

CLWB PELDROED TEIGROD TEILO FOOTBALL CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday 24th MARCH 2009

At the Hen Vic, Llandeilo

MINUTES

PRESENT : Selby Le Roux(Chairman), David Bevan, Nik Bizzell-Browning(Publicity), Keith Dainton, Eifion Davies, Katy Davis, Tony Gallafent(Treasurer), Colin Henderson(Secretary), Aled Llyr(Coaches' Co-ordinator), James McAvoy, Edward Morgan, Helen Scutt(Registration/Communications Officer), Mark Swindells, Matthew Thomas & Mike Todd(Welfare Officer). An apology for absence had been received from Stephanie Jones(Fundraising Officer).

INTRODUCTION

Selby thanked all present for attending. The Constitution required a quorum of 10 senior Club members to be present & that condition had been met. Copies of the Minutes of the 2008 AGM & the Management Committee's Report for the past year were available for attendees to read.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous AGM, held on 27/3/2008, were approved & signed (proposed Mike, seconded Tony).

ANNUAL REPORT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Selby outlined the main points covered in the Report :-

Coaches - the Club currently had 19, but more were needed, specifically to cover shortages at the current U9 level & younger , & to deal with the new squad of U7s which would be starting in September. He encouraged members to encourage & support anyone they knew who might be interested in obtaining the necessary qualifications.

Numbers of Registered Players -these were satisfactory except at the current U11 level, where more were needed in order to run an 11-a-side U12 squad next year.

Training - he believed that the Monday evening sessions were operating successfully, with the Astroturf facility continuing to be a huge help. He thanked all who had given so much time & effort to do the coaching.

Sponsors - he thanked the various organisations & individuals named in the Report for their generosity in funding team shirts & other kit.

Club Ethos - he reminded members of the agreed distinction between Monday training, which was open to all, & team matches / extra training, for which players were selected; & that the bulk of subscription income was spent on Monday AstroTurf hire.

The Future - various challenges would face the new Committee but the most significant by far was the need for extra grass pitches, with adequate changing & washing facilities, acceptable to the Carmarthenshire Junior League. As matters stood, the Club had 3 teams to enter the CJFL next season but only 1 home pitch between them. Ideally, a 2nd home pitch was needed by September this year & a 3rd one by September 2011, when there should be 5 such teams. A discussion on this topic followed, the main points being that -

- there should be room for at least 1 & possibly 2 extra pitches at Ysgol Tregib;
- a longer-term option, however unlikely, of a pitch on National Trust land, possibly through the conduit of the Cae William Sports Committee, should be fully explored;
- Aled had had a most helpful discussion with MP Adam Price, which should lead to discussions with senior people at the County Council;
- liaison with Llandeilo Town AFC was important, as the issue of improved facilities for football in the Town had implications for both Clubs; &
- that there was an ongoing need for all members to take every opportunity to raise this issue publically.

ACCOUNTS UP TO 31ST JANUARY 2009 / ELECTION OF CLUB AUDITOR

Tony apologised for the lack of written accounts but assured the Meeting that financially the Club's finances were on budget & under control, with enough in reserve to cope with at least some unexpected expenditure. The biggest item of expenditure was AstroTurf hire, expected to be in the region of £2500-£3000, but there had been trouble in obtaining a bill.

Selby said that the present Auditor, Eifion, was the Chairman-elect & as such could not continue as Auditor. He proposed that the new Committee be authorised to appoint a new Auditor as soon as possible. All present were content with this.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2009/2010 SEASON

The following were elected, all unopposed :-

CHAIRMAN	EIFION DAVIES	proposed by Selby, seconded by Matthew			
TREASURER	STEPHANIE JONES	"	Helen	"	Mike
SECRETARY	COLIN HENDERSON	"	Helen	"	Nik
WELFARE OFFICER	MIKE TODD	"	Mark	"	Nik
**COACHES' COORDINATOR	ALED LLYR	"	Mike	"	Mark
REGISTRATION/ COMMUNICATIONS' OFFICER	HELEN SCUTT	"	Colin	"	Nik
PUBLICITY OFFICER	NIK BIZZELL-BROWNING	"	Aled	"	Mike
FUNDRAISING OFFICER	to be appointed later by the Committee				

** A proposal to divide this job into 2, with 1 Coordinator for CJFL squads & another for coaches of younger age-groups, was rejected; but Aled was encouraged to appoint a 'deputy' from the younger groups, whose specific job should be to alert him of any issues there.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR SEASON 2009/2010

Selby explained that it was a constitutional requirement for the subscriptions for the next season to be approved at the AGM; however, it was an impractical arrangement, as the predominant factor was the cost of astrofurf hire & that would not be known until much later. Tony added that there was no obvious reason to suppose that subscriptions would change much; & that there would be an extra age-group to contribute, even if hire charges rose. Selby proposed, & it was agreed, that the Committee should determine subscription rates shortly before the start of next season.

Mark asked the Committee to consider a higher subscription for CJFL players at U12 & above, to cover referees' fees & other expenses incurred at those levels. Several other members supported this view. The alternatives were extra fundraising at those levels only, or general fundraising which could be used for those costs.

OPERATION OF CLUB'S BANK ACCOUNTS

The Constitution stated that the 1st signature on cheques etc should be the Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary; the 2nd signature should be another of those 3 + any other Committee members authorised to do so at the AGM. Selby suggested that, for operational convenience, Helen should be so authorised. This was formally proposed by Mike, seconded by Tony & carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nik proposed that, in the event of any team finishing as winner or runner-up in its league, the Club should provide medals if the relevant league did not do so. This was agreed. Aled suggested an 'Awards' Night' .

Eifion thanked members for asking & appointing him to be Chairman . He had high hopes of progress on the pitch-shortage issue & anticipated the senior & junior Clubs working much more closely together as the age-gap between them decreased.

DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING : TUESDAY 23rd MARCH 2010

CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS

Selby said that he had stood down after 2 years with some regret due to family reasons. He had enjoyed most of the experience & was proud of the Club's continued growth & expansion. He was delighted that Eifion had agreed to follow him in the role & wished the new Committee all good fortune. He would be continuing as a coach.

Mike led several tributes to Selby's chairmanship ; he had led from the front at an important time needing much hard work & planning . Aled endorsed this & also added a vote of thanks to Tony for his work behind the scenes as Treasurer during this time.

Signed : _____

Date : _____

CH (Secretary) 29/3/09