

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board meeting of the held at Liverpool St Helens FC on Monday 6th July 2015

Present: Mr D.N. Herriman in the Chair, Messrs, M.J. Worsley, J.T. Hughes, P. Saunders, H.M. Whittle, R.T.J. Briers, M. Downs.

In attendance: Messrs, T. Fitzgerald, S. Urquhart.

Apologies: Messrs S.M. Briers, T.D. Stirk, K. Andrews, B.H. Stott, D. Southern & Mrs C.A. Baker.

RDO Report.

SU reported that the quarterly report had been circulated and also:-

1. A Rosie Williams email had offered £500 to 12 new teams to aid their start up.
2. Encouraging work done by clubs in the set up of Touch events.
3. An O₂ Touch festival was to be held in Manchester on 11th July. Struggling for interest due to late organisation and the entry fee of £100.
4. The Festival of Rugby was taking off and clubs should register their events.
5. Southport were to attempt a world record for longest rugby game and needed independent adjudicators.
6. "Return to Rugby" was a new programme to encourage back to the back by social 10's games.
7. RDO's had received training on the GMS.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 6th June 2015, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

Co-option of Director.

At this point DNH raised the point of Director of Volunteering after the sad loss of Mike Baker. Carol Baker had been approached and agreed to take this role on. Richard Woodward would act as Volunteer Co-ordinator. DNH proposed, PS seconded and CAB was co-opted.

RFU Report

1. DNH reported U20's had been beaten in final by New Zealand.

Finance Report

HMW Reported

1. The insurance policy to cover Trophies etc had been paid for the year.
2. Back billing of clubs for aged subscription bad debts had been conducted.
3. SMB had paid our creditors.
4. County Championship had been costed and coded.
5. ERC Insurance Policy for Board protection against investigation by Revenue to cover legal fees was approved.

6. PS asked for an update on the Treasurers situation and it was reported that we are now almost clear running ourselves.

Finance & Funding Report

No report.

RDC Report

TF Report had been circulated

1. 3 Workshops arranged for the summer have been well supported by U20s players.
2. Dave Livesey had invited Portuguese coaching reps for training
3. DPP with Sale Sharks is progressing well
4. Howard Hughes had interest from 10 clubs to be involved in a B squad.
5. The PFR plan had now been submitted.

Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported on the recent meeting:-

1. Volunteering issues had now been resolved.
2. Peter Elliott would commit a little less time to County work due to personal circumstances.
3. PS noted that we need more volunteers doing small parts rather than a few people taking on too much and that people should have clearly defined roles.
4. MJW had donated some kit to Oakwood Academy via George Glenn.
5. Next meeting would be 21st July.

Marketing & Media

PS reported:-

1. The new marketing team had been identified and a representative will attend the Club and Community sub committee meetings.
2. A new plan for media communication was needed as it was not realised the the MEN & Echo newspapers have no rugby union coverage at all.
3. The new website should be ready by end of July, it will be populated by some existing data but a request for photographs is to be sent out.
4. The online shop is on target.
5. We are in need of a social media policy.

Cup and Competitions

No Report.

Governance

No Report.

Discipline

No Report.

Unity Project

DNH reported:-

1. Staffordshire had invited Portuguese delegates to a coaching conference and we have had no contact about this or with them in general.

World Cup

KA reported on a World Cup Champions meeting held at Blackburn RUFC on 4th June:-

1. All preparations are going well for the Trophy tour.
2. Excellent social media presentation given and the launch of the #morethanrugby
3. Clubs were invited to take part in the Manchester Host City Fanzone event from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th October
4. Natwest Rugby Force weekend had been successful, clubs had been invited to bid for 10 sets of RWC branding material.
5. Festival of Rugby registration was continuing.
6. KA had attended the U20 Championship 2016 Activation Group at Sale Sharks.
7. The RWC Steering Group will continue and there will be a further meeting of the Champions in November.
8. DNH report that the following board members would be at Trophy Tour venues. MJW at Liverpool St Helens, PS at Bury, DNH at Crosby & TDS at Blackpool.

Correspondence.

MD reported there was no correspondence appertaining to the meeting.

New Members

There were new membership applications from Glenys Foxhall (Annual) & Orrell St James RUFC (Club, non-voting) both were approved.

50:50 Draw

HMW reported the draw was up to date as of the end of June and that a new promoter was needed.

Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 7th September 2015

Any other Business

TF – The colour of the surround on the playing shirt badge was to return to blue.

DNH – Raging Bull Leagues had allowed 4 Cumbrian clubs in and that at least 8 of our clubs had expressed displeasure about this.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:55pm

_____ Chairman Date _____