**Cornwall Rugby Football Union Ltd**

**Promoting Rugby for One and All**

**Avonsya Rugbi Rag Onen Hag Oll**

This was the 5th of our Virtual Management Board Meetings, held on Wednesday 15 July 2020 at 7pm.

**Present on line:** David Saunter, John Sumnall, Andy Richards, David Martin, Chris Lea, Bill Hooper, Georgina Finnegan, Tony Knightsbridge, Chris Jewells, Alan Milliner and Bob Hubble

**Apologies for absence:** Terry Williams, Jonny Stephenson, Tom Magill, Ross Tucknott, Cozy Shrosbree

**Minutes of last meeting:** All agreed that these were a true and accurate record. The Secretary would hold a copy on file with a notation to the effect that due to Covid-19 the Chairman could not sign them in the usual way.

The Chairman, David Saunter, then opened the meeting and went through the following points:

Operation Trelawney- Word Doc sent out to all MB members by GF, still requires some work before publishing.

School Immunisation Program – DS interviewed at Bodmin by Spotlight, yet to be aired.

Kelly Martin – DS will contact, she has been poorly recently.

DS had participated in a meeting with Don Parsons along with other CBs in Area 1.

Most CBs in Area 1 had yet to hold their AGMs and were looking to do so on the same basis as we did.

Concerns raised across the board that some clubs are not sticking to RFU / Govt guidelines. Clubs may need to be brought to heel.

Some CBs had already spent all their support funds from the RFU. Dorset & Wilts had spent £30k, Devon some £9 k, Cornwall currently £4 k, Somerset spent all theirs in the first week giving all their clubs money.

Alan Milliner - AM raised to following points -Strong likelihood that RFU redundancies will have a local impact and we must be prepared for some tough challenges.

Optimistic re the new RFU operational model which will give CBs greater autonomy.

Modified Games rule – End of August before we know what community game will look like, around the touch rugby scenario, as face to face is a massive health issue. Govt need to sign off before we can move to Stage C. AM hopeful that once we have moved to stage C we should be able to move swiftly though D , E & F, subject to no further spikes in covid.

DS asked the MB to think about ways we could look to preserve and afford some of the roles currently carried out by RFU staff. Possibly paid for on a part time basis, DM felt we should keep RDO role. TK felt we need to ensure best value and DS added we need to think what we as a CB need and discuss at the next meeting.

John Sumnall, JS had written to all clubs re the new CRFU handbook asking for the list of new officials. Putting in the fixtures will be a problem. Cut off will be 31st August.

Diversity & Inclusion – Consensus of members that we need a suitably qualified person to drive this forward at CB level. We will look in the first instance to see if we can recruit someone from the game locally, ideally someone who is already active in this field. JS to prepare a job advert to be published on the website. Proposal to go ahead JS proposed, seconded by DS, agreed by the committee.

DS would sound out Jane Bell re the D&I position. GF & BH felt an experienced person in the D&I field was essential, BH also had a preference for someone outside of rugby who could look at it from a different perspective.

AM had mentioned this to Genevieve Glover Chair of RFU D&I working group at the RFU, she was delighted to see a CB take a positive initiative and offered assistance. A D&I package will be coming from the RFU in due course.

DS – Defibrillators, we had been contacted by Dan Osborne from the charity Jay’s Aim, looking to provide a defib in every rugby club in Cornwall & Devon. DS will pursue.

Georgina Finnegan, GF had been contacted by Lesley Bennett from the Women & Girls section they are holding a virtual meeting on July 27th. DS also attending meeting.

Chris Lea – CL referred to the latest Lancs RFU podcast. DS had been in contact with the following CBs, Somerset, Gloucestershire, Dorset & Wilts and Devon. The first three were keen, whilst Devon had financial reservations!

Colin Hatch was in discussion with regards to the Under 20s and Keith Lean regarding the U.18s. Ladies rugby also in the mix, much depends on the finances.

Dave Martin – DM raised concerns re Eden Project, given potential job losses announced today. AR to contact them. CL mentioned he had spoken to them and they were keen.

Tony Knightsbridge – Two players at Penryn recovering from ACLs looking to play with U.16s age group, one request is unlikely to be sanctioned. TK also concerned about clubs not respecting the letter of the law is current regs. Looking to do some unannounced visits to clubs.

Bob Hubble – BH to share Risk Assessments from both Newquay Hornets & St. Austell clubs. BH also raised fears that not all clubs are adhering to RFU Return to Rugby guidelines and feared pre-season player burnout. BH had a research report on covid and scrums.

Chris Jewels – CJ reported that the Competitions Committee were awaiting developments, unable to confirm if we will be able to hold local cup competitions this season.

Andy Richards – AR reported that accounts had gone to the accountants RRL. Will compile a P&L account. Rugby Landscape monies which will show approx £2900 overspend on the year. AR will chase sponsors for the CRFU handbook adverts.

Bill Hooper – WH enquired if DS had spoken with Peter Kennedy from O’Neills re CRFU facemasks. DS to chase up.

JS felt that we should for this season assist clubs with affiliation fees. It was proposed that we refund clubs for the 20/21 season, proposed by DS, seconded by JS, passed by committee.

David Saunter then thanked everyone and the meeting was then closed 7:55 pm.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 29 July at 7pm, via Microsoft Teams.