

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED**

HELD AT TYLDESLEY RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB, TYLDESLEY

ON WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE 2017

At the meeting of individual members, the two current representatives to the Extraordinary General Meeting, B Minor and C Smail were re-elected. Proposed by I. Scott-Brown and seconded by B. Hurst.

The President called for a minutes silence for B. England and A. Gott, both former County Presidents who had passed away.

Apologies for Absence:- Messrs S.M. Parker, E. Neely, M. Hornby, D. Raywood, N. Atkinson, D.L. Hodgson, J. Lancaster, S. Doherty, J. Jeskins, P. Mahon, R.I. Grant, J. Dewhurst, J. Hainsworth, D.N. Herriman, P. Deakin, W.D.G. Chappell, M. Chappell, D. Woodcock, J. Deptford, T. Pinney, R. Culver, M. Nelson, F. Morgan, A. Bower, C. Spivey.

The President welcomed everyone to Tyldesley RUFC for the AGM.

The Minutes of the last AGM were taken as read and agreed as a true record.

1. The Annual Report of the Board was accepted.

2. Proposed Rule Changes

T.D. Stirk explained the proposed rule changes that had been drafted by the Governance Committee and sanctioned by the Board to be put before the meeting. The rule changes were:-

- 1) The Colts Committee has been disbanded and references to it and Colts need to be deleted.
- 2) The Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee is now a Board appointment.
- 3) The Marketing and Media Committee, defined under Rule 16, to be disbanded and its duties re-allocated.
- 4) The list of 'Other Positions' (formerly Rule 20) has been reviewed and revised.

Appendices to the Rules

Appendix C - amendments have been made to the Schools Constitution

Appendix D - the Mini and Junior Rugby Section Constitution has been revised.

Both of these constitutions have been approved by their respective committees and endorsed by the Board. They can be viewed on the County Website.

Membership

The following shall be eligible for membership:

Delete *1.6 The Colts Rugby Section of the County Union*

1.7 becomes 1.6

VOTING MEMBERS - REPRESENTATION

2.1.2 Delete *1.6*

2.6 Delete *Colts Committee* and other references to *Colts*

DIRECTORS

5.1 Delete *Director of Marketingand Director of Strategic Planning.*

SECTION ADMINISTRATION

Delete *10.2 The Colts Committee etc*

10.3 becomes 10.2 in which Appendix E becomes Appendix D

NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEES

11. Delete *the Honorary Secretary of the Disciplinary Committee and*

Delete the Colts Rugby Section (17 to 18)

COUNTY UNION COMMITTEES

15 Finance and Funding Committee

15.1 Delete *the Honorary Treasurers of the Schools, Colts and Mini and Junior Sections.* Insert after Treasurer *the Assistant Treasurer, the Marketing Manager.*

Add at 15.4.4 *To market, promote and seek sponsorship and fund raising opportunities for the County.*

Delete 16 Marketing and Media Committee

17 Club and Community Rugby Committee becomes 16

18 Governance Committee becomes 17

19 Committee and Sub-Committee Administration becomes 18

OTHER POSITIONS *change numbering from 20 to 19*

NB 1) *A Coaching Coordinator and a Meeting Secretary are no longer required*

2) *Marketing Manager is a new post*

3) *Events and Publications Coordinator is a new post*

19 Persons etc... They shall include:

19.1.1 *Hon. County Team Secretary*

19.1.2 *County Volunteer Coordinator*

19.1.3 *Hon. Membership Secretary*

19.1.4 *Hon. Safeguarding Manager*

19.1.5 *Hon. Marketing Manager*

19.1.6 *Two representatives on the RFU North Division Organising Committee*

19.1.7 *Two representatives on the England Rugby Counties Association*

19.1.8 *County Events and Publications Coordinator*

19.1.9 *County Website Manager*

19.1.10 *County Press Officer*

19.2.1 *The Events and Publications Coordinator will be responsible for events such as the Annual Dinner and publications such as the Handbook and match programmes, and report on these matters to the County Secretary.*

19.2.2 *The County Website Manager will report to the County Secretary.*

19.2.3 *The County Press Officer will have overall responsibility for reporting on matters connected with the County Union and disseminating them to the media, and will report to the County Secretary.*

19.2.4 *No member shall furnish information of County Union proceedings to or for the media except with the written approval of the County Secretary or the Chairman of the Board.*

These rule changes were proposed by C.A. Baker, seconded by I. Spivey and approved by the meeting.

3. Election of Directors.

The President, Tom Fitzgerald addressed the meeting. He thanked to County for the honour and privilege of being allowed to serve as President, he took great pride in what the County had achieved during a remarkable year. The RFU had identified Administration and Coaching as best practice and there had been record number of representatives including the newly formed Royals. We are arguably the best CB and this was all down to teamwork. He thanked M Downs and DN Herriman for their efforts during the season, all members of the Board and Tim Stirk who was stepping down from all involvement in Rugby after many years service.

He then had the pleasure of introducing the Senior Vice President, Steve Blackburn who had the unanimous support of the Board and who he knew would relish the role.

Steve Blackburn was presented with his blazer and took over as Chairman for the meeting.

