

CLWB PELDROED TEIGROD TEILO FOOTBALL CLUB
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT MARCH 2008

1. Background

From small beginnings, with a few 6 and 7 year olds in 2002, the club has steadily expanded. By the 2006/07 season with:-

Several of the original organisers standing down, the prospect of running an under 12 team, the need to meet a formidable sounding FAW accreditation scheme and the opportunity to play on the new Tregib Astroturf surface, it became clear that the running of the Club required different arrangements. That led to the following Committee of 6 being appointed at the AGM of February 2007 :-

CHAIRMAN	Selby Le Roux
SECRETARY	Colin Henderson
TREASURER	Tony Gallafent
COACHES' COORDINATOR	Aled Llyr
COMMUNICATIONS/FUNDRAISING OFFICER	Helen Scutt
WELFARE OFFICER	Mike Todd* (*= confirmed after the AGM)

Since then, the new Committee has met formally on 13 occasions, in addition to calling an Extraordinary General Meeting on 27th November. This reflects the large amount of administrative work which there has been - and still is – to do.

2. REVIEW OF 2007

2.1 FAW Accreditation

Accreditation

Bronze Level Accreditation status has been applied for, and subject to some CRB applications, been confirmed as satisfactory.

Club name

Various names have been used from time to time. These needed to be standardised .The heading at the top of this report was agreed as the Club's official name at the EGM.

Club constitution

The previous constitution agreed in 2002 did not meet all of the new Accreditation requirements. A new constitution, based on a 'model' supplied by the FAW, was drawn up & formally adopted at the EGM, as were specific Codes of Conduct for coaches, players & parents. These can be seen on the website.

Coaches Training

During the course of the year, a number of parents have volunteered to become coaches and they have all been sent on the FAW Football Leaders course

Registered players

The list of registered players has grown steadily throughout the season from 89 in July 2007 to 126 by March 2008. Whilst it is great that there is this demand for football, the ever increasing numbers places increasing demands on the coaches and committee members.

2.2 Financial

Income

During the course of the year, the main sources of income have been from sponsors, grants and subscriptions. An application was made to the SportLot Community chest and we were successful in being awarded £750.00. During the year, we also obtained sponsorship from the following.

Sponsor	Amount
Davies Richards Developments	£250
Nigel Williams Pharmacy	£250
Nice Price News	£250
Mike Heath	£250
Mike Rees	£250
Dyfed Powys Police	£450
Ladies Circle	£250

The Committee and, I am sure, every parent and player is extremely grateful for all this generosity and goodwill; it has made an enormous difference. On behalf of the club thank you to all our sponsors.

Subscriptions

With the Astroturf costs in mind, subscriptions for the 2007/08 season were set as follows

Under 11s & 12s	£50
Under 10s & 9s	£45
Under 8s and below	£40

Outgoings

The principle outgoings this year have been the hire of the Astroturf/donations to the rugby club for the use of Cae William, and the bringing in of experienced coaching support. Other outgoings include costs associated with the training of coaches in the form of development of new coaches and supplementing existing coaches qualifications to allow us to meet the accreditation requirements.

Position

The Club is in a healthy financial position. Budgets and expenditure have, however, to be set with a view to the outgoings to which the Club is committed so as to provide a safe and enjoyable football experience for the players.

2.3 Teams, training & coaching

Teams

UNDER 12s The only way ahead for this new team was 11-a-side football in the Carmarthenshire Junior Football League (CJFL) – a huge change for all concerned. After some difficulties in gaining entry, our team has done very well, with a mid-table finish in prospect.

UNDER 11's We entered 2 teams in the 7-a-side competitions on the Johnstown Astro turf. The stronger team has done well but there have been difficulties in fielding a 2nd team consistently.

UNDER 9's There has been a promising older group & a pleasing number of players for the younger group.

Monday night training

Slightly disappointingly the Tregib Astro turf could not be used until December, so Monday evening training continued at Cae William until the bad weather in November. I feel that the quality of training has improved dramatically since then. The decision to employ a highly-qualified coach to oversee the sessions and to introduce new ideas and drills has been a success. The split-use arrangement of Years 1-5 from 6-7pm & Years 6-8 from 7-8pm seems to be working ok. The only drawback is the cost of £38.10 an hour, but the Committee anticipated that when increasing the subscriptions this year.

Coaching strength

The Club cannot operate effectively without an adequate number of qualified coaches willing to give much time to the task. The FAW have introduced stringent new rules in this respect; each age group/team should have at least 2 such coaches present in all but exceptional circumstances, and the FAW will no longer accept as 'qualified' any coach without both a Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) check and a Football Leaders Award certificate; also, at least 1 coach present should have an Emergency First Aid qualification. Much Committee effort has been spent this year in getting all this sorted out. An adequate coaching team has been maintained throughout the year and as at 1/3/08 12 Club coaches met the new criteria, with several more in the process of doing so. It will require constant vigilance and effort in future to maintain & improve the Club's coaching resources.

Club ethos ('Vision statement')

The sharp increase in the numbers of players has inevitably caused challenges in team selection; no longer could all be selected. After much debate, the Committee has set out its plans and policy for the future; this appeared in a recent newsletter, which is on the website. Essentially, it has drawn a distinction between

MONDAY EVENING TRAINING, which is open to all and which will be run for the equal benefit of all; subscriptions should be set at the minimum level to cover the cost of this, + administration costs;

TEAM MATCHES & EXTRA TRAINING AT OTHER TIMES, for which players are selected largely on perceived merit and playing potential. This should be regarded as an 'extra', over & above what subscriptions cover. Early experiences in the CJFL have shown that we are entering an extremely-competitive world, in which we will sink without trace if we do not prepare our players thoroughly and field our strongest available teams.

3. LOOKING AHEAD.....

Much remains for the new Committee elected at the 2008 AGM to do. Some tasks ahead include:-

- providing for TWO teams (ie U13 &U12) in the CJFL;
- maintaining & increasing our number of fully qualified coaches. (Please help by volunteering to help if you possibly can – it will cost you nothing other than time !);
- establishing a group of CRB-checked parent 'Volunteers' to help the coaches with various tasks;
- organising at least 1 fund-raising event (this year's Committee has been too hard-pressed to do this and, again, any offers of help would be most welcome.);
- holding & hosting a Club tournament.

4. Thanks

As Chairman, I would like to thank the other 5 members of this year's Committee for their dedication and sustained hard work. The task has involved much more than any of us envisaged a year ago, but no-one has faltered.

On moving from Cae William, I must thank Llandeilo RFC on behalf of parents and players past and present for so willingly allowing us to use their grounds for training for so long. It goes without saying that, without their co-operation, this Club could not have reached its present position.

On behalf of the whole Committee, I thank also every one of our dedicated coaches, without whom there would be no Club. Finally, I thank the vast majority of parents for their support, helpfulness & encouragement.

SELBY LE ROUX (CHAIRMAN)