

CF10 RUGBY TRUST
MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD VIA ZOOM
ON TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2024 COMMENCING AT 7PM

<u>Item</u>	
<u>1</u>	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>Chair Lynn Glaister welcomed members to the 2024 AGM and thanked everyone for attending.</p> <p>Apologies for absence: John Roberts, Steve Collins and Theresa Collins</p>
<u>2</u>	<p><u>Progress Report</u></p> <p>The Annual Report is now on our website: AGMs CF10 Rugby Trust. The website also contains all other documentation related to the AGM.</p> <p>Lynn began by thanking Simon Jones who is stepping down from the Board. He has been with CF10 from the beginning and has provided much valuable advice to the Group over the years. Our thanks were also extended to Andy Baker who stepped down as secretary last year. Andy has also been with CF10 from the beginning and has created the web site and most of the digital infrastructure for CF10. He has kindly continued to offer technical support since he stepped down but if anyone in CF10 is able to help in this area please do get in touch.</p> <p>Lynn then highlighted some of key points from the annual report, which covers the period from 1st October 2022 to 30 September 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Supporter Advisor was elected at the start of this reporting period. David's continued liaison with our Board has been a huge help. The creation of this post was not an easy thing to achieve, and it is critically important that we retain a voice on the Board. - CF10 continue to hold regular meetings with Cardiff Rugby. We have a good working relationship with Richard Holland and continue to raise a wide range of subjects, everything from the ground redevelopment to environmental issues. - The Save our Game campaign. The main story of last year was our work with JSG Cymru to help save the game in Wales. The problems with the WRU were a constant backdrop to this. JSG has met with new CEO, Abi Tierney – the minutes have just been published and the next meeting is booked for April. - Heritage work has been ongoing, and a lot has been achieved. Our key aim is to put a proper governance structure in place. - Cardiff Rugby on the pitch – the situation was traumatic during this reporting period. There were so many players leaving, then we lost Dai Young, closely followed by the death of Peter Thomas. Since this low point there has been more positive developments with some good youngsters coming through. Cardiff RFC finished top of the League but didn't win the play-off, although they did beat Newport in the cup.
<u>3</u>	<p><u>Annual Accounts 2022/23</u></p>

	<p>Treasurer, Derek Redwood presented the annual accounts for the period to 30 September 2023 which have been sent to the Financial Conduct Authority.</p> <p>The income for the year was £41 which means we made a loss overall because we have needed to draw on our reserves to support events such as the Save our Game campaign. We don't spend a great deal of money, but donations are welcome.</p> <p>Bank details (Nat West) A/C name CF10 Rugby Ltd Sort code 52 21 06 A/C no. 20226144</p> <p>The accounts have been published on the website and Derek extended his thanks to CHP Accountants Ltd.</p>
4	<p><u>Elections</u></p> <p>Five posts have fallen vacant or are due for renewal this year. Simon Baker announced the nominations received. There were fewer candidates than spaces so, as set out in our standing orders, the nominated candidates were put before the members. On a show of hands all candidates were unanimously elected.</p> <p>Chair – Lynn Glaister re-elected. Secretary – Sally Carter elected. Board 1 – Hugh Campbell elected. Board 2 – Steve Coombs re-elected. Board 3 - position remains vacant.</p> <p>Lynn welcomed old and new faces to the Board. One place on the Board remains empty and we would encourage anyone who is interested to get in touch.</p>
5	<p><u>Member's questions and discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continuing concerns were expressed about the development of the ground by CAC. It is not likely that CAC will give over control of this major asset so any new investors will always have to work closely with CAC on this matter. - John Taylor asked about meetings with the new owners. Lynn has had an informal meeting with them and is keen to involve them in a Q&A with supporters. They have advised they will do a Q&A after the Board has had its strategy session. It will be good to get a better idea of what their intentions are. - What was the WRU's attitude to this new investment? They were delighted and relieved – they carried out due diligence on their finances, taking a detailed look at their backgrounds. They passed all those checks. - Martyn Sloman asked if we could raise with WRU the issue of excessive drinking at the National Stadium. It is driving many long-term supporters away from the game. Lynn agreed to raise this through the JSG. - The JSG minutes came out today. David mentioned that they seemed a bit feeble. JSG should be a more powerful lobby and have more impact. Lynn felt the minutes were more anodyne than the actual meeting and we need to work at making sure they better reflect what is discussed. Lynn does feel we are punching below our weight, but possibly things were a little restrained because this was Abi's first meeting. It was agreed that JSG should restart proper pre-meetings to discuss the agreed line for the meeting itself,

	<p>giving greater impact. The WRU suggested a SWOT analysis, and this has raised a lot of questions for future discussion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The future of the Supporter Advisor role. David’s term in post comes to an end this year and he has asked all supporter groups for feedback and suggested improvements to the role. A Supporter Survey was sent out and has raised some interesting issues. This will be discussed at the next CF10 Board and will then be sent out to all members. We will meet with other supporter groups to discuss how we want this role to develop in future and how the person should be elected. - Andrew Collins reiterated that better communication from the club is needed. We don’t always need to wait for big announcements – there are lots of smaller improvements that they are not highlighting. We raise this a lot in our CF10 Board meetings, and David raises it continuously at Cardiff Rugby Board – we need to keep pushing this point. - Stephen Banbury suggested the creation of an online forum that allows us to continue discussions outside of formal meetings. -
6	<p><u>Concluding remarks</u></p> <p>In conclusion, Lynn thanked to everyone for their support during a difficult year. We thought much of the work of CF10 was done and were debating our long-term role going forward, but this difficult year has clearly shown the importance of our role in holding people to account.</p>