The new President, thanked Tom Fitzgerald for his excellent year as President, noting it will be a very big chair to fill.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Elected</u>
President	S.R. Blackburn
Senior Vice President	D. Clarke

Tommy Hughes noted that it was a privilege to endorse Dave Clarke as Senior Vice President. Dave was a true rugby man who served his club, Wigan, in many ways from Groundsman to permanent fixture. He is the Secretary to the North District organising committee where his approach to the task is fastidious. He is a great County supporter and with his common sense approach a true Lancastrian.

Dave Clarke thanked Tommy for his glowing endorsement and the County for the privilege to take the position. He will do his utmost to support Steve Blackburn.

Hon Secretary	M. Downs	Management Board Proposal
Director of Rugby Development	T. Fitzgerald	Management Board Proposal
Director of Club and Community Rugby	M.J. Worsley	Management Board Proposal
Director of Volunteering	A. Kerboas	Management Board Proposal
Director of Governance	Mrs C.A. Baker	
Other Directors	J.T. Hughes	Management Board Proposal
	J.R.S Greenwood	Management Board Proposal
	J.B. Morgan	Management Board Proposal

4. Appointment of Auditors.

It was proposed by P Deakin seconded by S Briers that ERC Accounts and Business Advisors Ltd be appointed Independent Examiners, this was agreed.

5. Election of Assistant Hon Secretary, Asst Hon Treasurer and Vice Presidents.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Elected</u>
(a) Asst Hon Secretary	B.H. Stott
(b) Asst Hon Treasurer	S.M.R. Briers
(c) Vice Presidents	M. Nelson G. Burns MBE B.H. Stott C.A. Baker J.R.S. Greenwood
	Management Board Proposal Management Board Proposal

Malcolm Worsley spoke to endorse the vice presidency of Carol Baker. He noted that it was a great pleasure to have nominated Carol who he described as a stalwart and workaholic, she is held in great esteem by the County and the RFU for her great knowledge on safeguarding issues.

Ken Andrews stated it was a great pleasure to nominate and endorse the vice presidency of John Greenwood. Ken listed many of John's rugby interests and associations from his England Counties U20s Selectors role to his involvement with the Anti Assassins and roles at Fylde and with the Lancashire Seniors XV between.

There were no other nominations received and all posts were carried.

6. Nominations to Sub Committees.

Disciplinary

Members S.R. Blackburn, M.J. Worsley, P Holden.

Proposed by D.H. Stott, Seconded by J.R.S. Greenwood, carried.

Cup and Competitions:

Chairman M. Cornelia

Members B. Hurst (Secretary), D. Clarke, B. Minor, J.T. Hughes, W. Lowe, A. James.

Proposed by B.H. Stott, Seconded by J.T. Hughes, carried.

Club and Community Rugby:

Members S. Kohler, G. Morgan, J. Dolloway, J. Huyton.

Proposed by M.J. Worsley, Seconded by Mrs C.A. Baker, carried.

Two Members Representing the General Members to Serve on Sub Committees,

Finance and Funding: M. Bailey C. Smail

Schools:	P.E. Hughes	D.N. Herriman
Mini/Junior:	A. Bower	I. Spivey
Women & Girls Committee:	K. Andrews	M. Downs

7. Nominations to external organisations

Raging Bull North West Intermediate Leagues	J.T. Hughes
Raging Bull North West Colts League	J.T. Hughes

These appointments will be ratified at the first Board Meeting.

8. Correspondence:

There was no correspondence appertaining to this meeting

9. Any other Business

1. M.J. Worsley – Noted a vote of thanks to J.R.S. Greenwood for his excellent chairmanship of the disciplinary committee.
2. P.J. Hughes BEM – Congratulations to Dick Greenwood on receipt of his OBE in the Birthday Honours list for his services to rugby and the Wooden Spoon Charity.

The President thanked Tyldesley RUFC for the use of their facilities which had been excellent and declared the meeting closed at 7.29 pm.

Record of Attendance

President	T Fitzgerald
Senior Vice President	S R Blackburn
Past President	P E Hughes BEM
Past President	R T J Briers
Past President	M Cornelia
Past President	K Andrews
Past President	J T Hughes
Past President	M J Worsley
Past President	D W Matthews
Past President	T D Stirk
Past Vice President	H M Whittle
Hon Secretary	M Downs
Director	J R S Greenwood
Aldwnians RUFC	T Hulmes
Aspull RUFC	C Walsh
Blackburn RUFC	G Bancroft
Broughton Park FC	J Heald
Burnage RUFC	E Haynes
Burnley RUFC	S Jackson
Bury RUFC	A Brazendale
Chorley RUFC	A Ingham
Eccles RUFC	W Lowe
Waterloo RFC	G Moore
Heaton Moor RUFC	D Todd
Littleborough RUFC	B Hurst
Liverpool Collegiate RUFC	D Angwin
Lostock RFC	A James
Manchester & District Referees	J Jeskins
Manchester FC	T Harper
North Manchester RUFC	B H Stott
Orrell RUFC	J Huyton
Rochdale RUFC	S Blackburn
Rossendale RUFC	N Ingham

Tyldesley RUFC	B Belcher
West Park RFC	C Hilton
Wigan RUFC	D Clarke
Women & Girls	H Duggan
Safeguarding	C Baker
Individual Members	B Minor
U20s / Royals	H Hughes
Rochdale	L Clarke
Rochdale	W N Hopkinson
League Secretary	I Scott Brown
Leigh	A Kerboas
Littleborough	K Benetta
Tyldesley	D Phillips
Member	S Kohler
Eccles	W Borrett
Member	A Andrews
Member	I Spivey