

CF10 ARMS PARK RUGBY TRUST

MINUTES OF THE THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB, CARDIFF ARMS PARK ON WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH 2019 COMMENCING AT 7PM

PRESENT

Trust Members - List of Attendees set out in Appendix 1

Apologies – List of Apologies set out in Appendix 2

ITEM		ACTION
1	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Board Chair, David Allen, welcomed members to the third Trust AGM. He thanked everyone for attending. The meeting would conclude at 7.45pm in order to accommodate the Question and Answer session with Alun Jones and Richard Holland, Chair and Chief Executive respectively of Cardiff Blues. This had been arranged jointly by CF10 and Cardiff Blues Supporters Club (CBSC).</p> <p>Apologies for absence were noted, as set out in Appendix 2.</p>	
2	<p>Progress Report</p> <p>It was noted that a detailed annual report was available in the documents section of the website for the year ending 30 September 2018.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, David Allen highlighted a number of issues which he felt should be brought to members' attention.</p> <p>2.1 Membership Numbers</p> <p>In 2018 membership stood at 433 but had risen to 671 by 2019. However, in recent months the numbers had remained almost static. If the trust was to continue to influence the Cardiff Blues Board it was important that membership continued to increase. The CF10 Board had established a target of 1000 members. He said he would return to this point later in the meeting.</p> <p>2.2 Communications</p> <p>Increased effort had been put into communicating with members. Quarterly newsletters were now being produced and email alerts. Those members not on email were now receiving hard copies of documents such as newsletters and notifications about AGMs or Members' Meetings. However, it was too financially prohibitive to send everything, including blogs, out in the mail.</p> <p>A small team of members was managing the Trust's social media, Twitter and Facebook, and a significant presence had been established.</p>	

Nearly 300 blogs had been written since the establishment of CF10. These were of high quality and varied from match previews/reports to political/governance issues.

If members wanted any particular issues to be raised at Board meetings, there was an opportunity to do this through the website or via email.

2.3 The Politics of Project Reset and CAP

The Board had published a number of blogs about Project Reset, both in terms of what it understood the situation to be and suggestions on the way forward. However, clarity was required about the situation from the Professional Rugby Board (PRB) and this may or may not be forthcoming from the Q&A with Cardiff Blues which would follow the AGM. The lack of communication was hugely frustrating for all supporters of every region.

Some progress was taking place with the redevelopment of CAP as Cardiff Athletic Club (CAC) had decided to lead this themselves. In order to safeguard the retention of 'Cardiff' in the name of the team and the ground, the following two propositions had been tabled at the CAC AGM:

- The terms of any future lease, licence or other arrangement concerning Cardiff Arms Park shall contain a provision requiring any professional/semi-professional rugby side whose home ground is Cardiff Arms Park to retain 'Cardiff' in its name. This obligation shall continue for the full term of the lease/arrangement.

-The terms of any future lease, licence or other arrangement concerning Cardiff Arms Park shall contain a requirement that the ground continues to be named as 'Cardiff Arms Park'. This obligation shall continue for the full term of the lease/arrangement but shall be subject to secondary naming rights.

Although not voted upon as formal proposals, they were accepted in principle at the meeting.

2.4 Cardiff Blues Limited Board (CBL)

CBL is currently going through a number of governance changes and looking to appoint new non-executive directors (NEDs). CF10's Mission Statement continues to seek a Supporter Director appointed to the Board, as is the case with the Scarlets.

CF10 wrote formally to CBL in September requesting a Supporter Director be appointed. A number of politicians also wrote supporting this view. The proposition was to establish such a post but we had no expectation or right that CF10 should fill it. There should be an open election. The proposal wasn't rejected nor was it accepted but the Trust was invited to nominate an individual to make an application for an NED role. This was done but we understand that the process is on-going.

