**Cornwall Rugby Football Union Ltd**

**Promoting Rugby for One and All**

**Avonsya Rugby Rag Onen Hag Oll**

Minutes of the Management Board meeting held on Wednesday 29 April 2020 at 7.15pm, via Microsoft Teams.

This was our first “virtual” meeting and it was a case of trial and error.

**Present on line:** David Saunter, Andy Richards, John Sumnall, Jonny Stevenson, Chris Lea, Georgina Finnegan, Alan Milliner, Tony Knightsbridge and David Martin. Bob Hubble joined later on.

**Unavailable**: Chris Jewells, James Instance, Cozette Shrewsbury, Bill Hooper, Ross Tucknott and Tom Magill.

**Minutes of previous meeting:** The last meeting was held at Bodmin RFC on Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 7pm. The minutes of that meeting were circulated to all MB members. Due to the Covid-19 lockdown no further meetings have taken place, and the Chairman has been unable to sign those minutes. However, all agreed that they were a true and accurate record and the minutes will be held by the secretary on file, with a notation to that effect.

The meeting did not follow the usual format, and due to technical difficulties, some members were only present for part of the session. The chairman, David Saunter, opened the meeting by going through the following points:

1. Player payments to RFU. There were a lot of clubs still to notify the RFU of their player payment. He would contact them and ask them to expedite.
2. Loans/grants from CRFU - only one club has applied so far, Lankelly Fowey. They have been given a grant of £1000 and a loan of a similar amount, repayable over 2 years, interest free.
3. Redruth Albany – applied for a loan from the RFU for £10,000. Jonny Stevenson will be looking at that tomorrow (30 April).
4. Hayle RFC – regarding the article in The Sunday Independent, not quite as written. They are not in financial trouble and they have now agreed to accept the promotion to the Cornwall/Devon League
5. O’Neill’s – Peter Kennedy is furloughed, but there were some outstanding bills, which we have now settled. We will need to manage the expectation of Gift in Kind for next season.
6. Tamar Cup – possibility to play ASAP, or maybe October. If the latter, Redruth would be unlikely to release players at that time of the season. However, if played as a development team that would be an option provided Devon would follow suit.

**AGM**

John Sumnall then raised the issue of the AGM, scheduled for Wednesday 24 June 2020. It was highly unlikely that this would be able to take place at County Hall in the normal way. The quorum for the meeting was 15. There were 2 options:

To hold a virtual meeting or

To postpone the AGM, meeting government guidelines

The secretary to contact club secretaries/representatives.

**BILLS TO CRFU**

A number of small bills have come in, for example £600 for a video camera for Dave Burrows, and £50 for radios for Richard Kevern. It was agreed that any such spend should be agreed beforehand by the Chair of the relevant committee at the quotation stage, with treasurer copied in.

**ACCOUNTS**

Andy Richards – all had received his recent accounts. Georgina Finnegan made the point that our current accountants fees seemed rather high, and someone else could do it for less (£2K). Andy Richards stated that he had been approached by a new company who worked for our current accountants and this could be looked at for next season.

**RFU Council**

Alan Milliner advised the meeting that there was not much to report, but cash flow within the RFU was a problem. There were 2 other updates:

1. AGP was suspended
2. Adult Competition Review was suspended

Andy Coslett and Steve Grainger wanted to voice their thanks for all that we were

Doing at this time.

John Inverdale (BBC TV) was joining the council. He is a member of Esher RFC.

The RFU AGM will be via Zoom.

**Committee members for next season**

Georgina Finnegan advised the MB that she was frustrated with members of the various committees who had not indicated their intentions for the forthcoming season. David Martin had advised that he would continue in Facilities. She also mentioned a Government scheme for loans to small/medium businesses which might be of interest to clubs. She would forward the details to the secretary who would circulate to clubs.

**Veor RFC**

John Sumnall reported that he had been in contact with the secretary concerning Veor’s intention to rename as Veor Holman RFC. This matter had come up a year ago and they had been advised of the correct procedure. However, to date they had not done anything about it. It was agreed that the secretary would write to Veor and give them the necessary advice.

**RRS Report**

As per report. In addition Chris Lea advised the MB that Terry Carter and Marek Churcher were continuing, but he had not heard back from Graham Dawe. There seemed to be a problem with the players/coaches in the Ladies section. David Saunter would look into that, and report back to the MB.

**Facilities**

As per David Martin’s report.

**Youth and Education**

Tony Knightsbridge reported that he had nothing to add.

**Discipline**

An area that needed sorting. Georgina Finnegan stated that there was no one from the ladies/girls on the discipline panel She was willing to do the course if necessary. She had tried contacting Ross Tucknott, but had no reply.

**RDO**

Jonny Stevenson thanked everyone for all that was going on. There were 4 members of RFU staff working in the SW. He was available for any questions arising. He stated that it might be possible to arrange for clubs to receive a visit for advice on VAT.

**Rugby Safe**

Bob Hubble told the MB that there was very little happening on the Rugby Safe front at the moment. He would be sending out an “idiots guide” on the subject of representative rugby management

**RFU Funding, LPR**

The RFU had given us £13,000, to which the CRFU had added a further £12,000. The RFU then added another £9000, £34K in total. David Saunter suggested that at the end of this Covid-19 situation that if there was any of the £9000 RFU money left then we should consider returning to the RFU. He would write to the other CB Chairmen to seek their views.

The meeting was then concluded and it was agreed that we would hold another such meeting in 2 week’s time, Wednesday 13 May 2020, at 7.15 pm. The Secretary to notify the MB members on Monday 11 May.