



## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

### MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023

#### Apologies ::

Annette Dickinson-Flint; Max Lloyd; Pete Morgans; Guy Scott; Don Wallington; Alex Whitehouse.

#### Present ::

Mal Brown; G S Jackson; Howard Jones; Laura Mather; Cyril Nolan; Gary Nolan; Kacper Pagorek; Lee Picken; Lorna Rogers.

#### Chairman's Report::

- GSJ is required to prepare an initial draft revision of the Rugby Club Ground Lease.
- The Club Activity Space is now in use for HiiT sessions with the possible addition of "Boxercise" and "Yoga" in the New Year.
- GSJ gave a brief outline of the Sundorne Settled Estate residents complaints about car parking.
- Following on from the previous meeting GSJ is to re-issue the "buy a Brick" scheme at £20 per brick.

#### Honorary Treasurer ::

- Laura reported the months income and expenditure including the highest figure yet of £313 for electricity plus the usual amounts for Cleaning, broadband, booking system etc. The Rugby Club have increased the ground rent by £48.73 per month. Increase in waste collection costs awaited.
- As previously mentioned, it is was **AGREED** to carry out an in depth review of all Club expenditure in order to assess how it would impact upon our current budget; Laura produced an interim spreadsheet indicating the draft effects of fuel and other increases etc on expenditure and a projection which indicated a significant and possible unsustainable reduction in our operating surplus.
- It was **AGREED** that whilst the level of the savings account had been "static" for four months, it was relatively healthy and the matter of any increases in fees etc would be re-examined in March 2024

#### Membership Secretary ::

- Lorna reported that Membership renewals stood at 174.

#### Club Captain ::

- Lee reported that early March would be available for an ES approved Bronze Chris Flint Open Junior Championships. GSJ Stated that bearing in mind the short time scale it would be advisable to advertise the event a.s.a.p to secure entries.

#### County Rep ::

- Don has agreed to continue as a County Rep for the Club with Lee.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain ::

- Alex reported by email that Monday was not a good night for him but that he would continue to respond to matters by email.

#### Junior Section ::

- The October request for a budget cost to cover lighting, coaches fees, equipment etc to submit to the "Flint Fund" to cover the cost of the Wednesday afternoon junior development sessions/specialist coaching with Courtney and Mike Coleman is still awaited.
- Tim Hammett has been added to the coaching group to encourage Juniors to play Racketball.
- As a response to item 'a' above it was **AGREED** that Cyril, Gary and Lee would hold a meeting to see if there were any promising youngsters in the Junior Club worthy enough to follow on from Frankie, Freddie and Ross, and who might benefit from the specialist coaching and financial assistance from the Chris Flint Fund.

### **Internal Leagues ::**

- a. Cyril is continuing his attempts to persuade more members to join the Internal Leagues; currently 30 out of the 35 team players are playing in the internal Leagues and he thought that increasing the Cup Teams from 3 to 5 players would also help.
- b. Lee stated that the County had decided to increase the number of Teams in the A, B & C cup competitions rather than stick to 5 players per team.
- a. Cyril asked what the County were doing to in an attempt to replace Clubs like Bishops Castle, Bridgnorth and Llanfyllin etc who had left the County Leagues and expressed concern about Brookside and Wolverhampton aspirations.

### **Website ::**

- a. Kacper Pagorek and Lee to liaise on replacing the "Infoscreen" App and to include a "rolling" message about the Car Park arrangements amongst other things.  
Whilst Kacper could select another "App" it requires Lee to obtain the content from Damian Jay.
- b. Guy Scott has volunteered the services of Anita's son Zolti to produce new photographs.

### **Future Events to be arranged or confirmed ::**

- a. Christmas Party Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1900 hours till late.  
Cyril has prepared a poster advertising the televised match of Aston Villa v Arsenal + 1700 hours prior to the finger buffet, bar, music and karaoke etc. M/C Pete Morgans.
- b. The next Team "Feeder Event" [which is helping to introduce new players to team squash] is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Schools. and is shared between our Club, Castle Country Club and the Schools.
- c. Chris Flint Junior Club Christmas Party Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December.
- d. The St John's Ambulance Service are to be contacted about a possible Defibrillator training session.
- e. Gary to arrange a Safeguarding Seminar for Coaches etc.
- f. March 2024 "International Friendly" - Shropshire v Switzerland.

### **Housekeeping ::**

- a. The Club Cleaning schedule would be discussed and agreed in order to cope with a periodic deep clean.
- b. The cost of obtaining a bottle/can recycling facility is to be investigated to possibly offset the possible introduction of Rugby Club charges.

### **Maintenance ::**

- a. One long wall in the Activity Space has been repainted in a new light green colour.
- b. Thanks to an initiative from Laura the 'unsafe' swivel chairs on the Gallery have been replaced.

### **AOB ::**

- a. Cyril asked for some feedback on the success or otherwise of the County A, B & C Cup competition.

**Date of next meeting**  
**MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024**  
**Starting at 1900 hours**