

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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

Monday 8th May 2017

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

In attendance: Messrs, S.R. Blackburn, D. Clarke (North), G Glenn (RFU), S. Urquhart, D. Southern (RFU).

Apologies: Messrs, B.H. Stott, P Deakin.

RRM Report.

Stuart Urquhart reported:-

1. Nat West Rugby Force, 2 workshops held last month and 14 of 16 clubs attended.
2. 17 teams had entered the Disability Tag tournament at Blackburn.
3. Summer O₂ – 20 packs sent to clubs, this is a key summer recruitment drive, looking for new clubs to act as centres.
4. Keith Kent Groundsman visits to Broughton Park, Bury & Waterloo had taken place.
5. All Schools – 12 new ones in September. £7500 per school over 3 years.

George Glenn reported:-

6. Senior Mens game growth in Greater Manchester centred around casual / vets rugby on Friday evenings. Womens – Littleborough, Bury & Oldham had new senior womens teams this season. Total of 14 new teams for W&Gs and Casual / Vets.
7. Orrell / Wigan / Leigh possible cluster at U14s.
8. Littleborough facilities project is good to go once funding is released.
9. Black & Ethnic work at a Bolton School was progressing.
10. Emerging Schools Festivals trialled . Participation has increased to 15 on average.

D Southern reported:-

11. Sale Sharks & PRL meeting regarding the 3 areas of focus for minority groups, well received to date.

Lancashire Leagues

1. D Clarke described the issue with the lack of clubs / rugby for lower league teams in the north of the County. Originally in North Lancs Level 9 there were 11 clubs, this has dropped to 9. Clubs have been canvassed for their ideas and responses are awaited. D Clarke was given a vote of thanks.

D Clarke, D Southern, S Urquhart & G Glenn left the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2017 were approved as a correct record. MD thanked KA for taking the minutes in his absence.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

RFU Report

KA circulated a report to the meeting, main points were reported:-

1. The Chief Executive had recently given a report.
 - A year of achievement for Senior Men, Women and U20s.
 - Reassurition that RFU do not want to play Friday nights.
 - All planning permission for East stand approved and work commenced.
2. World Rugby confirmed there should be 5 clear days between games for players.
3. Nominations for standing committees had been announced.
4. Council had approved financial thresholds for payment of players
 - Mens Level 3 £275000 to include player coach
 - Mens Level 4 £157500 to include player coach
 - Mens Level 5 £65000 to include player coach
 - Mens Level 6 and below £10000 for player coach only
 - To be brought in voluntarily in 2017-2018 and mandatorily in 2018-2019 by self declaration.
5. HM Governance Code – Council had net to discuss working group proposals.

Finance & Funding Report

PD distributed the Monthly Management reports to the Board prior to the meeting, there was no further report.

RDC Report

TF reported:-

1. Lancashire Royals – Lost to Senior Cumbria team at Kendal. 13 new players to the squad on this night. Request from Clanwilliam RFC (Tipperary) to play Royals in August.
2. Lancashire Academy – Positive reports from players and parents.
3. Coaching – A conference is planned for August, development activities planned for Universities.
4. Representative Rugby – Resignation of U18s Manager.

Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported on a meeting held on 13th Feb:-

1. A meeting is to be held on 15th May.
2. No arrangements made for the Annual Awards Dinner, MD to organise.

Volunteering

CAB reported:-

1. 2 very successful nights at Leigh and Blackburn for the Lancashire Volunteer Awards.
2. Tickenham to hold 2 events for Mitsubishi Rugby Volunteers in Lancashire.

Cup and Competitions

JTH reported:-

1. The finals day had been held at Leigh.
Didsbury Toc H won the Bowl beating Ormskirk.
Tyldesley won the Plate beating Burnley.
Burnage won the Trophy beating Broughton Park.

Governance

CAB reported:-

1. The Intouch course is up and running.
2. 3 Club safeguarding audits have been completed.
3. Safeguarding conference to be arranged for November.
4. A meeting is to be arranged for club Girls U13s and U15s coaches.

TDS reported:-

5. Rule changes had been circulated to the Board prior to being presented to the AGM, these were approved for circulation.
MJW noted that we are without a press officer and had not seen much output from the gentleman we contracted. He has not claimed any expense.
6. A vote of thanks to President Tom Fitzgerald.

Discipline

1. Hearings will continue into June.

Awards & Nominations

The following were to be taken to the Annual Awards Dinner.

		Proposer	Seconder
Clubman of the Year	Peter Gore - Bolton	MD	CAB
Groundsman	Paul Grainge – Trafford MV	TF	JTH
Honours Tie	Brian Hurst – Littleborough	KA	JTH
Junior Club of the Year	Tarleton	RTJB	SB
Senior Club of the Year	Rosendale	DNH	KA

The following nominations were to be recommended to the AGM for Board appointments.

Nominated Position	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
President	S R Blackburn	M J Worsley	C A Baker
Senior Vice President	D Clarke	T D Stirk	J T Hughes
Chairman (re-election 2019)			
Hon. Secretary (re-election 2017)	M Downs	D N Herriman	K Andrews
Hon. Treasurer (re-election 2018)			
Director of Rugby Development	T Fitzgerald	J S Greenwood	C A Baker
Director of Club and Community Rugby	M J Worsley	S R Blackburn	M Downs
Director of Volunteering	A Kerboas	K Andrews	C A Baker
Director of Governance	C A Baker	D N Herriman	K Andrews
Director	J T Hughes	R T J Briers	M Downs
Director	J S Greenwood	M J Worsley	R T J Briers
Director	J Morgan	K Andrews	T D Stirk
Assistant Hon. Secretary	B H Stott	M Downs	C A Baker
Assistant Hon. Treasurer	S Briers	D N Herriman	K Andrews
Vice Presidents	M Nelson G Burns MBE B H Stott J S Greenwood C A Baker	K Andrews M J Worsley	R T J Briers M Downs

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence appertaining to this meeting.

New Members

Bill Nichol Annual Member – Approved.

50:50 Draw

Apr-17	Value
P Saunders	£52.50
D Welsh	£8.75
H Henderson	£8.75
T Stirk	£8.75
D Matthews	£8.75

May-17	Value
D Welsh	£52.50
P Hanson	£8.75
M Brennand	£8.75
T Stirk	£8.75
P Hanson	£8.75

Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 5th June 2017

Any other Business

MJW – questioned if DNH were standing down as Chairman. DNH confirmed he was not
CAB - delighted to be nominated as a vice president
CAB - will be attending the RFU CB Safeguarding Conference
MD – questioned if MJW would continue as Director of Club & Community, MJW will consider and reply.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:25pm

_____ Chairman Date _____