

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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

Monday 6th June 2016

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

In attendance: Messrs, T. Fitzgerald, S. Urquhart, A Soutar.

Apologies: Messrs, B.H. Stott, D. Southern.

RDO Report.

S. Urquhart reported:-

1. U20s RWC ticket sales were going well.
2. Welcome Ceremonies had been a success.
3. Community activities had been arranged around all the games.
4. Chris Lowden reports that student participation was growing.

A Soutar reported on clubs under his remit. :-

1. Sefton – Club had been accredited, 3 new all schools in the area.
2. Collegiate – approved as a Return to Rugby club next season.
3. St Edwards – had a tough season and were now to be playing in the Raging Bull leagues. Touch rugby through summer in conjunction with the school.
4. Mossley Hill – will run womens & girls rugby in 2016-2017.
5. Ruskin Park – Have a new first XV coach in place and will run touch rugby over the summer.
6. West Park – have introduced womens only touch which is going very well.
7. Newton le Willows – had been unlucky with cancellation of Vets games due to weather.
8. Widnes – working towards club accreditation.
9. Birchfield – did well with structure last season and looking forward to new season.
10. Waterloo – Issues with training facilities have meant that club will be training at Altcar army base. Working towards club accreditation.
11. Crosby St Mary's – have formed a casual team.

DNH noted that Hutton had dropped out of the RFU leagues.

AS & SU left the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 9th May 2016, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

RFU Report

KA reported on the recent Council Meeting:-

1. Heads of Agreements with Premiership clubs should be signed by 30th June. Stephen Brown is comfortable with the finances of it. Jon Dance had tried to add an amendment which was withdrawn.
2. Phil Vickery is to stand down and the 2 national members will be Maggie Alphonsie and Richard Hill.
3. RTJB would serve as a Board Director for a further season and KA will serve on the Club Development Committee.
4. The Sport England Active survey would be conducted in June.
5. AGP work continues.
6. Malcolm Wharton and Steve Grainger were touring the country to discuss key issues with CBs.

RTJB reported:-

7. the position of Chairman of the Board would be a salaried post.
8. David Martin of Cornwall had been made a privileged member.

Finance & Funding Report

PD reported:-

1. the financial year end was approaching.
2. allocations for the £45k need to be made within the next 4-6 weeks.
3. any bills and accruals should be forwarded to PD in the next 4-6 weeks.

RDC Report

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

1. there would be a cost associated with the new academies, M Nelson is organising going forwards.
2. Club coach mentor scheme going well.
3. A Senior rugby debrief had been conducted, Talent scouting is to be put in place.
4. The Lancashire Royals (B team) is to be run by Howard Hughes and Martin Scott and will select from level 5 and below.
5. XXV badge for players with 25+ Senior appearances agreed.
6. County squad coaches are in place for next season.
7. I Spivey is working on the structured season.
8. PFR – Rugby sections are close to being complete.
9. 3 new County teams next season, all will need medical cover.

Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported on a joint meeting with Marketing held on 23rd May and that:-

1. Awards Dinner arrangements and organisation seemed too fragmented.
2. Volunteers BBQ booked at LSH. £3k budget to spend rewarding volunteers.
3. Match programmes for the senior games were abysmal.

4. Website discussed.
5. Leadership Academy – still not arranged
6. Ground maintenance presentations / conference seems to have been cancelled.

Volunteering

CAB reported:-

1. 2 volunteers from Linked In had been identified.
2. Volunteer event invites will be sent out.

Marketing & Media

DNH reported:-

1. Peter Saunders had resigned from the post as Director of Marketing.

Cup and Competitions

No report.

Governance

No report,

Discipline

No report.

Unity Project

DNH reported he had met with the new representatives of Portuguese rugby who all seemed capable people.

World Cup

Discussed in other sections of the meeting.

Annual General Meeting

MD reported all arrangements were continuing well.

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence appertaining to the meeting.

New Members

No new membership applications.

50:50 Draw

June

£53.70 = D Poppitt
£8.95 = P Saunders
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£8.95 = S Knowles
£8.95 = RTJ Briers

Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 4th July 2016

Any other Business

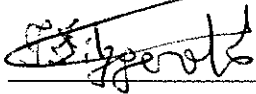
MD – Dinner arrangements were going well. Agreed that next season, Senior Club of the year can be selected from clubs at level 3,4 & 5.

DNH – recent ERCA meeting & AGM held. They believe that the 6 Areas nationally should be expanded to 8. None are happy with the AGP proposals.

JTH – New under 17s management team had met.

TDS – Last meeting as President which he had thoroughly enjoyed. Clubs were welcoming and vibrant. Wished TF best of luck as President elect.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10pm



Chairman

Date 4th July 2016