

CF10 RUGBY TRUST

Eightieth meeting of The Board of Directors

Tuesday 13 August 2024 commencing at 7pm

Via Zoom

PRESENT

Board Directors: Lynn Glaister (chair), Sally Carter (secretary), Derek Redwood (Treasurer), Simon Baker, Hugh Campbell, Steve Coombs

Supporter Advisor: David Allen

Observers: Sarah Kirk, Karan Chandler

Apologies: Claire O'Shea, Andrew Collins

ITEM

1 Introductory remarks

Lynn has returned from Australia and wanted to use this meeting to get back up to speed with everything that has been happening whilst she has been away.

Lynn welcomed Karan to tonight's meeting as an observer. Lynn has also offered to add both Karen and Sarah to our WhatsApp Strategy Group.

2 Minutes of the Board meeting held on Tuesday 16 July 2024

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

3 Matters Arising and Actions

- The revised Cardiff Central Podcast date has been agreed and will now go ahead on Tuesday 10th September.
- Lynn and Sarah will look at their availability for a meeting with Richard to discuss the election of the supporter advisor. Sarah will send through dates to Lynn.
- Lynn will remind Richard that we need to agree a date for the Q&A. This is included in the revised Comms plan, so we do need a date.
- Zoom account payment – Lynn is happy to continue to contribute to some of the cost of this account but will also contact Derek to arrange for CF10 to take on some of the costs. Lynn will also try and arrange for another person to have access to the zoom account.

4 Cardiff Rugby Matters

a. Meeting with Richard Holland

Lynn will arrange a date for the next formal meeting with Richard. In the meantime, Lynn has been in touch with Richard to catch up on the latest developments, particularly the club's view of the debt and equity proposal from the WRU. The next WRU Board meeting is on the 15th September and we understand the strategy will be discussed at that meeting. David agreed that the main problem with the strategy is the complete lack of detail. There are broad principles and costings but no detail.

It may be that the other clubs will have a different attitude to the debt and equity proposals and in order to object we will need to propose an alternative plan.

It was suggested that CF10's line should be that we need a detailed published strategy before we can make such big decisions about control.

b. Summerfest 2024 (24th August)

We have been asked to be in the Trophy Room to give tours. Lynn, Sally and Derek will be there and if anyone else can help please let us know. The event is due to start at 10 with a finish time of 4pm.

This is also an opportunity to promote CF10. The original pop-up poster has broken – Lynn will see if it's possible to create a new one. Derek will print out application forms for the day

c. Sponsorship of an RFC player

It's now £100 to sponsor a player.

Steve suggested Benji Williams (no8) – he is an Ely boy and Steve thinks he may do well this season.

Derek will get in touch with Mark to arrange the sponsorship and Lynn will send out the sponsorship information with the newsletter to encourage members to also sponsor players.

5 JSG and WRU

The minutes have been agreed by the WRU and JSG and they can now be sent out. Lynn will confirm that she has the final agreed version from Dan and then we can put them on our website and let members know through Twitter. David raised the issue that the JSG needs to be more proactive going forward because if they don't push things forward nothing will happen. Lynn will raise this with the JSG because she is our rep on that group.

6 Working Groups

6.1 Heritage

Sal and Simon will represent the Heritage Group on the Board, and an initial meeting has been arranged for the 24th September. The first steering group meeting will take place the week before.

Howard Ahmun will be the other CAC member on the Board.

6.2 Communications

It has been quiet over the summer, but Simon felt that our present output on Twitter is good and works well for the membership, which is encouraging. Cardiff Central Podcast goes from strength to strength and has strong CF10 links, including Harley on our comms team. We got a lot of mentions from Mike Brown on the latest episode.

Blog – our version of what the WRU strategy should be

Steve suggested he could write a blog about the debt and equity proposal and the lack of detail in the WRU strategy but wasn't sure if this would be helpful. The suggestion was made that we could offer the WRU our own strategy. This could be an example of what we are expecting in October when the WRU strategy is fleshed out. This could be an effective way to hold them to account and show what we think an effective strategy should look like.

Newsletter

We haven't sent out a newsletter to members in some time and there is quite a lot we need to communicate before the start of the season: the supporter survey, WRU minutes, sponsorship of RFC players, Q&A information. Lynn will aim to produce the next newsletter in early September to ensure we advertise the podcast and will work with Sarah to enable her to take this process on going forward. Sarah will need access to Mailchimp in order to help send out future newsletter mailings. It was agreed that we should create a basic template to make generating a more regular newsletter easier.

Action: Lynn to create a newsletter and work with Sarah to set a template for its structure going forward.

Action: Steve to write a blog with our own WRU strategy and pass it to CF10 Board members for comment

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

Zoom costs and player sponsorship will be deducted from this.

8 Other Identified Business

It was agreed that the meeting to be held on the 8th October will be opened out to all members. We will send out a zoom invite to allow them to attend as observers, with the right to ask questions. It would be good to have all Board members in attendance for this meeting if possible.

We will also look to arrange some in-person meetings in the future.

9 Date and time of next meeting

Next meeting: **17th September at 7pm via zoom**

8 October -all members meeting

19 November

17 December

21 January 2025

18 February 2025