

CF10 ARMS PARK RUGBY TRUST

MINUTES OF THIRTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ON

THURSDAY 23 JULY 2020 COMMENCING AT 7PM

PRESENT

Board Directors: David Allen (Chair); Simon Baker; Andrew Bold; Sally Carter; Andrew Collins; Lynn Glaister; Huw Jones (Secretary); Derek Redwood (Treasurer).

ITEM		ACTION
1	Chair's introductory remarks and apologies for absence The main item for discussion was Cardiff Blues' financial situation. There were no apologies for absence.	
2	Minutes of the Board meeting held on Thursday 25 June 2020 AGREED	
3	Matters Arising and Actions Item 4 – discussed below Item 7.2 – Re-live Videos: Opted not to pursue as broadcasting rights would not be forthcoming.	
4	Cardiff Blues 4.1 Supporter Director There was no further news on the appointment of a Supporter Director. 4.2 COVID19 Implication for Rugby DA reported he had been in email correspondence with Richard Holland regarding a meeting between CBL and CF10 representatives. He had sent three emails before the following response was received: “I would ask you to bear with us for a short while, there are many things going on both internally and externally. I have spoken to Alun and we are keen to resolve/conclude these critical issues before arranging to meet. I hope you understand and I will be in touch once the future is clearer to arrange a meeting.” It was understood that there were significant concerns about the current financial situation and the best option for dealing with it. It was disappointing that the Cardiff Blues Board continued to exclude supporters from any discussion about the situation but were content to request the financial support of season members. The Board considered whether it should wait for information to emerge (which could be sometime if PRB discussions became protracted) or whether it should write again spelling out in more detail the issues it wished to discuss. The Board agreed that an email should be drafted and circulated for comment before being sent.	DA/HJ

5	<p>Cardiff RFC</p> <p>There was no further information but it was understood that discussions between CBL and CAC were becoming protracted because of the COVID19 financial situation facing Welsh rugby.</p>	
8	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>8.1 Heritage</p> <p>Derwyn Jones had been in touch and there was a possibility of loaning a number of unique jerseys.</p> <p>SC reported that she had attended a Sporting Heritage webinar and SB reported that players' names in team photographs had been added to the website.</p> <p>8.2 Communications: Question to the Board</p> <p>Following a CF10 tweet about the funding of Nick Tomkins joining the Dragons, a member asked the Board to consider the following question:</p> <p>"Is it appropriate to use social media channels to comment on general Welsh rugby issues, or should it restrict itself to issues specific to Cardiff rugby"?</p> <p>The Board agreed that if an issue had direct or indirect impact on Cardiff rugby then it was appropriate for CF10 to have a view and comment. However, CF10 should not comment on matters which were exclusively related to another club unless these were of a supportive nature.</p> <p>It was suggested that the communications policy should be reviewed and considered at the next meeting</p> <p>8.3 Welsh Language</p> <p>There was nothing specific to report.</p>	HJ
9	<p>Finance Report</p> <p>DR reported that available funds remained unchanged at £1477.93 (£1380.29 in the bank and £97.64 with Paypal).</p> <p>Membership stood at 780.</p>	
10	<p>Governance Action Plan July 2020</p> <p>The plan continued to note two areas of concern:</p> <p>Point 2.2 COVID19 implications for Welsh rugby.</p> <p>Point 6.1 CBL governance reform not including Supporter Director</p>	
11	<p>Other Identified Business</p> <p>11.1 Succession Planning</p> <p>DA reminded the Board that, as previously announced, he would be stepping down next March while HJ would be stepping down the following year as Secretary.</p> <p>It was important for the Board to consider its succession planning. He asked members to give some thought as to whether they wished to take on any of these officer roles or whether we should be looking externally.</p> <p>This item would be discussed further at the next meeting</p>	ALL HJ
12	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>20 August 2020 commencing at 7pm</p>	