**CORNWALL RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION Ltd**

**Promoting Rugby for One and All**

**Avonsya Rugby Rag Onen Hag Oll**

This was the 6th of our Virtual Management Board meetings, held on Wednesday 29 July 2020 at 7pm, via Microsoft Teams.

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

**Apologies for absence:** none

**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 normal way.

**Matters arising:**

Face masks from O’Neills – all agreed not to proceed.

The Secretary reported on the following:

Legionella testing – all clubs had now been tested, and the Risk Assessments were sent out to clubs.

Schools Immunisation Programme – this was going well, and nearing completion. Kernow Health were very grateful for the help provided by rugby clubs in Cornwall.

Defibrillators in clubs – Dan Osborne of JaysAim (charity) had been in touch with the CRFU and the Secretary had contacted clubs and now had a list which had been forwarded to JaysAim of those clubs wishing to receive a defibrillator. This was ongoing.

Contact with Lancashire RFU – David Martin was thanked for his work on this matter, and we would continue to speak with them with a view to having a fixture here at the end of the season, possibly in May. A shared gate was being thought about, which seemed fair under the circumstances. David Saunter will pursue, Chris Lea also the be involved.

County Rugby – Chris Lea was keen to develop the Lancashire connection and was looking to have fixtures with Devon across all groups.

RFU – Alan Milliner stated that it was very quiet at the moment, and the primary focus is consultation with staff, as to who was staying and who was going. A final announcement was anticipated shortly. John Sumnall added that the RFU were looking to move from Stage B to Stage C.

Accounts – Andy Richards had circulated the accounts earlier in the week, and he had highlighted the ins and outs. He went through those accounts and explained that we would be running at a deficit of around £4-5 K this year. The loss of 2 county Matches represented a potential loss of £22-25K. As regards International tickets he had received confirmation from the RFU that our allocation for the coming season was 45 tickets per game as opposed to the 60+ we normally received. He had received an invoice from Microsoft Teams for £92 for 1 month. He would consider setting up a different account.

Risk assessments (training) – Bob Hubble reported that RA’s were trickling in. Falmouth had put some nice video’s on their website. He welcomed any ideas. John Sumnall then mentioned that in the past MB Members were allocated about 3 clubs each to visit during the course of a season. This seems to have fallen in to abeyance and he thought it would be a good idea to resurrect it. Bob Hubble then broached the topic of forming “Pods of clubs” with a bigger club being a “mother club”. Dave Saunter gave an example of Wadebridge coupled with Bodmin and Camelford. Dave Saunter would put this on the Agenda at the next meeting.

**Any other business:**

John Sumnall informed the MB that Roseland RFC had postponed their 50th Anniversary until next season.

Diversity and Inclusivity Lead – although the advertisement had only gone out this week there had already been 3 applicants expressing an interest. This was encouraging. It seemed that we were ahead of the game in this matter compared with other CB’s

Bill Hooper reported that he was busy with the website. In his role as Discipline Secretary he had received an email from David Barnes stating that clubs were not adhering to protocols re Covid-19 when it came to training. It was generally felt that we deal with this with a light hand at the moment but may have to become firmer if things continued along those lines.

David Saunter then added the following:

Letter from Jeff Blackett, RFU President Elect; he will visit us during the coming season and was looking for a Friday night. His availability was added to the letter. It may be that to accommodate him we could hold our MB meeting on a Friday rather than the usual Wednesday.

Our budget for the coming season was 30% of what we had last year.

As regards Jonny Stephenson, Neil Smith and Phil Morris, we simply don’t know at the moment what is to happen to them.

First Aid Courses – none being run now by the RFU, we may have to consider running our own.

Congratulations were offered to the Milliner family – 120,000 steps to raise money for children who have nothing. So far £1800 raised.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 12 August 2020, at 7pm, via Microsoft Teams