



**West Wales Tropics Basketball Club  
2010-11 Annual General Meeting 12/6/2011  
Alpha Inn, Tavernspite.**

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| Present   | Ian Bell (IB); David Cumming (DC); Jackie Davies (JD); Heather Edwards (HE); Joseff Edwards(JE); Lindsay Halton (LH); Yvette Hughes (YH); Matt McPherson (MM); Helen Meredith (HM); Dee Nix (DN); Sophie Nix (SN); Andrew Thomas (AT); Pete Tunstall (PT).  |           |
| Apologies | Maelien Halton-Davies; Brett & Jacob Henson; Dan Powell; Andy Roberts; Mark Rogers.   |           |
| Item      |   | Action by |
| 1.        | <b>2010-11 Season Review</b>  |           |
| 1.1       | In order to reduce the meeting time, MM had circulated his resume of the season to all members by email and provided those present with a copy. In summary, we've had a reasonable season, returned a small profit financially, but numbers had begun to fall towards the end. MM will have his resume put into the download section of the website by Kevin Trueman so it is available for anyone who wants to see it. Significantly, David Williams has decided to finish as Club senior coach; DC endorsed MM's gratitude to David Williams for his commitment to the Club over the last three years and as Club Chairman, will send him a letter to acknowledge that. | DC        |
| 1.2       | Reference was made to the withdrawal of funding to Basketball Wales (BW) from Sports Wales in the review; the question was asked if this will affect the Club?<br>Matt – The Club receives no direct funding from BW, in fact we've had little to no contact from them in 3 years. Suspect the annual registration fee will increase as they will need to raise money by other means, and the Club may have to increase its own membership fee accordingly. It may affect BW's ability to run courses for coaches/officials. We also do our CRB checks through BW, but they are free to voluntary organisations anyway  |           |
| 2.        | <b>Election of Officers</b>   |           |
| 2.1       | David Cumming, Heather Edwards and Matt McPherson resigned from their posts as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer but all remained available for re-election.  |           |

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| 2.2 | David, Heather and Matt all unanimously re-elected to their previous positions.   |                      |
| 2.3 | It was unanimously agreed that the rest of the Management Committee for 2011-12 will be Jackie Davies, Lindsay Halton, Dan Powell, Joseff Edwards & Pete Tunstall   |                      |
| 3.  | <b>Summer Camp</b>  |                      |
| 3.1 | Coaches confirmed: Adam and David Williams, Justin Thompson and Brett Henson. Pete Tunstall also available. Have also invited Nathan Merchant from Kenfig Cougars to guest coach; he's checking with his wife and will let MM know.   | MM                   |
| 3.2 | Age limit wise we can reasonably take any age, but should limit number to 60 maximum, which would mean 10 people maximum with each coach.   |                      |
| 3.3 | Hall cost for the 2 days will roughly be £280, plus £60 if we use the small classroom again. DC said his company will cover this cost, plus the main prizes.  | MM<br>DC             |
| 3.4 | MM will need help on the two mornings to register people in and no-one to attend without a completed consent form. Jackie, Heather and Helen agreed to help with this.  | MM<br>JD<br>HE<br>HM |
| 3.5 | It would be extremely helpful if the net on the side wall of the gym were fixed, as this would give us six stations available for use. Need to approach Dyffryn Taf school about this.  | HE<br>JD<br>LH       |
| 3.6 | MM has received one form and payment, however it is extremely early days and he knows of at least 15 that will be more or less definite. We also are 2 months in advance of last year and therefore have more time to promote it.   |                      |
| 3.7 | MM so far has got posters up in St Clears LC, has entered info onto the Radio Carmarthenshire Events listing and a Carmarthenshire What's On website, has emailed QE High School, the local Scouts Organisation through his father's contacts and mailed the Carmarthenshire Sports Development Co-ordinator Hilary Jones. Need to check details do get posted.   | MM                   |
| 3.8 | Pete has approached Battlefield Live Pembrokeshire to see if they will consider sponsorship and also Sports World in Pensarn, Carmarthen. Sponsorship may be in lieu of unused kit/equipment rather than direct payment; MM happy to accept any help whatsoever. It was also suggested we could approach Princes Gate to see if they would supply some bottled water and also Co-Op do have a scheme to help fund community projects. | PT<br>DC<br>HM       |
| 3.9 | There followed an extremely positive discussion about how to promote the  | PT                   |

