

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board meeting of the held at Liverpool St Helens FC on Monday 3rd April 2017

Present: Mr D Herriman in the Chair, K Andrews, CA Baker, S Blackburn, R.T.J. Briers, P Deakin, J.S. Greenwood, JT Hughes, T. Fitzgerald, M.J. Worsley,

In attendance: S. Urquhart and C Antcliffe (in part).

Apologies: M Downs B.H. Stott, D. Southern. T.D. Stirk

David Herriman welcomed everyone to the meeting

RRDM Report.

In the absence of D Southern, **Stuart Urquhart** reported the following.

- Quarterly Report will continue to be published
- NatWest Rugby Force:
 1. Two workshops arranged for 12th April at Preston Grasshoppers RFC and 24th April at Sedgley Park RFC.
 2. 16 clubs involved in workshops, 3 clubs with Keith Kent visits and 5 in the crowd funding project.
- Clubs at risk: some clubs are struggling at this stage of the season but there is some support from students. There is also an ongoing problem with the transition of Colts into adult rugby that needs to be addressed.
- Saturday night with Ant & Dec programme featured Blackpool RUFC.

Claire Antcliffe – Womens Rugby Development Officer reported:

- Good growth in the Women and Girls game especially in the Manchester area with increasing numbers at; Dukinfield, Didsbury Toch H, Bury Burnley, Leigh, Littleborough, Liverpool Collegiate, Mossley Hill, Oldam, Orrell, Rochdale and Tyldesley
- W & G Forums: Three forums have been planned for North Lancashire, Merseyside and Manchester.
- National Cup- Taking place on 9th April at Bury RUFC. Area 5 being represented by West park/Southport.
- Inner Warrior- National recruitment campaign launched. Open day at Bury which attracted 50 women.
- Congratulations to Firwood Waterloo on their selection for the Women's Super League. The League structure will be published soon but to meet demands from increasing numbers then plans for local pitch up and play events are in order.
- Women's Rugby World Cup final – August Bank holiday weekend 2017.

SU and CA were thanked and they left the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 6th March 2017, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

RFU Report

RTJB reported:

The next RFU Council meeting will be held on Friday 7th April at Twickenham.

The most prominent items on the agenda are;

1. HM Governance Code
 2. Payment of Players
 3. Players on loan
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1. RFU Council members are meeting on Thursday evening prior to the Council meeting to debate the HM Governance Code. The Working group led by Jason Leonard are confident about a good result but there are some areas of concern that views were sought.
 2. Payment of Players: There seems to be an agreement on the conditions for Level 6 and below and new thresholds of the Salary caps at Level 3,4 and 5 need to be agreed on. Level 3- £250k, Level 4- £125k, Level 5- £50k. The NCA are putting forward an amendment which seemed reasonable.
 3. Some development in Professional player development with the proposals of players being loaned to local clubs

The Board recorded their congratulations on their re-appointment of K Andrews and RTJ Briers as the RFU Representatives.

Hon. Treasurers Report

P Deakin added comments to his monthly statement (previously circulated).

RDC Report

TF had circulated a written report to the Board which will be published to the website and also noted:-

- Lancashire Royals v Cumbria at Kendal at 7.00 pm
- Coaching workshops held at Wigan RUFC
- UCLAN coaching included with Manchester Metropolitan and Liverpool University.
- Two coaches appointed to U17 squad led by Alex Loney
- U20s beat Warwickshire 53-7- will now play Cheshire again on 16th April.
- County Championship 6th May at Fylde. Double header with Womens game against Northumberland preceding the Men's game also against Northumberland. There were some issues about changing facilities and post match arrangements but the Board supported the view that the Women's game should be showcased on the biggest stage.

Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported:

1. The next meeting will be held on 10th May at LSH
2. John Huyton of Orrell RUFC has agreed to be the secretary of the C & CR committee .
3. Helen Duggan has been tasked to produce a marketing document survey to be distributed in June to the game in Lancashire.
4. Anne Clark has held a Webmaster meeting- 3 clubs attended in the North.
5. Volunteer Award- dates on the website- Tuesday 25th April at Blackburn and Thursday 27th at Leigh. Andy Kerboas the new CB Volunteer Co-ordinator is to organise the evenings.
6. County Volunteers BBQ on Saturday 8th July starting at 2.00 pm.

Cup and Competition

JT Hughes reported that there were some problems with clubs not fulfilling their cup games in time leading to semi finals being played. It is proposed that the finals be held at Leigh RUFC on 7th May.

Governance

TD Stirk had circulated a paper on the changes to the 7-16 Constitution.

The Board agreed to those changes

CA Baker reported no problems with safeguarding

Discipline

No Report

Correspondence.

KA reported no correspondence appertaining to this meeting.

New Members

No new membership applications.

50-50 Draw

It was agreed to hold this at the next meeting

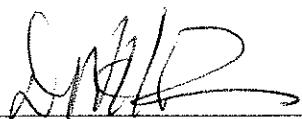
Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 8th May 2017

AOB

- DH reminded everyone that the AGM will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Appointments for the Board and other awards are to be considered.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:10pm



Chairman

Date

8th May 2017.