2.5 CF10 and Regionality

The Annual Report sets out a position statement on how CF10 sees the issue of

	<p>Regionality, what it can and cannot do given its legal status.</p> <p>2.6 Future Focus CF10 supports both Cardiff Blues and Cardiff RFC since both come under the auspices of Cardiff Blues Limited. If however, CBL separates the two teams into different companies then the CF10 membership will need to decide which to support.</p> <p>2.7 Heritage The online heritage museum established jointly tween CF10, CAC and CBL has been a great success and now hosts around 1200 objects on the website.</p> <p>The Trophy Room has been re-stocked now that some of the more fragile objects have been put into safe storage. The room was opened for tours prior to the Connacht match and we hope to open it periodically next season.</p> <p>A team is about to start collecting oral histories from Cardiff greats, both past and more recent.</p> <p>Interestingly, the new Cardiff Blues website has both a link to CF10 and the museum but for the first time it also acknowledges the 140+ year heritage of the club and Cardiff Arms Park.</p> <p>2.8 Welsh Language In recent weeks, Sion Williams has joined the Board as an observer to help us develop a more bilingual approach to our work and to influence Cardiff Blues to do the same.</p> <p>2.9 Supporters Direct (SD) SD helped CF10 to become established. Recently, however, it has merged with the Football Supporters Federation to become a dedicated football organisation. Consequently, the Board has made a decision not to renew its membership for the forthcoming season.</p> <p>2.10 CBSC Last year we signed a collaborative agreement with CBSC. A number of meetings have been held and the Q&A with CBL is a joint initiative. Both organisations are working well together.</p>	
3	<p>Questions and Discussion Three issues were raised:</p> <p>3.1 Proxy Shares – the number of shares for which CF10 has a proxy had not increased since last year. A great deal of effort had been put into this and it was both time consuming and costly to write to individuals. It was unlikely the figure would increase significantly in the near future.</p> <p>3.2 Blogs – members welcomed the quality of blogs and found them very informative.</p> <p>3.3 Trophy Room – members welcomed an opportunity to tour the Trophy Room and found the experience very informative.</p>	

4	<p>Financial Statements</p> <p>Derek Redwood, Treasurer, presented a summary of the accounts, a copy of which is on the website.</p> <p>Income generated during the year was just under a thousand pounds and there was a surplus of £90 on the year. Cash in the bank exceeded £2k. Members noted the financial position.</p>	
5	<p>Membership Fees</p> <p>As mentioned in 2.1 above, membership numbers had plateaued and needed to grow if CF10 is to continue to influence CBL. Lynn Glaister, Board Member, made a presentation on changes to the membership fee on which the Board was seeking members' views and approval.</p> <p>Lynn emphasised that CF10 needed to retain members whilst avoiding significant administration costs in chasing renewals. Fellow organisations such as Crys16 have eliminated membership fees and as a result significantly increased total membership. However, the Board felt it appropriate to retain a fee in order for applicants to be seen to purchase a share in the Trust. It was therefore proposed that a one-off membership fee of £1 should be charged. Members supported the proposal unanimously through a show of hands.</p> <p>Any need for increased income will come from crowd-funding, donations, raffles, sponsorship etc.</p> <p>David Allen mentioned that life members had made a significant financial contribution to CF10 and a discussion with each would be held to explain the position.</p>	
6	<p>Elections</p> <p>Sally Carter, Board Member, explained that there were three vacancies on the Board: Secretary plus two Board Members.</p> <p>There was only one nomination for the role of Secretary from Huw Jones, the current post-holder. Additionally, there was only one nomination to become a Board member from Fred Davies. Personal statements for both candidates were available on the website.</p> <p>On a show of hands, both candidates were unanimously elected for a 3 year term.</p>	
7	<p>Other Business</p> <p>David Allen thanked members for their attendance and support during the year. He said that the Board was always keen to recruit new members and even if someone didn't want to stand as a director they could be welcome as observers. It was an opportunity to shape the work of the Trust. Moreover, it was essential to recruit new people in order to generate new thinking.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7.40pm</p>	

David Allen	Simon Baker	Lionel Barnes	David Bishop	Andrew Bold
Dorian Bradley	Gareth Brown	Sally Carter	Peter Castree	Peter Christian
Stephen Collins	Theresa Collins	Jennifer Davies	Fred Davies	Ian Davies
Helen Donovan	Roger Edmunds	Adrian R Edwards	Catrin A Edwards	Peter Ellison
David Elsmere	Antony Esposti	Tony Foss	Lynn Glaister	Stephen Grant
Jonathan Hale	Neil Harries	Steve Harries	Bob Hooper	Mair Jenkins
David Johnston	Huw Jones	Gareth Jones	Denley Jones	Darren Jones
Anthony Lewis	Gareth Lucey	Norma Mackie	Jean Monk	Kevin O'Donnell
Kate Parkinson	Tony Perks	Derek Redwood	David Rowles	Jayne Rowles
Gabriel Servini	Martyn Sloman	Barrie Swanson	Carl Swanson	Sarah Thomas
Gwenno Williams	Emyr Williams	Catherine Williams	Byron Williams	Sion Williams

TOTAL = 55 members

Appendix 2 – List of Apologies

Andrew Collins
David Davies
Paul Davies
Jane Dewland
Peter Dewland
Roger Dyson
Peter Goodfellow
Jane James
Andrew LG Jones