



# Cornwall Rugby Football Union Ltd

**“Promoting Rugby for One and All”**

**“Avonsya Rugbi Rag Onen Hag Oil”**

**Minutes of the Management Board Meeting  
Held at Camborne RFC on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 22, at 7pm.**

**Present:** John Sumnall, David Saunter, Jane Bell, Andy Richards, Kevin Thomas, Bill Hooper, Tony Knightsbridge, Cozette Shrosbree, Tom Magill, Alan Milliner & Steve Murley.

**On Zoom:**

**Welcome:** Chairman Dave Saunter welcomed everyone

- 1. Apologies for absence:** James Instance, Bob Hubble, Paul Hayes Andy Reed & David Williams.
- 1. Minutes of the last meeting:** Two lots of minutes to be agreed, MB meeting 15<sup>th</sup> June plus the Mop meeting from 10<sup>th</sup> August. All agreed that these were a true and accurate record they were signed by David Saunter.

**Matters arising:** JS reminded that no Action Points from the Mop up meeting were agreed. DS to sort out.

**Confidential Items under Item 7:**

**Reports:**

**Executive:** DS had emailed committee regarding St. Ives purchasing a replacement shield for Roger Corin. All members agreed.

**Treasurer's Report:** AR had circulated a report. Budget limits had been allocated to the various Committees. PFR monies of 13K due from the RFU this Friday. Also Target Delivery for Men & Girls. We will also get the 8K for ERDPP funds for Girls Pathway. Funds for U.18s and senior rugby will be forthcoming. 1K in fees received regarding First Aid Courses. BH asked if we had applied for funds regarding the Duchy League, AR replied that RFU required further information and will be liaising with Lee Maher.



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**RFU Council Rep:** AM had attended the funeral of Adam Ellery on behalf of the CRFU.

**Finance & Governance:** PH had circulated a report. JS added that PH had asked him to send out the “Lead” Remits as the Chairs were now completed.

**Club Development, Volunteers & Facilities:** TM had sent in a report. Agreed an emergency fund for clubs, pot 5K with maximum available per club £500.

**Safeguarding:** CS had submitted a report. Codes of Conduct printed off and to be distributed to clubs. 52 people expired for DBS checks. References from volunteers would be good practice. It was noted that Steve Harland had sadly lost his wife.

**Game Development:** No report from JI this month. We had an email from Wayne Reed regarding course take up update in Cornwall. Referee’s course uptake is poor.

**Youth & Education:** TK had sent in a report. Nothing further to add to this.

**Representative Rugby:** KT had filed his report. Circulated appointments of Management structure and Coaches for Seniors, Women and Under 20s. There followed a discussion on how selectors are appointed following a query from SM. Historically clubs nominated selectors to the Hon.Sec for consideration by the Nominations Committee. CS asked about Safeguarding consideration when appointing selectors. JS to check the sub-rules, which may need to be updated.

KT also asked about length of tenure in a role, as selectors historically had been in place for long periods. DS felt the RFU mantra of 3 X 3 years was a sound one for maximum tenure in post. Mark Richards has come in as a new county selector this season. AM made the point of a clear balance of selectors covering forwards and backs.

There is a vacancy for Women’s Team Manager, KT to speak with Jo & Verity Holden regarding the way forward. The meeting agreed KT’s recommendations as per his report.

KT reported that Graham Dawe would have to consider his position as head coach for the county if Cornwall went in to a level 5 down, County Championship. DS had attended a meeting ahead of entering Cornwall sides for 2023 championship.

There are still eligibility issues to be sorted regarding 2<sup>nd</sup> team players (playing level 8) from level 4 sides playing in Under 20s. Asked for Women to play in Gill Burns Div 2 for 2023.

**Competitions:** DW is currently away. Meeting felt that David and Lee Maher should get the Cup draws done a.s.a.p.

**Rugby Safe:** Bob H had submitted a report, nothing further to add. Budget noted.

**Diversity & Inclusion:** SM had no further report.



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**Discipline:** A few things had happened since BH had circulated his report. Discipline Training Day at Launceston 31<sup>st</sup> August, timetable for the day has been sent out to participants.

BH reported a serious incident took place during the pre-season friendly between Perranporth and St. Agnes played on 19<sup>th</sup> August.

**Correspondence:** JB, Pitch up for Rugby, deadline for clubs to sign up this Friday. Helston RFC have tendered to host a county match in 2023! We had a Draft format application form on the web, this to be taken down.

**AOB:** JS said Pete Jolly had done a lot of work sorting out Women's County Appearances; there are a number who have now reached 7 appearances in Gill Burns Cup and are eligible for county cap. JS to forward list to Jo Holden, to check and comment upon.

JS also thanked everyone for their help with the county handbook in getting them distributed. 420 copies ordered same as last year with Booth's being cheaper.

TK had contacted MB members to renew their Headcase training.

SM asked for clarification regarding selection for Cornwall Clubs XV, JS had sent a reply to SM's query outlining the criteria. JS reiterated players can only come from club 1<sup>st</sup> team players from Counties 2 & 3 level. KT also mentioned that Falmouth v Cornwall President's XV match for 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the club was on-going.

AM gave an update on the request from the British & Irish Lions who are looking to present historic caps to family of past players. AM felt that the process was not always very sympathetic to families and had caused upset to one family in Cornwall.

BH reported on the recent death of Les Blichford who for many years was the sponge man for both Redruth RFC and Cornwall RFU. Les passed away aged almost 102 years.

DS advised that AR & Daniel Brinson (Bodmin) will attend the Games Congress Conference on behalf of the CRFU.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at Bodmin RFC, 7 pm.

Meeting closed at 8:20pm.