

## AGENDA

### CF10 RUGBY TRUST BOARD MEETING

**Seventy-third meeting of The Board of Directors**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 commencing at 7pm**

**Via Zoom**

#### Present:

Lynn Glaister

Derek Redwood

Simon Baker

Claire O'Shea

David Allen – Supporter Advisor

Paul McDonald – Comms Assistant

1. Welcome from Chair and apologies

Apologies were received from Sally Carter, Steve Coombs and Simon Jones

2. Minutes of last Board Meeting

Amendments were put forward, the amendments were agreed and accepted as a true record.

- We have been asked if we would provide funds to buy a lightbox for taking photographs for the museum website and the upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary book. This would be approximately £110. All board members present agreed and LG confirmed she had asked all those who had given apologies and had received confirmation from them. Request approved
- Cardiff Rugby matters including external communications.

Lynn met with Richard Holland. She gave a summary of issues raised

- Financial support questions for the new investors in Cardiff Rugby were discussed and it was noted that an announcement regarding the new shareholding was imminent.
- Shareholder records were being updated by Computershare.
- A framework was in place for signings for the 2024/25 season.
- It was recognised that there was a need for non-Welsh qualifying players and it was projected that only one such player would be at the club at the end of this season.
- The Macron Kit deal was confirmed through to 2027 but regrettably there was no change regarding the provision of replica shirts for women.

- Discussions had taken place in relation to potential improvement at the Pack bar, – not great for people visiting who cannot get into members bar on match day. It was confirmed club are seeking sponsorship to give it a facelift which will include hanging memorabilia, television screens, recycled furniture etc to give it more of a clubhouse
- A possible provision for digital advertising was discussed.
- It was intended to issue a survey to members for the Bath game.

#### **Cardiff RFC**

- Discussion took place regarding a proposed new league – this was flagged as not workable for our area, with insufficient home games.
- Objections from Merthyr and Pontypridd on financial grounds were noted.

#### **JSG**

LG confirmed she was meeting with WRU as part of JSG Cymru on Monday, issues were discussed. It was agreed that Steve C will attend The results of the independent review into the WRU were discussed

- A new rugby strategy /pathway had been decided without any supporter input
  - An independent panel is to assess the proposals
  - There was an admission of mistakes in relation to the scheduling of the derby fixtures and promises of better timetabling of events.
  - Judgement Day is being marketed for fixtures at Cardiff City Stadium on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Squad sizes to be limited to 38 bringing pressure on the playing side.
  - WRU repeated their intention to retain four clubs, with a perceived threat of reducing the players available for the international side if the number of clubs was scaled back.
  - Discussion in relation to the £10m investment in the Dragons – a development at Rodney Parade would produce some financial return to WRU
  - The Steve Phillips payoff was described as the best deal that could be done – the removal of coaches was described as an inevitable outcome
- **Finance**  
Accounts were almost complete for the year to 30 September 2023 – Derek to action  
Total funds held amounted to £1,112.84

#### 9. Date and time of next meeting

iii. 16<sup>th</sup> January

iv. 20<sup>th</sup> February

v. 19<sup>th</sup> March (possible AGM date?) Simon will add these dates to the website.