

CF10 RUGBY TRUST

Eighty-eighth meeting of The Board of Directors

held via Zoom

on Tuesday 17 June 2025 commencing at 7pm

PRESENT

Board Directors: Lynn Glaister (chair), Sally Carter (secretary), Simon Baker, Hugh Campbell, Steve Coombs, David Allen, Karan Chandler

Observers: Viv Jones

Apologies: Derek Redwood, Sarah Kirk, Andrew Collins

ITEM	
1	<p>Chair's introductory remarks</p> <p>Lynn recorded the apologies and introduced the main theme of the meeting – various meetings with the new management at Cardiff Rugby.</p> <p>Lynn had also contacted Worcester Warriors supporters club to ask about their web site. They offered us their support in anything we need going forward which was very much appreciated, and they also kindly sent their sympathies about Claire.</p> <p>In addition, we officially note the co-opting onto the Board of both David and Karan.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the Board meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2025</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record and uploaded to the website.</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising and Actions</p> <p>Matters arising and action points from the last meeting will be covered within the main agenda.</p>
4	<p>Cardiff Rugby Matters</p> <p>Meeting with Leighton Davies (28th May)</p> <p>Lynn and David met with Leighton to speak about the advantages of having a Supporter Director and also raised the issue of the heritage clauses and Cardiff RFC.</p> <p>Leighton said that at this stage the WRU were looking at big picture issues that had occurred as a result of the PRA25 issues. It was suggested that we could present a paper to the Board about some of these issues but the remit and nature of this has changed in the intervening weeks.</p>

The day following this meeting Leighton was announced as the Chief Growth Officer at WRU. He will remain interim Chair of Cardiff until a new independent chair had been appointed.

Whilst this contact had been useful we feel we need to let things settle down a little and we all have a clearer picture about the future of the club before pursuing supporter director issues. It was resolved that any future meetings should have formal agendas and notes would be prepared as with all meetings with Cardiff Rugby.

Meeting with Jamie Muir (11th June)

Jamie is currently the interim managing director, but the rugby is falling under Hugh Bevan. This means that Jamie isn't able to answer all the questions we have about the rugby side of things, but he has agreed to meet with us every 4/6 weeks to discuss those areas that fall under his remit.

Notes were taken at the meeting, and they will be passed to Cardiff Rugby for agreement before being published.

Key issues

- There has been expressions of interest in ownership before the deadline. There is no further information available.
- OU recruitment is complete for the next season. Therefore unlikely to be further recruits.
- Rey Lee-Lo. Cardiff are keen to retain him in some capacity but nothing has been agreed yet. They are also looking to arrange a testimonial.
- PRA. Minimum standards across all departments are being reviewed and additional medical staff being appointed.
- Season tickets. Only 400 sales away from where we were at the end of last season. Some worries that it will be hard to sell many more, particularly with the poor times of matches. Although all season tickets will be honoured early season ticket sales profits went to the old club so there will be a shortfall in the reported figures at end of season.
- They are hoping to be able to run a number of double-headers with Cardiff RFC but are awaiting the fixture list.
- Cardiff are intending to have a Summerfest again this year and want to coincide it with a pre-season friendly. They are trying to agree opponents at present. This should also coincide with the kit launch. Due to lack of sales there is uncertainty that there will be a new women's shirt this season but they have promised there will be one for the 150th.
- CAP lease still being negotiated. Andrew Williams is leading on this.
- Some ground improvements will be made but limited at moment due to the current budget situation.
- **Kick-off times.** The Club had put forward their suggestions for KO times but hadn't had a single request granted. We have a bad selection of late Friday and Saturday night kick-offs. They are gathering data from the ticket office to see if this has influenced season ticket sales. The times are not family friendly and problematic for public transport. Also difficult for older people and single women. 7.45 kick offs are very late. The club have asked if we would join the campaign against these KO times. Sarah has done some analysis on this comparing us against other clubs and 8 of our games are late kick offs. Leinster only have one at this time. All their other games are early. We have twice as many late fixtures as Scarlets. It is clear that some teams have had their preferences listened to, but we have been totally ignored. This has an enormous impact on visitor figures and possibly season ticket

	<p>sales. It was agreed that we could combine Mart's blog with Sarah's figures and a letter to the URC and start to campaign against this so that the 150th season is better.</p> <p>Actions: Steve to edit Mart's blog and work in Sarah's fixture information. Lynn will write an open letter to the URC and we will also promote this on social media.</p>
5	<p>JSG and WRU</p> <p>There is a PRB meeting in the Trophy Room tomorrow.</p> <p>There is no communication with other members of the JSG at present as everyone is concentrating on their own club's survival. The communication is likely to be difficult until we know what the situation is going forward. At present we need to focus on Cardiff but if the situation goes on longer term, then we will need to reengage with JSG as we look at the wider picture.</p>
6	<p>Cardiff Rugby Museum</p> <p>The fitout of the Lions exhibition went well with a good turn out from volunteers that allowed us to complete the core work ahead of schedule.</p> <p>The Exhibition opening is on the 19th June and the club have been very supportive in helping to organise this. The exhibition will be open on the days of the Lions tests, and we have arranged a session with the Dementia café. We would also like to have an open night for supporters.</p>
7	<p>Communications</p> <p>There is a lot more content available this month – Mart has written a blog and Viv has written a few pieces. It's good to get as many voices as possible involved in the social media and with the blogs. It is important to show that CF10 is more than just the small group of people on the Board.</p> <p>Lynn will look to write another newsletter later this week.</p> <p>Lynn has started to frame a new website and people have been invited to update / create Board profiles and photographs. The new website will be built using Wordpress – the business version is £84 a year. Andy has downloaded most of the existing content and has sent that through to Lynn. Andy will retain the old website until we are ready to move across to the new site. Viv will supply some images for the new website.</p>
8	<p>Finance</p> <p>We made a £50 donation in Claire's memory.</p> <p>Our funds now stand at: £1,022.67 (Bank £1001.11 and PayPal £21.56)</p>
9	<p>Other Identified Business</p> <p>David mentioned that Simon Harrington, chair of the Blue and Blacks supporters club, is unwell at the moment. We all offered our best wishes for his recovery.</p> <p>David also noted that whilst he is very supportive of having a Supporter Director on the new Board, he doesn't think it should be him because of his connections to the old Board. We therefore need to start thinking about finding someone who might be willing to stand for</p>

	this role. David is happy to help with this process.
10	<p>Date and time of next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tuesday 15th July- Tuesday 19th August