moment, but for how long. Clubs needed to comply with the regulations – David Saunter said he would deal with the matter. The question of costs of refreshments on Finals Day was raised by Chris Jewells and Andy Richards stated that the cost would be met by PFR.
- j. Discipline – John Dunstan, as per report.
- k. RDO – No report
- l. Facilities – DM, Veor and Roseland were asking for money, but as neither club is Accredited we are unable to help them. Poltair School (St Austell), were asking for money for new posts. CRFU did not normally fund schools and this would set a dangerous precedent. It was thought that perhaps the RDO could assist.
- m. Rugby Safe – BHb, as per report
- n. Women and Girls – RT, as per report. Lorraine Osman had resigned as no working relationship with coaching team. This was regrettable. The Tamar cup would be played at Penryn RFC on 5 April, with a 2 pm kick off. There was concern over poaching of players, and clubs had been advised that the best approach was via coaches and they should keep within the spirit of the game. Kevin Luke is now ladies coordinator, 3

assistant coaches have been appointed for senior ladies, Amy Warman, Jo Holden, and Vezza Lianne.

**Correspondence:**

The Secretary had written to Richard Simeons thanking him for his assistance to Andy Richards over the past months.

St Ives had applied to SW Leagues for admittance to Cornwall Leagues next season. The letter, from Denis Preece, asked that they be admitted to Cornwall 1. This was irregular and would set a precedent. In the past clubs such as Richmond had been forced to come back in at the lowest level The Secretary would write to SW Leagues asking why Level 1 was suggested. He would also write to the Secretary at St Ives asking them to formally apply to the CRFU for admittance to Cornwall Leagues.

The Secretary had emailed secretaries of all clubs reminding them that tour forms needed to be submitted at least one month prior to the tour date.

Letter from Redruth RFC regarding Sam Stevens – dealt with as above.

Letter from Saltash RFC regarding withdrawal of second XV – dealt with as above.

**Any other business:**

Alan Barbary Cup, awarded for best team performance, was for Cornwall 1 and 2 clubs only, before Christmas.

Tom Magill – Nominations required for Mitsubishi Volunteer Awards.

Tony Knightsbridge raised the subject of the drop off of players between 16 -24. To be discussed at the next meeting. Secretary to put on Agenda.

David Saunter reminded members that the next club's forum would take place in April. He asked that reports be submitted beforehand.

The County Championship Final was scheduled for a 5pm KO.

The RPPG post, David Saunter was not remaining, it was thought that Nigel Middleton would take it up.

Richard Simeons would attend the ERCA meeting (no expenses would be paid), as he was in the area and was willing to go.

**Date of next meeting:** 26 February at Bodmin RFC, at 7pm.

