

CF10 RUGBY TRUST

Sixty-eighth meeting of The Board of Directors

held via Zoom

on Thursday 15 June 2023 commencing at 7pm

PRESENT

Board Directors: Lynn Glaister (Chair), Derek Redwood (Treasurer), Sally Carter (Minutes), Steve Coombs, Simon Baker, Simon Jones

Observers: Viv Jones, David Allen, Sion Williams

Apologies: Claire O'Shea, Andy Baker, Andrew Collins

ITEM

1 Chair's introductory remarks and apologies for absence

Lynn introduced the key themes – concerns about the future of Cardiff Rugby and the lack of information coming from the Club.

Apologies were noted.

2 Minutes of the Board meeting held on Tuesday 23 May 2023

The minutes were agreed as a true record. They will now be uploaded onto the website.

3 Matters Arising and Actions

All action points are covered on the agenda.

4 External Comms

a. Meeting with Cardiff Rugby

- There have been no formal meetings with Richard Holland in the last month, although Lynn has been in contact with him to discuss matters relating to the coaching staff.
- The share issue is on hold. It is possible that another solution is being considered related to the Peter Thomas Trust.
- An emergency Board meeting was cancelled and not yet been rescheduled.

Lack of Communication: We stressed that the lack of communication during this time has been incredibly damaging to the reputation of the Club and must be addressed going forward. The club has lost the narrative and the trust of its supporters, both of which will be hard to get back. Derek had an email from Cardiff City today asking if he wanted to apply to join a Fans Parliament Forum - which will be a random selection of season ticket holders. The aim is to improve communication and to get a 'true and

reflective insight into the supporter experience.'

David responded that the Board are keenly aware that the lack of communication with supporters is damaging and are looking at ways to improve this.

Simon J noted that everything in Welsh Rugby seems to be focused on retaining power rather than doing what is best for the development of the game in Wales. If they are ever to progress, Cardiff must move away from this attitude because it is clear that the WRU have no rugby strategy.

Action: Lynn will ask for a meeting with Richard in July. It was agreed that whilst we need to support our club through this difficult period, we must still question the way the problems have been handled and call for changes to be made in the future.

b. Activity with Joint Supporters Group

Nothing new to report

c. Meeting with WRU

The minutes of the JSG meeting with the WRU have been published but there has been no further contact since. The next meeting is set for 9th August.

A new independent chair will be announced tonight, and we can review our thoughts on that appointment at our next meeting.

5 Feedback and Questions from Members

Lynn will email members with feedback to the questions raised previously, and invite any further questions we can put to Richard and ask David to raise at the next Board meeting.

6 Working Groups

6.1 Heritage

The creation of a CIC has been agreed by all parties and the formal paperwork will be submitted shortly.

We have been invited to do a small piece for the forthcoming Antiques Roadshow which will be filmed in Cardiff on the 11th July. We will focus on the 1905 match with memorabilia from both us and the WRU. This is a great advertisement for the Cardiff Rugby Museum, and good timing with the setting up of the CIC.

6.2 Communications

There is very little that we can say at the moment with so little communication coming from the Club. We are continuing to put content out on Twitter and Steve is working on a piece about Dan Fish.

7 Finance

Our current balance now stands at £1135.98 – this is a slight increase on last month.

Derek may have found a solution to our need for a new independent accountant and will report back.

8 Other Identified Business

- David attended the AGM of the Cardiff Blues supporters group.
- He emphasised the need for all of us to work together in future. It may be time for a re-invention of the format of such groups and a re-engagement with supporters.
- It was agreed that the Club are not good at doing things for normal supporters and concentrate too much on sponsors. The balance needs to be redressed and we need to find ways to involve normal supporters in things like the awards night, run supporter events before games and use the marquee for more supporter functions.

9 Date, time and format of next meeting:

A preference was expressed for moving meetings from Thursday to Tuesday.

Action: Lynn will update the scheduled meeting invites to change the date of all future meetings to Tuesday.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 18th July** to avoid a clash with the Antiques Roadshow!