**Cornwall Rugby Football Union Ltd**

**“Promoting Rugby for One and All”**

**“Avonsya Rugbi Rag Onen Hag Oll”**

Minutes of the Management Board Meeting held at Bodmin RFC on Wednesday 26 May 21 (and also via Zoom), at 7pm.

**Present:** John Sumnall, David Saunter, Bob Hubble, Chris Jewells, Tony Knightsbridge, Andy Richards, Tom Magill and Terry Williams.

**On line:** Terry Carter, Ross Tucknott, David Martin, Cosette Shrosbree and Bill Hooper.

1. **Apologies for absence:** James Instance, and Alan Milliner.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** All agreed that these were a true and accurate record of the meeting, and they were signed by John Sumnall who had chaired that meeting in the absence of David Saunter.

**Welcome to new member –** David Saunter welcomed Terry Carter to the MB and thanked him for taking on the post of Chair of Representative Rugby.

1. **Matters arising:**
2. Safeguarding assistants – Georgina Finnegan to formulate and publish an advertisement.
3. Annual General Meeting - This would be held at Camborne RFC on Wednesday 30 June 21. The secretary had had no response from County Hall regarding the hiring of the Trelawny Room. Clubs to be informed shortly.
4. Insurance of county cups – Chris Jewells reported that he was now in possession of all but 2. He would collect those this week. He proposed to get a jeweller in Wadebridge to carry out a valuation. Terry Carter added that Peter Michell would probably do it free of charge.
5. **Return to rugby in September:** Chris Jewells had contacted SW leagues and all clubs 1st XV’s were ready for September, as was the Duchy League. After Christmas, Cornwall 1& 2 would combine with the Duchy League.
6. **Reports:**
7. **Executive report –** A meeting had been held the previous evening and the RFU Presidents 150 mile walk had been discussed. This would take the form of 3 events in Cornwall –
8. Jeff Blackett’s visit to Cornwall and Devon on 3rd November. It was suggested we meet him at Saltash RFC and then walk with him over the Tamar Bridge where we would meet up with the Devon RFU.
9. Chairman’s Challenge – Dave Saunter will walk from Woolacombe to Perranporth, 153 miles, finishing on Friday 6 August. Members are invited to join him en route.

3. President’s Challenge – clubs junior sections to have a sponsored walk, 150 laps around their pitches. Time scale to be decided by the clubs.

All money raised to go to the RFU Injured Players Foundation.

1. **Treasurer’s report –** Andy Richards added to his circulated report that we would now receive some funding from the RFU for next season, £5447. Initially it was thought we would get nothing but after discussion with Becca and reworking of our accounts some funding was now forthcoming. Alan Milliner had advised the Executive that Jewson’s were interested in taking up some form of sponsorship. It was suggested that he, David Saunter and Andy Richards meet with them to discuss what they are looking for. He then mentioned the storage facility at Newquay. There were a lot of old records there including photographs. He also suggested we look into keeping our reports on USB sticks. This would make things easier when it came to handing over to someone in the future, e.g. secretary.
2. **RFU Council Member –** As per report
3. **Governance –** no report
4. **Club Development –** as per report. Tom Magill added that he was disappointed in the lack of nominees for the Mitsubishi Awards, 5 overall. Normally we get over 60.
5. **Safeguarding -**nothing to report
6. **Game Development –** James Instance is unavailable, he is engaged with G7 duties. David Saunter advised the MB that Wayne Reed was getting lots of courses put together
7. **Youth and Education –** As per report. Tony Knightsbridge did add that the Skills Programme was well supported with some 260 children taking part. The 17/18’s coaches were meeting tomorrow.
8. **Representative Rugby-** Terry Carter requested clarity on 2 issues. 1. Tamar cup, was it happening. David Saunter advised not. He was also getting a playing committee organised with a view to playing some rugby. 2. Next season Herbie Stubble, former county player, was due a testimonial and Julian Wilce had been approached with a view to getting a game v CRFU President’s XV to be played in June 2022. Graham Dawe had no objection to this fixture. He would take this suggestion to the playing committee. He asked about the game with Crawshays and was given details by the secretary. The County championship at senior and u20’s was looking secure for next season. Ritchie Kevern (u20’s coach) was now booked in for his level 3 course.
9. **Competitions –** Chris Jewells had nothing to add to his report other than the fixtures were now out for next season.
10. **Facilities –** David Martin had nothing to add to his report but asked if all clubs had submitted their accounts. Andy Richards replied, all in except Veor- Holman and Wadebridge Camels.
11. **Rugby Safe –** Bob Hubble demonstrated a Rugby Safe App which could be used for instant reporting. He suggested clubs be encouraged to use it. Access by the CRFU could be allowed which would enable us to monitor trends and activities. It was also capable of being used as a pre-match check list. It came at a cost, £50, but first 100/150 may get it for £30. Bill Hooper can put information on our website. All agreed to go ahead and get it.
12. **Women’s and girl’s -**as per report. Redruth are now advertising taster sessions for women’s/girls rugby through the summer.
13. **Diversity and Inclusivity –** as per report. In addition, Bodmin first club in county to appoint a D & I Officer.
14. **Correspondence:**

From the secretary – nothing to add to what had been already circulated.

1. **Any other business:**

Age grade rugby – tony Knightsbridge advised that there were some changes next season for combined teams of u16’s, 17’s, 18’ and 19. If a team has an u19 player and the opposition has an u16 player then that match cannot go ahead, the age gap being too wide. An u16 and an u19 cannot be on pitch at same time. All agreed.

GMS – Tony Knightsbridge stated that clubs needed to be advised to clean up their GMS systems, as there were in excess of 4000 players listed in the county, some clubs having over 400 players. The RFU will de-register age grade players in June.

Storage – with regard to the old photos, Terry Carter suggested we get a costing and then get them digitised. We have a better history than many CB’S and we should take this forward.

David Saunter advised that Kelly Martin had been paid the agreed £300 and she was very pleased.

Planning Meeting at Camborne – Sunday 27 June at Camborne at 9.30 am. Pasty and refreshments, expected finish by 2pm.

1. **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 18 June 21 at Camborne, 7pm.