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|     | <p>camp. We should send info to as many schools as possible including Greenhill in Tenby, Castle School in Cresselly, Preseli School, Haverfordwest School. MM has a contact list of all the primary schools that feed into Dyffryn Taf School.</p> <p>Also need to advertise in local papers such as Carmarthen Journal, Tenby Observer.</p> <p>Could also arrange food at the Alpha after as a way of socialising after the event, and also advertise Silverhill Caravan/Camp Site as a possible place to stay if people are travelling – MM to get Kevin to update site</p> <p>Should also look to invite some local dignitaries such as MP, Mayor and invite a local reporter down to increase our profile.</p> <p>MM thanked everyone for all of their positive suggestions and asked DC and PT to co-ordinate the advertising and invite relevant people to attend.</p> | DC<br>MM |
| 4   | <b>2011-12 Season</b>   |          |
| 4.1 | <p>MM – we have only 6 players on the books at U18, and no recognised point guard. SWVL require a squad of at least 7. Therefore no junior team will be entered into the league this year. Effort should be made to get next, younger group of players in to prepare them ready to go into U16 league in 2012-13. There are several decent looking youngsters at Preseli and also, Jackie received an email from a 14 year old who's interested in playing, plus his friends. So we may be able to get a batch of the same age group together for MM to work on.</p>  |          |
| 4.2 | <p>We may need to change training time as this younger group play rugby and it clashes with the existing time. MM suggested we could swap senior time to 3pm – 5pm and training the juniors to 5pm-7pm</p>  |          |
| 4.3 | <p>Younger players mean we need to use size 6 balls, which Tropics don't own. MM has applied for a grant from People's Postcode Trust to fund 2 new kits, balls, bibs and a storage cage. If this doesn't get paid, there is one other place he can apply to. MM asked JD if we may borrow Preseli Storm's equipment whilst he is waiting to hear about the grant? JD agreed that is ok,; she also suggested some money may be available through the 5x60 schools programme.</p>  | MM<br>JD |
| 4.4 | <p>MM will try to arrange friendly games for both the remaining U18 and any new U16; we may have to travel more though as MM suspects most teams won't come all the way to us for friendly. Swansea and ABC Gwent are exceptions and will probably be willing to come to us.</p>  |          |
| 4.3 | <p>The existing seniors have low regular numbers. Most of the remaining U18 are big enough and capable enough of playing up to senior level. The combined numbers will be sufficient to run a team in the SWVL.</p>   |          |
| 4.4 | <p>David Williams has left so we need a new coach. MM was contacted a couple of months ago by PT, who wanted to become involved with the Club. PT has</p>   |          |

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|     | coaching experience and is willing to coach, so as no-one else appears willing to coach, MM suggested PT take the job. Seconded by DC.  |          |
| 4.5 | PT has coaching experience in the military leagues, where recognised qualifications were not needed, so needs to get qualified. This is a long unresolved problem for us as BW do not run courses. MM has recently been contacted by BW to see what requirements we have and will keep pressing them for a level 2 course. Apparently there is an option of doing UKCC Level 2 award or a Basketball Wales Level 2 award. Unanimously agreed that UKCC is the recognised version so we should ask for that. | MM       |
| 4.6 | PT travels around the UK and it may be possible for him to do a course elsewhere if he knows where they are being held. MM has contact info for UKCC who circulate regular info regarding courses, he will send on to PT to contact. PT may also be able to go straight onto Level 2 as he has instructor experience in the military and has both First Aid and Safeguarding & Protection of Children already.  | MM<br>PT |
| 4.7 | The Club needs a level 2 head coach to continue to operate. MM – Although David Williams is not directly going to coach seniors this year, he will continue to have involvement in the Camp each year as the lead coach, and will undoubtedly be down regularly to scrimmage and train. He is a level 2 coach and can remain as the Club's named head coach.  |          |
| 4.7 | PT needs to be CRB checked. MM to ask David McPherson to start process off.   | MM       |
| 4.8 | PT has several contacts with teams where we would be able to stay on barracks, have a game and a social in the evening, maybe as an end of season tour. Meeting agreed this was good idea, MM suggested we should revisit this at a later meeting.  |          |
| 5   | <b>AOB</b>  |          |
| 5.1 | Will look to start back on 19 June. 19 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> June MM will book just a 2 hour session and have a scrimmage only. Training proper to resume on Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July for both junior and senior.   | MM       |
| 5.2 | MM has reconsidered his fees proposal of £20 per month. Does not want to put people off who may only be able to come irregularly so the cost will remain at £5 per session; MM will just have to figure out a better way to collect. People may still pay £15 per month, or £140 per annum.   |          |
| 5.3 | Discussed other ways to raise money. Bag packing at both Marks and Spencers and Morrisons stores were suggested. MM suggested that as our numbers are low and some no shows would undoubtedly occur, that we should look to do  | MM       |

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|     | this as a combined Tropics/Preseli Storm effort. Need to contact both stores.           |  |
| 5.4 | MM thanked everyone for what had been a very positive meeting. Meeting closed at 6.35pm |  |
|     | Minutes prepared by Matt McPherson 15/6/2011  |  |