

MINUTES OF LANCASHIRE CLUB AND COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT LSH

22nd March 2016 7.00 pm

IN ATTENDANCE-

Mr M. Worsley. Chair MW

Mr K. Andrews. KA

Mr D. Herriman. DH

Miss H. Duggan HD

Mrs K .Benetta KB

Mr T. Hughes. TH

Mr R,Woodhead RW

Mr S. R. Blackburn SRB

Apologies were received from the following-

Mrs C.A.Baker

Mrs A .Brazendale.

Mr S.Urqhart

Mr T. Fitzgerald

Mr P.Saunders

Mr S.Kohler

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Mr Richard Woodhead a willing volunteer from the Warrington club to join this committee, the previous minutes were proposed as a true record by TH and seconded DH.

1.0 Matters arising –No matters arising from previous minutes

2.0 Clubs at risk- DH stated that he is getting a monthly report from the RFU staff on clubs within Lancashire, TH commented that travel to Cumbrian clubs for lower level teams is becoming more of a problem and that the league structure has

caused some of the problems of lower league teams folding, MW questioned DH as to the situation country wide DH replied that other CB'S have the same problems,

3.0 County Website- TH expressed concerns that the website is still not "user friendly" and difficult to navigate, this was received by the general committee with mixed views as it was pointed out that the official launch of the website is not until June and it is still a "work in progress". PS has requested that any photos of the womens section be sent to him to be posted on the website. MW mentioned that the Marketing and Media committee could be run on the same night as the club and community meeting night as all the members of the marketing and media are present at the club and community meeting, MW stated he would take this to the next board meeting.

4.0 Volunteer award evenings. To be 14th April at Leigh and 19th April at Blackburn, KA stated that 5 times reminders have gone out to all clubs, but only 8 replies to date have been received, KB suggested that posting on Facebook and twitter may get an improved response. KA also mentioned that he was to pioneer at the RFU a volunteer of the month award at every club leading to a county award and then an RFU award for the volunteer of the year.

5.0 RWC U 20-KA reported that all RWC teams have now been allocated a club within the distance previously specified. Various events are going to be run to publicise the event and involve satellite clubs around the county.

6.0 Safeguarding –No report.

7.0 Girls/Ladies-HD reported that four Lancashire Ladies had been selected to join the England under 20's squad, HD also reported that Lancashire could possibly have a premiership team in the future .HD also commented that three years ago there were 30 trialists for the county in 2016 there were 87.

8.0 AOB – KB announced that she had been appointed as a game management trainer by the RFU for area 5. The date of the county awards dinner was also mentioned 10th June at PGH.

The chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm

Date of next meeting 23RD May, LSH 7.00pm

Minutes recorded by Steve Blackburn,