

CF10 RUGBY TRUST

Sixty-sixth meeting of The Board of Directors

held via Zoom

on Thursday 20 April 2023 commencing at 7pm

PRESENT

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

Observers: Viv Jones, David Allen, Liam Warrender

Apologies: Claire O'Shea

ITEM

1 Chair's introductory remarks and apologies for absence

Lynn introduced the key themes – feedback from the AGM and forthcoming meetings with Richard Holland and the JSG.

We welcomed Liam Warrender to the meeting as an observer. Liam was a key member of the Cardiff Blues Brothers and heavily involved with the Save our Game campaign over the Christmas period.

2 Minutes of the Board meeting held on Thursday 16 March 2023

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising and Actions

All action points are covered on the agenda.

4 Reflections on AGM and election

The AGM went well. It began with a tribute to Peter Thomas, with contributions and shared memories from both David and Lynn. Martin Ryan attended the meeting as a member of CF10 and also paid his tribute to Peter.

Martin was able to contribute to the information about the current status of Cardiff rugby. This was supplemented with a Q&A with David. Martin made it very clear that Cardiff RFC would survive, and we won't be dropping out of the league as Llanelli have done.

The election of existing and new Board members were confirmed at the AGM.

Lynn raised the issue of needing to simplify some of the technical aspects of the post so that more people are able to help with things like mail shots.

5 External Comms

a. Meeting with Cardiff Rugby

The next meeting has been arranged for the 26th April and Lynn will raise a number of issues with Richard about the future of the club, the state of the finances, signing of players, and the replacement of Richard Hodges on the coaching staff. If there are any other questions please pass them on to Lynn before the 26th.

Peter Thomas' memorial service will be held on the 4th May at Llandaff Cathedral. Lynn will attend on behalf of CF10, but all are welcome.

b. Activity with Joint Supporters Group

The JSG hasn't met recently and things have quietened down since the agreement has been signed.

The next meeting is on the 10th May at 6.30 on Zoom and Lynn extended an invite to anyone in the group who would like to attend. Derek has accepted this invitation. The meeting will either be with Ieuan or Nigel.

If anyone has any questions, they would like raised please let Lynn know. The focus will be on the strategy for the professional game going forward. It was suggested that we also raise the issue of the possibility of renegotiating the loan which is putting an impossible financial burden on the Regions.

6 Working Groups

6.1 Heritage

A meeting was held with Keith Morgan and Chris Collins on the 30th where David presented the case for creating a CIC for the collections. This meeting went well and Keith and Chris took it to the CAC Board who agreed with much of the proposal in principle but wouldn't compromise on the transfer of ownership, making the rest of the proposal pointless.

David has since repeated the presentation to Richard Holland, and this was met with a very positive response. Richard has suggested we have a three-way meeting to look at next steps. The date for this is currently being arranged for some time toward the end of May.

Simon mentioned that it is time to renew our annual membership with Sporting Heritage. It was agreed that this should be renewed and Simon will pass the invoice on to Derek.

6.2 Communications

Comms continues to go well, although Twitter has quietened down considerably now that the agreement has been signed and the season is drawing to a close.

We are aware that we need to maintain the balance of coverage between Cardiff Rugby and the RFC and this week we have been careful to promote the cup final between Cardiff and Newport on Sunday equally with the Judgement Day clash between Cardiff and Ospreys.

Andy currently pays for Zoom and Lynn has taken this over and will charge the monthly fee to CF10. David has offered us the use of his Zoom account, but it was decided that we would continue to pay for our own account for the next few months and then re-assess at the end of the summer.

7 Finance

There has been very little financial activity since the last meeting and our current balance now stands at £1214.93.
The Annual returns have been filed.

8 Action Plan

No further developments with the action plan.

9 Other Identified Business

Website updates: Simon still has access to the web site and can upload our minutes and will also update the Board details.

Shares: Andrew asked for an update on the possibility of a new share offer. David said that there will be information coming out about this very shortly. Any ideas for how to promote the sale of shares would be welcome and Andrew suggested learning from crowdfunding models which incentivise sales through reward schemes linked to the amount spent. Derek asked if we are still shareholders and David was able to confirm this.

Mental Health issues: Simon J gave an interview this evening to BBC Wales about Harri Morgan and his battles with mental health issues. It was agreed that these are important topics that we need to support and promote.

10 Date, time and format of next meeting:

CF10: Tuesday 23 May 2023, 7pm on Zoom (Please note the change to the date)