**Cornwall Rugby Football Union Ltd**

**Promoting Rugby for One and All**

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This was the 21st of our Virtual Management Board Meetings, held on Wednesday 28 April 2021, at 7pm, via Zoom.

**Present on line:** John Sumnall, Terry Williams, Andy Richards, Alan Milliner, David Martin, Tony Knightsbridge, Bob Hubble, Georgina Finnegan, Bill Hooper, Tom Magill, Chris Jewels.

**Apologies for absence:** Dave Saunter, Steve Murley, Cozette Shrosbree, James Instance, Ross Tucknott.

**Chairman:** In the absence of Dave Saunter, John Sumnall took the Chair.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Two sets required approval: the MB meeting of 24 March plus the meeting held on 13 April. All agreed that both 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 from Management Board meeting 24 March:**

**1)** Portable floodlights have been sold to Falmouth RFC, for £8408:00.

**2)** Safeguarding - regarding the 4 assistants required Georgina Finnegan has advertised the positions via her work help page. Advert to go out on website and in the local press. The Management Board agreed to advertise the positions. Georgina Finnegan to formulate an advertisement.

**3)** Posts of RFU Council Rep and Hon.Sec - both Alan Milliner and Terry Williams agreed to further 3 year term. No other nominations were received from clubs.

**4)** Chris Jewells updated the Management Board regarding the insurance of the county cups whilst in the hands of the various clubs holding them. Our insurers have confirmed that they are not covered and must be covered by the host club’s insurance. Chris Jewells will get clubs to update the engraving and then collect cups for a valuation check. Andy Richards reminded us that our base for insurance purposes is Hayle RFC lockup, so if not kept there they are not covered. He will speak with insurance company. David Martin questioned the value of insuring them as they are rarely in the CRFU possession. Andy Richards will report back.

**Reports:**

**Executive Meeting:**  Meeting held on 21 April following short notice request from RFU to provide delegates to county championship task force. Ben Hilton, Zeta Penrose, Terry Carter & Andy Richards nominated to represent CRFU.

Also discussed the out of date stash at Hayle lock up. David Saunter to contact a company who will process for us and pass on profits to charitable causes.

Correspondence from Veor-Holman RFC, - Scott Lake asking for the formation of a Cornwall league for all Cornish clubs, this was passed on to Competitions Committee.

Also a big drive by the RFU to attract greater participation from ethnic groups, a fund has been set up to facilitate.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Andy Richards referred to his report sent out; since then First Aid courses have started as have the Rugby Skills program. Andy Richards asked Tony Knightsbridge about invoices from the First Aid trainers. He replied that they would be submitted.

Funds received from Falmouth RFC re the lights.

David Martin asked if he had received the invoices from clubs seeking Facilities Grants. Andy Richards confirmed a few still outstanding.

Support funding monies have been spent and accounted for to RFU.

Clubs still a little slow in submitting End Of Year accounts, some need to be chased.

**RFU Council Rep:** Alan Milliner began by apologising for not having submitted a report. He will send in a retrospective report for the minutes. Mitsubishi Volunteer nominations need to be in by 2nd May.

**Governance & Finance:** As per report from Georgina Finnegan

**Club Support:** Tom Magill reminded us that nominations for Mitsubishi Awards close on Sunday. Nominations from our clubs are down on last season. Also passed on that the Royal Navy are keen to have a warm up game with Cornwall at some stage. Executive to discuss.

**Safeguarding:** Cosette Shrosbree had submitted a report.

**Game Development:** James Instance absent, nothing reported.

**Youth & Education:** Tony Knightsbridge reported that the CSPs were back and running doing 2 sessions per evening. Clubs around the county are arranging friendly fixtures for May.

**Competitions:** All clubs circulated to gauge if they are ready to return to rugby in September. 13 replies thus far but disappointingly 15 clubs yet to respond. SW Leagues seeking confirmation of which clubs are able to compete next season and if any new clubs wish to join the leagues. Cornwall League 1&2 plus Duchy League to complete their program up to Christmas, then as previously a Kernow League set up for the second half of the season as done previously. Concerns regarding Veor-Holman, they are awaiting clarification of travel funding package from the RFU for 21/22 season before committing to Cornwall & Devon League. David Martin pointed out if they quit their league they would have to start at the bottom i.e. Cornwall 2. Alan Milliner has also been in contact with Scott Lake at Veor-Holman.

St. Agnes are currently holding 4 trophies, the P.J.B. Michell Cup for junior competitions, held since 2017? Also have the Tommy May Cup which is given by CRRS. Denis Preece is holding some kit and various medals for presentations he will drop the stuff off at Hayle.

**Facilities:** David Martin had submitted a report on the on-going projects.

**Rugby Safe:** FirstAid courses going ahead. Kevin Bishop doing some filming on the various MB roles for clubs to understand our various functions as some did not seem to have a clear idea as to what we do.

**Women & Girls:** Ross Tucknotthad submitted a report, - Torpoint & St. Columba keen to be involved with Girls rugby in Cornwall. Redruth looking to form a girls section.

**Diversity & Inclusivity:** Nothing from SM.

**Correspondence:**  Terry Williams had circulated RFU AGM details. We did try to get our county flag flown at County Hall regarding the late Duke of Edinburgh, our patron, - request sadly declined by Cornwall Council.

**AOB:** Terry Williams - CRFU AGM due Wednesday 30th June, will contact Cornwall Council to see if Trelawny Room available. If not will look to find an alternative.

Bill Hooper, reported that Merryn Doidge had been picked on the bench for England Women in Friday night’s game with France in Villeneuve d’Ascq. She will be the first Cornish Woman to represent England at senior level.

Alan Milliner - Wooden Spoon, Friday 2nd July Golf at Lanhydrock can we advertise locally via web. Management Board agreed to support the event. John Sumnall will contact the Secretary with a circulation.

Georgina Finnegan, asked when we would know who our new patron will be appointed. John Sumnall felt it would be sometime in 2022, and that the Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall would advise us.

Bob Hubble asked about the Chair for Representative Rugby. DS was going to speak with Mike Tregidgo, Sec of Rep Rugby Committee. If no one from that committee comes forward we would have to advertise the post. David Martin had spoken with Terry Carter who has been covering in the interim, he may take it on for 1 year if needs be, whilst we try to source a permanent replacement.

Tony Knightsbridge had missed off both Newquay & Bude for the upcoming Zoom meeting on proposed changes to Colts rugby, all rectified.

John Sumnall - Kelly Martin is to be paid the sum of £300 in respect of the work done but never paid for by the RFU. We will try to recover this from the RFU. A suitable letter would accompany the payment.

Concerns expressed by David Saunter about the number of volunteers coming forward from clubs to serve on the various committees. Proposals for Committee Team Building and Budget setting session on a Sunday during June or July, inviting all committee members and club reps. To be held at the County Arms, Truro.

Date of next meeting Wednesday 26th May via Zoom

Meeting ended at 8:12 pm.