

CF10 RUGBY TRUST

Seventy-ninth meeting of The Board of Directors

Tuesday 16 July 2024 commencing at 7pm

Via Zoom

PRESENT

Board Directors: Derek Redwood (chair), Sally Carter (secretary), Simon Baker, Hugh Campbell, Andrew Collins

Supporter Advisor: David Allen

Observers: Sarah Kirk, Paul McDonald, Viv Jones

Apologies: Lynn Glaister, Steve Coombs, Claire O'Shea

ITEM

1 Introductory remarks

With Lynn away in Australia Derek chaired the meeting and introduced the key themes – feedback from CF10's meeting with Cardiff Rugby and the JSG's meeting with the WRU.

2 Minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 17 June 2024

Agreed as a true record. The final version will be uploaded to the website.

3 Matters Arising and Actions

Lynn did contact Harley to arrange a podcast date before the September Q&A, but David can no longer make that date and will need to change it. He has been in touch with Harley and will let us know the rearranged date.

4 Cardiff Rugby Matters

Meeting with Richard Holland – 4th July 2024

Sarah, David and Derek met with Richard. Sarah reported back to the group and her notes are attached.

The key areas covered were:

- Communications
 - Governance
 - Future Planning/One Wales Strategy
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- Richard Holland has agreed that we can propose some potential dates for a Q&A for the start of the season. Suggested mid-week and early evening.
 - The Board has now formally asked us to lead the process of the appointment of the Supporter Advisor. We will arrange a meeting between Richard, Lynn and Sarah to take this forward.
 - The date for Summerfest has been confirmed as 24th August.
 - Derek raised the issue of support for a commemorative shirt. Richard said the club were already planning their own player's shirt for the 150th. (This is something we

can follow up on at the 150th planning meeting.)

Action: Arrange meeting between Richard, Lynn and Sarah re supporter advisor

5 JSG and WRU

Meeting with WRU 26th June

David and Hugh represented CF10 at the meeting and Sally attended to take the minutes. The WRU representatives were Abi Tierney, Nigel Walker, Malcolm Wall and Simon Rimmer.

Hugh reported back on the key issues of the meeting with contributions and observations from David and Sal.

- We weren't expecting to hear about the strategy which was launched on the day. This meant that the questions prepared at the JSG pre-meet were blown off course by the launch of the strategy and much of the time of the meeting was taken up by this.
- The WRU took us through a presentation of the Strategy and then they answered questions.
- The main focus of the questions was around the finances. David felt they were quite honest about the current state of the finances.
- The JSG asked about the hotel and zip line.
- The message about needing strong clubs was repeated throughout the meeting.
- There was a good discussion about Judgement Day but most of this was redacted from the minutes due to commercial sensitivity of an event that is still live. They took the JSG's criticisms on board, seemed open about changing the date of the fixture and keen to keep this discussion open.
- The JSG also raised further issues related to the Rafferty report and the selection of Cory Hill. Their response was that there has been a process and people deserve a second chance. They agreed that they need to review their HR policies and make them more transparent so that people outside the organisation have a better understanding of process.
- There was also a discussion about Sunday fixtures, and it was acknowledged that this is part of the fallout when a side is not performing well.
- Abi Tierney came over well, particularly in the discussions after the formal strategy presentation. She chaired the meeting very well and didn't allow any one individual to dominate.
- It was agreed that there is a need for slightly better organisation on behalf of the JSG. They could be a more powerful group with a little work on planning and coordination. It remains a useful group and the tone of the meeting was right. We asked quite challenging questions in a respectful way, and they answered in the same manner. There was also agreement that this group should be more about engagement than communication.

6 Working Groups

6.1 Heritage

Heritage was discussed at the last Cardiff Board meeting. CAC expressed concerns about the makeup of the Heritage Board. In response Richard has suggested Martin Ryan as the other Cardiff Rugby rep on the Board. We have yet to be informed of

the identity of the second CAC rep. The next Cardiff Board meeting on the 8th August will ratify the positions.

We have not been approached about Summer Fest yet and it also clashes with Cardiff vs Pontypridd so people may not be available to help. Cardiff Blue and Blacks SG have been invited and there was a feeling that CF10 should be there as well.

6.2 Communications

Steve was not present at the meeting to report back on comms. David pointed out that we haven't written any blogs for quite some time – maybe we need to look at that because it helps to create the feeling of an active group.

7 Finance

The finances remain unchanged.

The funds held are £1,162 in total.
The Bank balance is £1041, and the Pay Pal account is £121

Derek asked if we need to pay Zoom costs. Is this currently paid for by Lynn? If so, it was agreed that the cost should be charged to CF10.

8 Other Identified Business

Sal raised the issue of the newsletter – Andrew and Sarah have agreed to get in touch and move this forward.

9 Date and time of next meeting

Next meeting: **13th August at 7pm**

Then: 17th September