

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION**

**Minutes of the Board meeting of the held at Liverpool St Helens FC**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016**

Present: Mr D.N. Herriman in the Chair, Messrs, T. Fitzgerald, J.T. Hughes, Mrs C.A. Baker, M.J. Worsley, R.T.J. Briers, K. Andrews, M. Downs.

In attendance: Mr S.R. Blackburn.

Apologies: Messrs, T.D. Stirk, J.S. Greenwood, P. Deakin, B.H. Stott.

RDO Report.

There was no RDO Report.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

TF reported that item 4 of the July RDO minuted report still needs to be completed and the County were not a fault.

RFU Report

RTJB reported:-

1. Heads of Terms between Premiership Clubs and RFU – Deal has been struck and involves following headline points
  - An 8 year deal with the 1<sup>st</sup> 4 years £112 million from £200 million total (last 4 years has an element of profit share built in and could rise)
  - Due to above there will hopefully be an increase in spend on community rugby, current rates have been guaranteed.
  - England playing squad will increase from 33 to 45
  - Premier Rugby will manage the commercial rights to the Anglo Welsh Cup.
2. Dean Ryan has been confirmed as Head of International Player Development and also in charge of Elite Coaches and will report to Nigel Melville.
3. Perkins Slade are the new insurance broker and will replace Marsh.

KA reported:-

4. O<sub>2</sub> Touch has been increased and 17500 registered summer players.
5. The Senior Womens XV will be given full contracts.

### Finance & Funding Report

MD reported:-

1. Hon Treasurer had sent apologies but that the finances looked to be in a healthy state.

### RDC Report

TF noted that a report had been circulated, the main points of which were:-

1. The Lancashire Royals were launched at a press conference at Fulwood Barracks. The Army will provide a team to play and other Counties are being canvassed for opposition.
2. Coaching Conference organised for 6<sup>th</sup> Aug. 59 coaches had registered with some high level coaches providing direction.
3. Bill Nichol & Andy Kerboas had been accepted on the RFU leadership course.
4. Club Coach Mentor Scheme – reviewed and relaunched to include whole club. Presentation to be given on the CCMS at the Coaching Conference.
5. Lancashire Academy – 15s & 16s Summer Camp went well, 17s will be held in mid Aug and the Coaches will look at the 18s during their games for possible attendees to the Academy.

### Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported:-

1. MJW requested that the remit of the Club & Community Committee should be set down in writing by the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> Aug.
2. MJW questioned why the Leadership Academy was to be run in conjunction with Cumbria. DNH to contact RFU again and request Lancashire only.
3. RTJB commented that certain County positions need a professional input, foremost of these being Press and Marketing.
4. Cluster Group meetings had not been a major success, Presidents meetings to be restarted with a theme pre planned. There will be 3 per year, ideas to be forwarded to CAB.
5. KA thought that all Directors should visit clubs and each Club should get one per season.

### Volunteering

CAB reported:-

1. Has a list of 11 volunteers who are looking for positions.
2. The Volunteers barbeque had gone well considering the weather and should be held again.
3. KA – we should get 2 tickets for the Autumn Internationals and will consult with Jill Loader.

### Cup and Competitions

No report but a general concensus that the John Burgess Cup should be played for.

### Governance

No report.

### Discipline

No report.

### Unity Project

This item will be removed from the agenda for further meetings.

### Correspondence.

There was no correspondence appertaining to the meeting.

### New Members

There were no membership applications

### 50:50 Draw

142	P Saunders	£53.70
46	P Hanson	£8.95
29	M Cornelia	£8.95
119	E B N Norc-Taylor	£8.95
22	R Brooks	£8.95

### Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Any other Business

KA - noted that International ticket emails were coming from Bailey Financial Services and the address was not connected to the County. RTJB – questioned if we track the distribution of tickets. MD to report on who is receiving tickets.

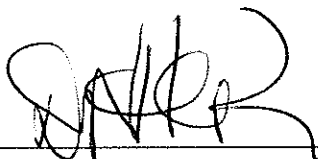
CAB – Safeguarding Officers Conference at Rochdale on 24<sup>th</sup> Sept, 10 presenters and 36 attendees so far.

SB – Has been contacted by John Rennison from France with regard to Rugby Celebrations on the Somme.

MJW – County Senior XV fixtures, we have one home game and it will be joint with the Ladies XV.

TF – 7-10 sets of playing shirts may need to be ordered quickly.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:45pm

  
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Date 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016