

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board meeting of the held at Liverpool St Helens FC on Monday 5th June 2017

Present: Mr D.N. Herriman, in the Chair, Messrs, M.J. Worsley, J.T. Hughes, T. Fitzgerald, Mr T.D. Stirk, K. Andrews, P. Deakin.

In attendance: Mr S. Urquhart.

Apologies: Messrs R.T.J. Briers, S.M. Briers, B.H. Stott, J.S. Greenwood, & M. Downs.

RDO Report.

SU reported:-

1. Facilities: Post supplier offer of four sets replacement posts; NWF & F Group projects update; 3G roll out programme update; and the next Nat. West Rugby Force activity 21st – 25th June.
2. Rugby for Women – next to round of activity to be linked to pre-season and capitalise on the Women's World Cup.
3. Rugby Growth plan for Lancashire – including very high figures for number of new female players – 181 new to the game and a total of 336 females participating in the Inner Warrior programme.
4. Coaching – the awards scheme was changing to a single award to come in line with Sport England and other National Governing Bodies. From 1st of July 2017 the award would be known as the England Rugby Award.
5. All Schools competition status OK.

SU left the meeting

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 8th May 2017, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

RFU Report

KA Reported as follows:

1. CEO Report – Ian Ritchie to retire at the end of the year; progress re artificial grass pitch programme; RF has achieved top end of Sport England funding; Mitsubishi Motors Volunteer Recognition Programme launched in Lancashire; East Stand Development and opportunity to bid for the Women's World Cup.
2. International Report – residency requirements for players changed up from 3 to 5 years; World Cup 2019 - England drawn in pool C with France, Argentina, Americas 1 and Oceania 2.
3. Nominations Standing Committee - list of appointments to be announced in the media + Rob Briers appointed Chair of Community Game Board and member of the County Championship Committee and TEL Steering Group. Ken Andrews appointed to CB & Club Development Sub-committees and the Education & Age Grade Sub-committee, Represent RFU on ERFSU and ASSE Steering Group and Chair N.W. Regional Player Pathway Group.

4. Strategic Plan Update – Make rugby a force for good, make rugby England’s strongest sport, strategic priorities are to protect, engage grow and win with innovation, people and technology being the key enablers.
5. Business plan & Financial Report - RFU in very healthy financial position
6. HMG Governance Code – Non-compliance with the code would impact on funding. In total there were 72 requirement in the code; 39 had already been achieved, 21 were easy to achieve, but there were 12 that would require constitutional or policy change.

Finance & Funding Report

P.D. Reported:

1. The monthly management accounts would be distributed post this meeting. All is in good order
2. CB approaching financial year end - a comprehensive report would be available for the next meeting prior to Audit

RDC Report

TF Reported:

1. A request from the Chairman of the 7-16 Committee asking the Management Board to rule on a potential clash of interests of a candidate for election to chairman of the Committee at the forthcoming 7-16 Committee AGM. KA to consult the RFU legal department for advice.
2. A potential role for a graduate of the RFU Leadership in Rugby programme. TF to arrange a meeting and put to the graduate the role agreed by the Board at this meeting.
3. County medical coverage. TF Advised that action be continued as previously discussed to identify and appoint an Honorary Medical Advisor and to ask the new appointee to re-constitute and re-launch the CB medical sub-committee. Agreed that the Chairman and Hon. Secretary would take this matter forward.

Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported:

1. Website matters and progress.
2. Volunteering update.
3. Clubs at risk update.
4. Leadership Academy – future plans.
5. Launch date for the planned survey on how the public and our membership perceive Lancashire RFU.
6. The growth of ladies and girls rugby in community clubs
7. Plans for the Volunteer BBQ in July and the need for a budget to be agreed.
8. Meeting dates for the C & CR have been agreed and will be published on the website.
9. Existing members of the C & CR would stand for re-appointment at the Lancashire RFU AGM.

Volunteering

Nil Report available. Update will be prepared for the next meeting

Safeguarding

Nil Report available. Update will be prepared for the next meeting

Cup and Competitions

KA reported:

1. Everything was running smoothly. The season was considered to have been a success.
2. Plans were being prepared for next season.

Governance

TDS reported:

1. No new developments.
2. TDS would present proposed changes to the Lancashire RFU constitution at the AGM. The changes had been promulgated with the AGM calling notice.
3. TDS would step down from all Lancashire RFU posts at the AGM. TDS was thanked for his long and meritorious service to Lancashire rugby.

Discipline

Nil Report available. Quiet period associated with season end. Update will be prepared for the next meeting.

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence appertaining to the meeting.

New Members

There were nil new membership applications

50:50 Draw

Draw postponed until next meeting.

Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 3rd July 2017

Any other Business

1. The Management Board agreed to a proposal by MJW that the Board congratulate J. Greenwood for his outstanding contribution on taking on the post as Chair of Discipline.
2. TDS thanked his colleagues for all the support that he had received from them during his long service with Lancashire RFU and Lancashire Schools. The Board formally recorded a vote of thanks to TDS and made informal arrangements to take a photograph of TDS with his colleagues - possibly at the President's Lunch or at the AGM - and to subsequently present TDS with a framed copy as a memento.
3. TF thanked his colleagues for their support during his term of Office as President of Lancashire RFU.
4. DNH briefly mentioned the new Lancashire League proposals. These had been forwarded to Cheshire RFU for information and comment.
5. The Management Board recorded a vote of thanks to the CB Hon. Secretary, M. Downs for his excellent work in organising the recent Annual Awards Dinner which was adjudged to have been a very great success.

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



Chairman

Date

3 July 2017