

## LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

### Minutes of the Board meeting of the held at Liverpool St Helens FC on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017

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

In attendance: Messrs S.R. Blackburn, D. Clarke, D. Southern, S. Urquhart.

Apologies: Mr B.H. Stott.

#### RDO Report.

SU reported:-

1. O<sub>2</sub> Touch Centres going well with new ones at Fleetwood, Myerscough and Runshaw College.
2. Natwest Rugby Force had been very successful with many clubs tying activities in with Lions matches.
3. Facilities – T. Bartrum is arranging meetings with clubs who have expressed an interest in AGPs third phase. Jericoe Lane at Liverpool will have 4 pitches which the RFU will see it they can buy time on them from the FA.
4. Some of our colleges are struggling, hopefully his will change at start of new academic year and they build new partnerships with clubs.
5. Phil Clarke is working with a new army team that will be based out of Broughton Park.

DS reported:-

6. The RFU definition of growth for a club / new team is 7-8 games within a season. We should have a lot of new teams that meet this criteria next season.
7. A discussion on the entry of teams into the colts competitions, DNH to discuss with colts committee.

SU & DS left the meeting.

DNH welcomed the President and all the new directors to the meeting.

#### Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

#### Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

#### RFU Report

Nothing to Report.

#### Finance & Funding Report

PD Reported:

1. The monthly management accounts had been distributed prior to the meeting. Full accounts would be ready for the examiners ERC ay 1<sup>st</sup> August.

2. Sponsorship – looking at finding a volunteer and there is a potential candidate.
3. KA – had a call from Sale Sharks asking for funding for the DPP, we cannot use the PFR funding for this and we would not use other funds unless there was a specific benefit to Lancashire.
4. MJW – have we used the carrot of international tickets to attract sponsors.
5. Issues with the ticket co-ordinators business address being added to bottom of ticket allocation emails.

### RDC Report

TF had circulated a report and highlighted the following:

1. Already well on with administering the new season, budgets have been set and new coaches are being put in place.
2. Group moral in both Mens and Womens sections is high after the Twickenham finals.
3. A kit audit has been started
4. The PFR has been drafted.
5. Academy – a change of emphasis as to how we recruit, we are now to focus on players exiting at U16 & U18.
6. U18 – there is to be no B side.
7. Royals – Cheshire have shown an interest in playing against us but are to ensure this is level 5 and below. This would be mid November with the AAs game over the Christmas period again.
8. M. Nelson is talking to the Lancashire Council Marketing department to get us an increased profile.

### Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported:

1. A meeting is to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> July.
2. A candidate has been proposed for the role of Hon Doctor by G. Morgan, MD to contact and arrange a meeting.
3. DNH – presentations are being put together for our clubs meetings.

### Volunteering

ASK reported:

1. Leadership Academy – The plan is to run a Lancashire only academy and with the help of G. Morgan we have 12 candidates but are aiming for 20. Plan to start in November, communications will start in August. There will be a need for mentors.
2. SRB is working with MJW to visit clubs which will be prioritised from H. Duggan survey.
3. After a recent push we have approx. 6 willing volunteer who need to be found tasks.

### Safeguarding

CAB reported:

1. The RFU Safeguarding conference was a success.
2. C. Spivey and CAB will run the County Safeguarding Manager role as a partnership.
3. Lancs Safeguarding conference is booked for 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### Cup and Competitions

DC reported that recent work on the RFU Leagues structure for levels 8 & 9 had been a success.

Governance

Nothing to report.

Discipline

JSG reported:

1. Hearings were not quite finished for the season.
2. SRB & BHS had attended an RFU Disciplinary conference.

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence appertaining to the meeting.

New Members

Annual membership applications were accepted from ASK & JRB

An application from S. Whyley was deferred pending further information on his connection to the County.

50:50 Draw

Jun-17	Value	Jul-17	Value
M Downs	£52.50	M Brennand	£52.50
S Knowles	£8.75	P Hanson	£8.75
R Brookes	£8.75	H Henderson	£8.75
B O'Driscoll	£8.75	P Hanson	£8.75
P Sanders	£8.75	G Jones	£8.75

Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Any other Business

1. MD – Congratulations to Eccles DoE who had attended service at the Thiepval Memorial.
2. JSG – request that Board meetings could be held intermittently at a club in the North of the County. MD to investigate.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:20pm

 Chairman Date 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017