**Minutes of the youth committee meeting**

**Monday 20th June 2016**

**Present:** Terry Bauld, Andrew Duncan, Jordan Paterson, Murray Galloway, Dougie Tyler, Bill Nolan, Ali Cairns, Jacqui Cairns, Gavin McInnes, Steven Dick, Jamie Monaghan, Scott Campbell, Joe Gallagher, Scott Davis, Milan Marinovic, Rory Couper

**Apologies:** Cara Forbes, Stephanie Finnigan

**Overview of season**

Briefly discussed the youth annual review that was presented at the Club AGM.

Highlighted that we achieved all our objectives set by the youth committee at

the beginning of the year.

Communication was hugely improved this year with the creation of facebook

pages for each age group which seemed to work well and will probably continue

JC recommended more direct communication with parents in terms of catering AD

and helping in the kitchen on match, as she has offered many times but no one has

approached her.

Social events increased this year and we tried to structure the youth section a bit

more this year in terms of management.

Our numbers have grown and we are now at the stage where we can field

teams independently at every age group, something that hasn't been possible for many

years. This has been due to the work of our DO's in schools and the amount of festivals

being delivered. This year there was a total of 322 primary session and 500 secondary schools sessions delivered in the 2015. Unfortunately North Ayrshire Council and the SRU will not be funding modern apprentice position for next year. This will definitely have a negative impact on the delivery of rugby next year.

Finances we pretty good this year and we managed to raise more than we spent.

Jamie Monaghan raised the issue of memberships and fees for next year. The minis/micros currently pay £20 registration and £2 per week but we don't really register or manage this

very well because it is generally the coaches who are trying to manage the kids. This

highlights the fact the we need more parental help with admin. Jamie proposed the idea

of either standing order, monthly installments or register for cash members. YC/TB/AD

**Next Season**

Further discussions need to be had regarding memberships and prices across the club YC

We will be progressing to T3 next season which will be a more structured competition and will hopefully reduce the travelling costs.

Joe Gallagher stated that it's been great this season having some of the seniors helping

with the micros on a regular basis. The kids love it and is it possible to continue this

and increase senior involvement with the youth. Terry Bauld supported this and added

that it would be great for the seniors to come down for the occasional training session

to impart their knowledge to the youth.

Rory Couper suggested assigning each senior to a team as mentors to assist with this. RC

Youth teams to investigate training on a Saturday or some event to support the senior

home games. Propose that there will something like 'meet and greet' the seniors or to

come up with ideas of ‘match day activities’ to build the relationship with the senior players and to also encourage the youth to watch rugby. First league home game will be on Saturday

3rd September. The youth open day is Saturday 6th August which also sees a friendly

home game against Carrick. YC

Proposal to have a meet and greet ambassador. Identify an appropriate person

or persons. YC

**Structure of the Youth Management**

Proposal that the youth be more structured next year to cope with the amount of teams and number of players. The following is an idea of the different positions however this all needs to be further discussed and approved by the youth committee.

**Youth Convenor**

(sit at board level as well)

**Rugby Development Officer**

**Other**

Social Events

Kit

**Youth Admin**

Membership Secretary

Communications/Marketing

Treasurer

DB Admin

**Team Management**

Head Coaches

Assistant Coaches

Team Managers

Volunteers

Specialised coaches

**Competitions Management**

Youth fixture Secretary

Mini/Micro Fixture Secretary

Festival co-ordinator

A person might be responsible for 2 or more tasks and each task doesn’t necessarily need to be sole person but shared by many. Recruitment needs to take place urgently ahead of next season.

**Coaching Resources**

With the number of teams increasing from 8 to possibly 15 next year we definitely need more coaches. Ideally we would like 2 coaches per team and we are currently short of 7 coaches going into next year. We need to highlight to volunteers perhaps thinking about it that no rugby experience is required as there are SRU courses to attend and the club along with current coaches and our development officer will provide assistance and learning opportunities.

**AOB**

Better communication to the website administrators Scott and James. All information

to be sent to website@ardrossanrugby.com. YC/CC

Funding and sponsorship: Steven Dick raised a fundraising idea: Every child has a

 raffle ticket for x amount to sell to a company. The winner gets their business name

 on the kit. YC

Individual teams to acquire sponsorship or fundraising for new strips.

Inspire Sport regarding multi-sport tours.

Youth Committee to ensure appropriate level of first aid is on hand on training days

and match days. YC

Youth Convenor – Terry Bauld has resigned from this position and Murray Galloway

will now fill this position and who will sit at board level as representative of the youth.

Murray comes with a wealth of rugby knowledge and has years of experience not only as a player, but also as a coach at every age level. Next EGM is on 4th July.

**Next Youth Meeting**

Date of next youth committee meeting is Wednesday 6th July at 7pm.