**Cornwall Rugby Football Union Ltd**

**Promoting Rugby for One and All**

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This was the 20th of our Virtual Management Board Meetings, held on Wednesday 24 March 2021, at 7pm, via Zoom.

Presentonline**:** David Saunter, John Sumnall, Terry Williams, David Martin, Tony Knightsbridge, Bob Hubble, James Instance, Georgina Finnegan, Bill Hooper, Steve Murley, Cozette Shrosbree, Ross Tucknott, Tom Magill, Chris Jewels.

**Apologies for absence:** Alan Milliner, Andy Richards.

**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:**

**1)** Club Champions, still under review.

**2)** Portable floodlights, David Martin reported interest from St Columba RFC, both Bob Hubble and James Instance said Falmouth were also interested.

**3)** JOMO app, felt it best to let individual clubs to make up their minds, Not something for the CRFU to get involved with.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Andy Richards was unable to attend meeting due to internet issues. As you can see the only income is a small amount for Youth Development & all clubs have been paid their £225.00 totalling £6,525.00 under Club Development.  This now means all our Immediate Support Fund received last year has been spent. Tony Knightsbridge to let Andy Richards know when DPP program will restart. Bob Hubble to let Andy Richards know re 1st Aid Course dates.

**Council Rep’s Report:** See AM’s report on file. Tony Knightsbridge thanked Alan Milliner for enquiring about the cost of level 3 coaching. David Martin picked up on the CVC deal for the 6 Nations, on the face of it, it’s a lot of money (95M) but when you drill down on the numbers it’s not a lot for giving them a big say on the future of rugby in England. RFU still planning for new competition structure implementation for season 22/23, David Saunter feels we must do what is right for our clubs.

**Governance & Finance:** Georgina Finnegan reported back on the initial meeting of the Sponsorship sub-committee, still a fair amount of work to undertake before coming back to MB with a proposal. CRFU logo has been accepted by copyright office, we are registered for sports clothing, sports equipment and other sporting items. 12-week period for any objections to be lodged. Should be sorted by mid June. John Sumnall had written to companies that had been pirating our logo and they have taken their adverts off the web.

**Club Development:** See Tom Magill’s report. David Saunter congratulated Jade Atkins on her Mitsubishi National Volunteer award, delighted for her and the Falmouth club. Thanks to Tom Magill for all he has done with the Volunteer Awards, especially under lockdown getting the awards out.

**Safeguarding:** Cosette Shrosbree had submitted a report. John Sumnall felt we needed to press ahead with advertising for our 4 assistant officers. F&G to meet shortly to expedite matters.

**Game Development:** See James Instance’s report. Further contact with Wayne Reed to put on courses where it is mutually desirable.

**Youth & Development:** Tony Knightsbridge’s report on file. Steve Murley enquired about commencement of Colts rugby – nothing received as yet. Tony Knightsbridge had written to clubs but only had 4 replies, will write again.

**Competitions:** Chris Jewells had only heard back from 8 clubs regarding any competitions post lockdown. Little appetite for any form of competition, suggest we curtail 20/21 season forthwith. Referee’s Society happy to ref any friendly fixtures club may organise between themselves. Agreed by MB that we end the 20/21 season, clubs to be advised by Terry Williams and Chris Jewells.

Steve Murley enquired when 21/22 fixtures might be released, clubs need to book social events around fixture lists. Fixtures are normally released at the end of June.

**Facilities:** David Martin had submitted a report and was awaiting to hear back from Redruth and Camborne.

**Rugby Safe:** Bob Hubble confirmed 10 1st Aid courses fully booked. 2 further courses in Penzance also fully booked, confirmed tonight.

**Women & Girls Rugby:** Question mark over how Girls Age Groups will advance come September. Mixed messages at the moment awaiting clarification. David Saunter stated that it was the same for the girls as for the boys. Tony Knightsbridge confirmed that this is what he understood from Steve Grainger.

**Diversity & Inclusion:** Nothing further to report from Steve Murley.

**Correspondence:** Terry Williams had received 2 nominations for the post of RFU Council Rep. and Secretary. (Alan Milliner and himself). Nominations need to be in by 1st April, he will send out a reminder to clubs. No further interest in the post of Data Officer. Crawshay’s had been in touch just to touch base regarding April 2022 fixture.

Bill Hooper reported that the social media team were busy preparing a film about county rugby. Lancashire have produced 3 good short videos about Our Game, Our County Championship. David Saunter felt it would be good advert for the County Championship, especially at this time, Alan Milliner keen to showcase with delegates at Twickenham.

**AOB:**

David Martin brought up about the Barbarians v Australia game at Wembley in 2008, to commemorate the 1908 Olympic Rugby final between Australia and Cornwall (representing GB). The Cup presented to the Barbarians was given to David Martin for safe keeping by the late Micky Steele-Bodger. The cup went on display at Cornish Gold. They are closing down. The cup and associated memorabilia are now at Dairyland. David Martin assured us that it was all in safe hands and insured. David Saunter enquired about the silver medal won by Cornwall and subsequently presented to “Chicky” Wedge. Believed the medal is now with the Wedge family.

John Sumnall raised concerns about Jeff Gauge’s ongoing rant with the RFU. David Saunter felt it better to let sleeping dogs lie.

James Instance: Jade Adkins and himself both on Spotlight tomorrow night. Grants are now being issued to clubs from the Winter Grant Package. David Saunter said grants would be audited by the RFU/HMG. We will pick them up from clubs EOY accounts.

Chris Jewells: Seeking reassurance that county cups are covered by insurance whilst at the club holding the trophy. Andy Richards to advise.

Tony Knightsbridge: Head Case On-line, - asked if all members of MB had completed. A few still outstanding.

David Saunter: Dialled into a Mental Well-Being seminar. E-mail regarding ERCA, not yet seen.

Date of next meeting: 28th April 21, at 7pm, via Zoom

Meeting closed. 7:47 pm.