

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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

Monday 9th January 2017

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

In attendance: Mr S.R. Blackburn, S. Urquhart, A. Kerboas (Leigh RUFC), J Rouse (RFU).

Apologies: Messrs, J.T. Hughes, R.T.J. Briers, J.S. Greenwood, T.D. Stirk, B.H. Stott, Mrs C.A. Baker, G. Glenn, D. Southern.

RDO Report.

SU reported:-

1. Nat West Rugby Force had been launched only 4 clubs in Lancashire had applied to date. Reminder to be sent.
2. AGP at Preston Grasshoppers offer of first 2 months for £1/hour to rent had been well received.
3. RFU have set up a VAT helpline and published a guide for clubs, 1st 30 minutes of consultation would be free.
4. Active People Survey – Sport England had run the measurement with positive results for Rugby Union. RU and Netball were measured as the only team sports growing. Generally the trend is toward individual sports from team games.

Jon Rouse (Referees RFU) reported:-

1. Launch of 4 new CPD training courses with 4 more to come targeting non society referees.
2. A recent training event at Broughton Park had not taken place due to lack of numbers.
3. A Referee development course (6 hours) for assessors and referee coaches is to be launched at Easter.
4. Young match officials guidance document has been published. MADREFS will launch their programme next season.
5. New law amendments concerning the tackle area and high tackle had been brought in to practice on 3rd January.
6. KA questioned how we could reward our volunteer referees and if anything was in place.

S Urquhart and J Rouse left the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 5th December 2016, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

MD had responded to an email from S Kohler.

RFU Report

KA reported:-

1. Gordon Lord had been appointed head of professional coach development and was ex ECB
2. Phil de Glanville was not the Students representative on Council, and replaces Jonathan Webb who is now representative to World Rugby.
3. Prince Henry of Wales has been named as Patron of the RFU.
4. The Old Mutual Wealth sponsorship is to continue.
5. Billy Lyon (Orrell) and his wife are to be guests of the RFU President for the Value the Volunteer award.
6. CB bar is being refurbished and RFU will look at how it is used.

Finance & Funding Report

PD reported

1. RFU have asked the County to categorise our spending on last years accounts.
2. We need to improve on marketing and sponsorship of games.

RDC Report

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

1. Team Managers need to ensure they write match reports and forward to the web site, The Lancashire Royals report was in Touchline (RFU magazine)
2. The Academy was up to date and would next meet in February.
3. KA reported that the U17s had requested to play games outside of the structured season and this was rejected by the RFU. MD to write to the U17s coach to emphasise that playing and training outside the season would not be condoned.

Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported that a meeting of the committee on the 12th December had been well attended, and reported:-

1. The website was being well managed but needed articles.
2. S. Kohler had been asked to write a marketing report which was to be circulated to the Board.
3. 3 Presidents Meetings had been scheduled in the clusters with the theme "Is our Game in trouble?"
4. The volunteer Barbeque had been booked at Wigan on the 8th July.

Volunteering

No report.

Cup and Competitions

No report.

Governance

A meeting is to be arranged.

Discipline

No report.

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence appertaining to this meeting.

New Members

There were no new members.

50:50 Draw

Jan-17		
137	A Clarke	£53.70
138	A Clarke	£8.95
61	H Henderson	£8.95
22	R Brooks	£8.95
57	P Hanson	£8.95


Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 6th February 2017

Any other Business

- KA – Summarised the clubs who had been visited so far this season.
- AK – Volunteered to run the Leadership Academy next season and had spoken to Simon Winman and Alex Thompson.
- MD – Thanked TF and the team for a great experience at the Royals game.
- DNH – RFU Reps need to be selected.
- KA – Peter Cosslett (Broughton Park & Lancashire) had passed away.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:35pm



Chairman Date 6 February 2017.