ALDWINIANS RUFC

LOCKDOWN MEETING MINUTES

29th April 2020 Attendance via Zoom

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| Trustees in attendance  | W. Thorpe, T. Hulmes, I. Wilson, K. Turner-Hague, K. Davies, T. Gibson, I. Spivey, A. Whally, C. Spivey |
| Contributors  | R. Palmer, L. Bradley, C. Rushworth |
| Apologies | None |

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| Agenda | Agenda proposed by R. Palmer below....* A new membership restructure through direct debit. (a 10 minute presentation) then discussions.
* Possibility of the position of clerk added to the committee (none voting position).
* Chris Rushworth’s proposal regarding assisting with treasurer duties.
* An update I can relay back to the members of the clubs positions regarding the lockdown (finanaces,grants,bills,25k grant, etc)
* The AGM minutes rewritten as they are inaccurate.

R. Palmer suggested that the meeting was recorded and then forwarded to C. Spivey   |
| R. Palmer | Informed the trustees that there was an Aldwinians facebook forum where members were invited to give their opinions on aspects of the club, for this to be communicated back to the Trustees. Replies would then be posted on the forum to keep all informed.You are asked 3 questions to be accepted on the members facebook forum.* The main focus is the membership structure and how it can be improved. A power point presentation was presented that contained information gathered off the member’s forum. Realising that at this time of the year the club is always quite an even more so in this present situation. The presentation was put together after conducting a pole of the combined memberships and asking if spreading the costs over a 12month period would be viable.
* T. Gibson was asked for the players thoughts on having a DD system in place. General consensus was ok as this including the use of the gym.
* After the presentation there was a general discussion from the attendees on what thoughts were going forward.. We know it’s the way to move forward and needs the correct implementation to have everyone involved.
* It has been noted that Aldwinians is a few years behind with the implementation of DD payment methods, and feels quite embarrassed by this.
* W. Thorpe Going down the route of DD for membership/weekly subs is the way forward and should be presented to the membership on the forum.
* T. Hulmes asked what cross section of members have been asked re DD?

R. Palmer responded Approx 50% of the membership responded positivley* What is the committee’s opinion to having a nonvoting clerk take the minutes to relieve C. Spivey’s work load.

R. Palmer was given permission to post on the forum that we were looking for a clerk.* R. Palmer sought the committee’s permission to work alongside C. Rushworth re collating information to do with the brewery loan and looking at if we can achieve a more acceptable situation.
* Will go back to the forum and ask if there are members out there willing to pay £10.00 per month to assist in getting us over the lockdown period.
* Feedback from this evenings meeting will be placed on the forum along with T. Hulmes email of financial activities thus far during the lockdown period. ( T. Hulmes email re the financial situation thus far will be attached to these minutes)
* Do we have persons in place to cover significant roles for unexpected eventualities?
* W. Thorpe In answer to R. Palmer’s last comment, the Charities Commission does say that there should be people to be able to step in if needed.
* A question has been asked re colts for next season, will we have any?
1. Turner-Hague R. Palmer re the situation of colts rugby at the club next season. There will be enough players to put a colts team in. If the Under 17’s struggle for numbers then there are enough players from this seasons senior colts still able to play, so we will be able to move the Under 17’s up.
* W. Thorpe mentioned that this seasons Under 16’s were a strong squad.
* We have a charitable status we should be able to make more use of it. We should ask players to ask their employers for sponsorship which could be individual players.
* AGM minutes can we have them re written so that they can be published.

It was agreed that the amendments would be sent to C. Spivey to alter. R. Palmer is to send amendments.* Social media is a fast moving medium and we should make the best of it and use it alot more.
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| W. Thorpe | * Furlough – can you still go in the club and do a similar job?

You can still go in and volunteer to do jobs so long as social distancing is observed.Please note what I said re furlough was that I understood that staff on furlough were not allowed to perform their paid duties in any way, including as a volunteer.         Trevor said this was not the case but I still maintain that my statement was correct, and should it emerge that we are not observing said rules we would be liable to financial sanction. |
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 | * The club going down the DD route is the only way forwards. This gives the club some much financial income on a regular basis. Most clubs have now gone to DD payments, so its unusual to pay cash.
* Also thinks that player will be more available as they have paid up front.
* We need to get back to the “Family” ethos of the club.
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| C. Rushworth | * Was honoured to be asked by R. Palmer to get involved with the club, I do have the clubs best interests at heart and want to see it prosper.
* Re DD.... Has spoken with Dukinfield RUFC who uses a company called bottom line re the payment of memberships etc. The question was asked about the uptake of DD. Dukinfield said is no worse than normal but not really and better. Will look into this further to gather more information. Generally all payments are taken assessed and then an email is sent out to inform you of all those non payments for team managers to chase.
* When the paperwork is received from T. Hulmes re the brewery loan he will start to look at other possibilities which could benefit the club.
* Will only get involved if the committee give there backing to do so. Wants to use his experiences and knowledge to help benefit the club progress. Understands that T. Hulmes has taken on such alot in the past, he now feels the time is right to get involved.

W. Thorpe welcomed him onboard.  |
| K.Turner-Hague | * T. Gibson will also be working with K. Turner-Hague on matters playing.
* Looking at putting a list together of volunteers who wish to assist with jobs around the club and place this on the member’s forum and see what the response is.
* Membership – assists with player insurance and the upkeep of the club.
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| T. Hulmes | * A question was asked re what’s happening re the shut down?
* Hope everyone has received the emails sent out re the financial situation re our standing during lockdown along with a projected forecast for 3 & 6 months.
* More than happy to pursue the DD ideas of membership. Would be great to have feedback from the members re costings. This is something that was brought to the committee after doing research into other clubs payments. At the time it was thought to be going a bit to far at the time. Never thought it couldn’t be done and now looks quite feasible.
* Is in communication with D. Council re furlough payments and the setting up of the payments. Within the next few weeks this should automatically happen.
* Will send C. Rushworth the relevant paperwork needed to pursue looking for better forms of loans etc .
* Also happy for C. Rushworth to get involved and take son some of the treasurers roles
* Is in the process of putting a Sport England grant application together for £10,000. We have to think about some of the annual expense to the pitches in preparation for the coming season when ever that is.
* Has noticed that some clubs are setting up just giving pages. Is this something we look at in the weeks to come?
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| L.Bradley | * Has been looking into DD. The proposed cost to the snr players is less than their monthly fee for a mobile phone contract so should be manageable.
* If you look and the M&J section 266 players x15 =£3,900 approx per month or £46,800 per year that is a big difference to what’s happening now.
* 4th Team rugby. L. Bradley has been talking to R. Calderbank and he is willing to manage the team as he has some good contacts for players and clubs. This team will only play pool games.
* M. Birch wants to run the 3rd team so that we can bring the colts through and progress the future players of the club.
* R. Palmer and C. Rushworth will work with L. Bradley to look at other ways of improving things.
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| K.Davies | * We need to put the club’s membership terms in front of members and this is what we are doing going forward.
* List of jobs need doing and time slots would be a good idea on the forum page.
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| Attendees at meeting | All were in agreement that DD was the way to go forward for the club as it has the possibilities to generate alto more money for the club.R. Palmer asked W Thorpe if he could be is under study for the position of bar chairman. W. Thorpe was in agreement with this. |
| Meeting Closed | Meeting finished 20.20 Approx pm**Next Zoom Meeting will be ID 601832 3438 Password Aldwinians****5th May 2020****Start 7.00pm prompt** |