

**CLWB PELDROED TEIGROD TEILO FOOTBALL CLUB**  
**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE 2008/09 SEASON**

**Committee Membership**

The Committee re-elected for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year at the last AGM was –

**Chairman:** Selby Le Roux

**Treasurer:** Tony Gallafent

**Secretary:** Colin Henderson

**Coaches' Co-ordinator:** Aled Llyr

**Welfare Officer:** Mike Todd

**Registration Officer:** Helen Scutt

The AGM authorised the Committee to appoint up to two additional members during the year to take on specific tasks. With the Club continuing to expand, the Committee decided to do this and the following were invited - and agreed - to join the Committee-

**Communications/Fundraising Officer:** Stephanie Jones

**Publicity Officer:** Nick Bizzell-Browning

There have been seven Committee Meetings during the year, all with at least 5 members present at each.

**Coaching strength**

The FAW's rules require that any team playing competitive matches must have two suitably qualified coaches. Additionally, all club officials must have completed a criminal records bureau check. It goes without saying that the Club cannot operate effectively without an adequate number of coaches. Realistically, such volunteers will normally come from the parents at each age group, although we must acknowledge the invaluable help being given by a few members of Llandeilo A.F.C. who have no children in the Club.

Much of this was introduced for the 2007/8 season, when all Clubs, including ours, struggled to cope with the mass of paperwork and arrangements involved. However, we were more or less in order at the start of the 2008/9 season and for the most part that position has been successfully maintained. At the last count we had 19 qualified coaches, which may sound a lot but isn't when split amongst all the children. More would improve the quality of the coaching and make life easier for all. Turnover of coaches is inevitable so we are always looking for new coaches.

So if any parent /member would like to tackle the very-rewarding challenge of coaching, please contact your child's Coach or the Club Secretary, Colin Henderson (824177). Please help if you possibly can – it will cost you nothing other than time!

### **Registered Players**

This is down a little from 126 last year to 115 now. That was to be expected because, although we gained an age-group at the top, the Committee decided not to register new Year 1's this season. This decision was taken with some regret and after much debate but in the Committee's view the improvement in the discipline and organisation of coaching evenings has justified it. The squad with the lowest number of registered players is at U11; as this will be the U12 squad next season, playing 11-a-side football, there is an urgent need to boost playing numbers and the Committee has been trying to address this. If any members know of potential players – especially at this age group - among family, friends or neighbours, please encourage them to join.

### **Training Evenings**

Monday evening training from 6-8pm has continued on the Astroturf at Tregib. We hope that things are running ok but if anyone has any suggested improvements please let one of the Committee know. With no Year 1's now, this season's U10's have been able to remain in the 1<sup>st</sup> hour, with enough room for the four junior age groups. The three oldest age groups, now the U13's, U12's & U11's, have continued in the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour.

### **Financial matters**

With a full season of Astroturf-use ahead (hire charge £38.10 an hour & likely to rise), subscriptions for the 2008/9 season were set as follows:-

Year 2 / U7's (who have no competitions) : £45

Years 3 – 8 /U8's-U13's : £50

Setting subscription levels is always challenging and this season the Committee cancelled the option of a reduction for families with more than one child in the Club. As the bulk of subscription income goes towards Astroturf-hire, it was felt that all children who use it should pay an equal share.

### **Sponsorships & Donations**

We have been successful in attracting some local sponsorship this year which has helped supply team shirts in particular. On behalf of the Committee and all parents, I would like to record the Club's extreme gratitude for all this generosity and goodwill; it has made an enormous difference. The sponsors are as follows:

**Nice Price News**

**Davies Richards Developments**

**Nigel Williams Pharmacy**

**Dilip Patel, Spar**

**Mike Heath**

**Ladies Circle**

**Mike Rees**

### **Club ethos**

The Committee has not changed its policy but I would like to take this chance to remind members what they are. Essentially, the Club draws a distinction between:-

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

(2) TEAM MATCHES & EXTRA TRAINING AT OTHER TIMES, for which players are selected by the coaches. This should be regarded as an 'extra', over and above what subscriptions cover. Experience so far in the Carmarthenshire Junior Football League (CJFL) has 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 teams.

### **The Future**

Much remains for the new Committee to be elected at the 2009 AGM to do. Some key areas include:-

-providing for three teams (ie U14,U13 &U12) in the CJFL, under the severe handicap of only having a single home pitch to be shared between all three (more on this below);

- maintaining and hopefully improving on our coaching ability.

- adding an extra squad on coaching evenings.

-organising at least 1 fund-raising event (this year's Committee has worked hard to do this but the weather or other factors thwarted all efforts). Again, any offers of help would be most welcome.

-hosting a Club tournament. We had hoped to do this, this season but the Committee has not been able to.

### **The Future.....**

With another season nearly over, the Club is further along its chosen path to provide football for local children of all ages so that, in a few years' time, the current players will hopefully be able to progress seamlessly into senior football.

There is one major challenge. It concerns grass pitches. There is only one full-size grass pitch available for football in Llandeilo (inside the running track at Ysgol Tregib). At present, our U13's and U12's use it alternately on Saturday mornings and the two senior teams do likewise on Saturday afternoons. With some mid-week games as well, it is not surprising that the condition of this pitch suffers during the season.

The CJFL, which provides the only local football at U12 and above levels, requires all of its league games to be played on grass pitches, usually on Saturday mornings, with adequate changing facilities.

We hope to have 3 such teams next season, but currently there is only 1 acceptable home pitch! We desperately need an extra pitch by next September. Despite various initiatives, we have as yet made no meaningful progress in our quest to find one. As matters stand, there is no certainty that, with only the single home pitch to offer, the CJFL will accept our application to enter 3 teams next season.

We ask YOU, the senior members of the club to actively publicise this issue. The more noise we collectively make on this subject, the better. Needless to say, if any of you can suggest a remedy for the problem, please let the Committee know!

### **.... and finally**

As Chairman, I would like to thank the other members of this year's Committee for their dedication and sustained hard work. On behalf of the whole Committee, I would also like to thank 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 and encouragement.

After two hectic years, I have decided that, reluctantly, due to family commitments I must stand down as Chairman and as a Committee member. During these last two years, I hope you will agree that the Club has progressed. Yet there is still much work to be done and I wish my successor all good fortune in successfully navigating these future challenges.

**SELBY LE ROUX (CHAIRMAN)**

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