

MINUTES OF A GENERAL MEETING OF
LANCASHIRE COUNTRY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED
HELD AT TYLDESLEY RUFC ON 22nd JUNE, 2016 AT 8.00pm

Apologies for Absence:- J Dewhurst, W Hopkinson, R I Grant, D Hodgeson, G Burns MBE, J S Bullough, R Moore, A James, T Harper, J P Hainsworth, K Potter, P J Hughes BEM, M S Phillips, J Bradbury, P Elliott, P Mahon, K Jones, S M Parker, R T J Briers, T Hulme, J T Hughes.

1. **Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting** held on Wednesday, 23rd March 2016 at Preston Grasshoppers RFC, previously circulated, were approved.

2. **Matters arising.**

There were no matters arising.

3. **RFU Representatives Report.**

K Andrews delivered the report, main points detailed below:

- The Heads of agreement with Premiership clubs had been agreed with an investment of £112 million over 8 years. The Premiership would not be ringfenced and promotion and relegation would not be changed.
- R Andrew was to step down and be replaced by N Melville.
- Joanna Manning Cooping and Simon Massie Taylor had been appointed as Director of Marketing and Comms and CCO respectively.
- Turnover expected to be £152m, Rugby Investment £96m of which Rugby Development is £137m. Capital spend will be £35m which £25m will be East Stand developments and AGPs.
- Jon Webb made RFU rep on World Rugby with Richard Hill and Maggie Alphonse made RFU Council members.
- Council had approved remuneration of RFU Chairman post.
- Council approved RFU Ticket policy.
- Ian Metcalfe stepping down as Chairman of Professional Game Board.
- Community Game Board (CGB) will review and report the aftermath of the Adult Competition Review.
- Work group formed to discuss payment of players.
- AGP pitch project is ongoing.
- Successful CB Conference had been held in April.
- 37 clubs had received a total of £1.6m total in Facility Development grants.
- Young Rugby Ambassador programme relaunched
- University partnerships continues.
- 13600 individuals registered at 300 O₂ Touch centres.
- Bill Beaumont has been elected as Chairman of World Rugby.
- RBS Sponsorship of 6 Nations will end in 2017.

Mark Nelson questioned if the RFU would report back to the game after the ACR decision. KA confirmed that sadly there would be no return of the ACR and a report would be issued.

Mark Nelson commented that there was to be a new format for the County Championship. KA confirmed this, the main changes being that it would run in 2 season cycles with no promotion or relegation in that period. MN felt this was a positive step and would make all games worthwhile.

John Robertson requested clarification on the University Partnership programme. KA confirmed this was to build relationships between Universities and their local clubs.

4. Sub-Committee Reports

- a) Management Board: No report other than published minutes
- b) Finance and Funding: No report.
- c) Discipline: No report.
- d) Rugby Development Partnership: No report.
- e) Marketing and Media: No report.
- f) Club and Community Rugby: No report.
- g) Competitions: No report.
- h) Coaching: No report.
- i) Governance: No report.
- j) RDO: No report.

5. Playing Report.

Howard Hughes confirmed the Board had approved the Lancashire Royals County side which was to be selected from Clubs at level 5 and below. All clubs eligible can nominate players to trial.

KA congratulated Mark Nelson for another great season with the Seniors and also Helen Duggan and her team on their appearance against Surrey in the first Womens County Championship final at the Stoop.

All other team reports were as per the Annual Report.

Election of Sub Committees and Individual Administrators.

The following were elected:

6. Disciplinary Committee

J T Hughes
S. Blackburn
M J Worsley

7. Cup & Competitions

M Cornelia (Chairman)
B H Stott (Secretary)
B Minor
B Hurst
J T Hughes
W Lowe
A James

- 8. Club & Community** S Kohler
H Duggan
J Dolloway
K Bonnetta
- 9. Finance & Funding** M Bailey
C Smail
- 10. Marketing & Media**
- 11. County Schools Union** P J Hughes
D N Herriman
- 12. Mini & Junior** I Spivey
K Benetta
- 13. Women & Girls** K Andrews
M Downs
- 14. Nominations to external organisations**
- North West Intermediate Leagues: J T Hughes
- Raging Bull North West Colts League J T Hughes
- 15. Hon. County Team Secretary.**
S Rigby
- 16. Coaching Coordinator**
T Fitzgerald
- 17. Volunteer Coordinator**
Post not filled
- 18. Hon. Meeting Secretary**
M Downs
- 19. Hon. Membership Secretary**
Mrs A M Briers
- 20. Hon. Press Secretary**
Post not filled
- 21. Reps to Northern Leagues**
D Clarke
K Potter
- 22. Reps to ERCA**
D N Herriman
D L Hodgson

23. Safeguarding Manager

C Baker
Deputy
C Spivey

24. Website Manager

A Clarke

25. Hon. Solicitor

J S Bullough

26. Hon. Doctor

Post not filled

27. Correspondence. There was no correspondence appertaining to this meeting

28. Cluster Meeting Dates for 2016/2017

Cluster meetings were to be replaced by a series of Presidents Meetings and dates would be confirmed in the future.

29. General Meeting Dates.

Wednesday	23 rd November 2016
Wednesday	22 nd March 2017
Wednesday	21 st June 2017

Annual General Meeting.

Wednesday 21st June 2017

30. AOB.

1. Brian Stott asked for clarification on the cessation of the cluster meetings. Malcolm Worsley explained that on the whole they had been poorly attended and that the President meetings were to be initiated. Guest speakers would be arranged and ideas for discussion were welcomed.
2. Dave Clarke advised all fixtures except North 3 were now on the North website.
3. Ernie Haynes questioned why there had not been much television coverage of the U20s World Cup. Ken Andrews confirmed all media companies had been asked.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9:04 pm

Record of Attendance

President	T Fitzgerald
Vice President	M Nelson
Vice President	D Clarke
Past President	H E Neely
Past President	T D Stirk
Past President	W G D Chappell
Past President	M Cornelia
Past President	K Andrews
Past Vice President	H M Whittle
Club & Community Director	M J Worsley
Hon Secretary	M Downs
Hon Treasurer	P Deakin
Disciplinary Secretary	B H Stott
Chairman	D N Herriman
Chairman of Finance	C S Smail
Aldwinians RUFC	C Spivey
Blackburn RUFC	G Bancroft
Broughton Park FC	J Heald
Burnage RUFC	E Haynes
Chorley RUFC	A Ingham
Didsbury Toc H RFC	C Smail
Eccles RUFC	W Lowe
Fleetwood RUFC	S Doherty
Heaton Moor RUFC	D Todd
Leigh RUFC	J T Hughes
Littleborough RUFC	B Hurst
North Manchester RUFC	B Stott
Orrell RUFC	J Huyton
Pendle Phoenix RUFC	S Moss
Rochdale RUFC	S Blackburn
Sedgley Park RUFC	J Widdup
Trafford MV RUFC	R Murray
Tyldesley RUFC	B Belcher
Wigan RUFC	D Clarke

Women & Girls

H Duggan

Mini & Junior

I Spivey

Safeguarding

C A Baker

Safeguarding

C Spivey

Webmaster

A Clarke