



FLEETWOOD RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – 08/12/11

Present: Dave Buckingham (President), Andy Thompson (Chairman), Vaughan Evans (Sec), Steve McVaigh (Director of Rugby), Tim Amor (Commercial Director), Caroline Torkington (Ass Sec), George Benson (Shop), Amanda Pearce (Mini/Juniors), Kim Matley (Social Committee), Sheryl Fairbrother (Membership Sec), Andrea Padgeon (Ladies Rugby).

- 1 Apologies received from: - Ian Cameron (Press Sec), Steve Spencer (Bar Sec), Jon Amor (Mini/Junior Director of Rugby).
- 2 Minutes of the last Management Committee meeting 10/11/11 approved.
- 3 No matters arising from previous minutes.
- 4 **President report**
 - Serious disciplinary issue regarding Kyle Bedford raised. Abuse of pub staff, damage to mini bus and verbal abuse of senior club officials.
 - Committee decided unanimously given the gravity of the incidents plus Kyle's previous poor disciplinary record that a 5 year ban from both playing and from club premises was warranted. **VE** to write to Kyle to advise him of committee's decision. Also **VE** to write letter of apology to Black Bull.
 - **DB** to speak to Dave Hart and Scott Richardson with regard to incident between both parties. **DB** to advise committee of outcome at next meeting.
 - **TA** to chase Seniors Fish & Chip shop regarding outstanding payment for score board sponsorship.
 - Invoices for Ladies coach travel – should these not be sent direct to Preston? – **AP** to check if invoice has been paid by Preston
 - Mini/Juniors need tightening up regarding clubhouse/kit room security – incidents of both areas being left unlocked after use by a Mini/Junior age group – also floodlights left on after training session. **DB** to speak to Mick Maher to ensure Senior Colts adhere to procedures as well.

5 Chairman report

- Christmas Draw sheets need to be handed in ASAP – draw on the 15th December at 8pm. Volunteers required for the night.
- Meeting held with Karen Nicholson – RFU draw ticket sales going well.
- Club calendar on sale now £6 each.
- Received email from Mike Ramsey – Charity closed on 15th November. Unable to take funds out of the bank account as the signatories are unknown but believed to be Peter Fairbrother and Tracey Owen. **GB** to approach.

6 Treasurer report

- No report.

7 Secretary report

- Amended (CASC) Articles sent to Companies House.
- 1500 unique visitors per week to website.
- A steady stream of reports from both seniors and mini/juniors seen.

8 Director of Rugby report

- Halfway through the season – probably the most successful in club history.
- 4th Team – conceded only 1 game, 3rd Team – 2nd in league, 2nd Team – Top - won all but 1 which they drew, 1st Team – Top and 11 points clear of 2nd place.
- Training numbers falling off with the onset of poor weather.
- Senior success has been built on the firm foundations of the mini/junior section.
- Suggested the appointment of a Rugby Development Officer to ensure regular influx of new players. **CT** to arrange meeting with Stuart Urquhart to discuss. May also need assistance of John Dewhirst to investigate funding avenues.
- Last 3 years of Senior Colts – where are they all now? **SM** to try to contact and bring them back into the club

- Thanks to the Ladies for supporting the Movember fancy dress party.

9 Commercial Director report

- Calendar supported by Geeprint in difficult conditions.
- Basil Newby may be a possible sponsor for 2013 calendar
- Eccles RUFC received funding in connection with landfill – **TA** to contact Caroline Ratcliffe to investigate.
- Thanks to mini/juniors for match reports for inclusion in 1st team programme.

10 Bar Secretary/Bar report

- Period 5th October – 29th November 2011 achieved 46% profit.
- Bar take substantially increased by wedding in November.
- Closing stock value £4200
Takings
 Net Sales - £22575
 Net Cost of Sales - £12232
Net Profit - £10343

11 Membership Secretary

- Static – still a few players left to pay.

12 Ladies report

- Won the last match.
- **AP** to ask Ladies to provide match reports for Press and website.

13 Press Secretary report

- 100 Club Draw to be made on 15th December.
- Thanks to AT, DB for match reports and VE for images.

14 Mini/Junior Section report

- 157 members – new players arriving each week
- Grant availability - **AT** to talk to John Large at Cardinal Allen.
- Sponsored 2nd XV game as part of mini/junior 20th birthday celebrations – **CT** to forward images to VE for website.

- CT standing in as M/J Director until Christmas when she will discuss way forward with JA.
- **AT** to check cost of new balls.

15 Social Secretary report

- No tickets sold for New Year's Eve party – Committee agreed to change format to free entry to club with no frills.
- 15th July – Tram Sunday

16 Grounds report

- Only 1st XV games allowed on main pitch.

17 Shop

- Ticking over as usual.
- 2nd kit – second sponsor is Poulton Trade Windows.
- Profit from calendar sales to pay for extra shirts/shorts.

18 AOB

- Christmas Draw – prize for the most sheets sold.
- Christmas Day opening – 12 – 7pm – **VE** to produce poster.
- **AT** to discuss additional help with cleaner.
- Volunteers required for match day gate and raffle duties or possibly pay bar staff to stand on gate for 1 hour.
- Whole Club Seal Of Approval – **CT/AT** will discuss with Stuart Urquhart
- **AT** to produce Christmas holiday opening poster for use in club and will also send details to VE

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 12th January 7-45pm