

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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

Monday 2th November 2015

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

In attendance: Messrs, T. Fitzgerald, A. Soutar.

Apologies: Messrs T.D. Stirk, S.M. Briers, H.M. Whittle, B.H. Stott & D. Southern.

RDO Report.

Andrew Soutar gave an overview of the clubs under his area of responsibility in the Merseyside cluster with the following comments:-

Birchfield – progressing well and playing every week.

Crosby St Marys – going very well with a new link to South Sefton College.

Collegiate – 19 new players and accreditation application underway.

Mossley Hill – Plans to start a disability section during the day, linking well with the Universities and now have access to a second pitch.

Newton le Willows – Starting to get high numbers at training.

Ruskin Park – doing very well in the leagues and may expand to a second team.

Sefton – started a new Womens 2nd XV through University recruitment.

St Edwards – concerns due to low playing numbers and cancelled fixtures.

Waterloo – going well but a few issues with 3rd & 4th team league positions.

West Park – a great success story is the first aid provision arrange by 2 lady members, all teams have trained first aiders and defibrillators. Also becoming involved in the All Schools project.

Widnes – 12 new players and great links through the All Schools Project.

RTJB asked if Newton le Willows were using the coach mentor scheme which was confirmed by AS, also, Liverpool Collegiate are hoping to utilise the scheme.

AS left the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 5th October 2015, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

RFU Report

KA Reported:-

1. There would be a Council Meeting in 1 months time, business has been on hold due to RWC2015.
2. A review is to be held encompassing the England performance at the World Cup. Ian Ritchie (CEO) has selected the review panel and will make recommendations.
3. The Adult Competition Review survey has now been circulated to all clubs, so far 3000 clubs have responded, with an 18% response from clubs in the North. The survey was emailed to club secretaries, chairmen and treasurer from the GMS to make up 50% and the further 50% were sent to players.
4. HSBC 7's will be at Twickenham on 21st & 22nd May 2016
5. Twickenham Stadium will host 3 NFL American Football games over the next 3 seasons.

Finance & Funding Report

No report. – Finance & Funding meeting to be held on 3rd November at PGH. The Financial AGM will be moved back to the March General Meeting.

RDC Report

TF Reported

1. Team Managers and Coaches are sought for the Senior Ladies XV.
2. Coach Mentor Scheme is to be extended to Universities.
3. Development Centre Summer and Autumn Workshops are completed
4. Issues with U15s and U16s DPP need to be resolved.

Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported that the next meeting is to be held on 17th November.

Volunteering

CAB Reported:-

1. Had met Jill Loader of the RFU but had yet to meet with Richard Woodward.
2. Although the Leadership Academy was not being run in Lancashire there had been 4 enquiries as to where it could be done.
3. RTJB commented that “The Pack” at the RWC were excellent.

Marketing & Media

PS reported:-

1. The website is up and running, and will need constant new information to keep it fresh and interesting.

Cup and Competitions

1. All competitions running to schedule.

Governance

CAB reported:-

1. Dispensations – 11 requests made to play down, Reminder re dispensations has been sent to clubs.

Discipline

It was reported that business was brisk.

Unity Project

No Report.

World Cup

KA reported:-

1. Area 5 Legacy group were to remain in post.
2. A request for feedback from our clubs on the success of RWC

Correspondence.

MD reported there was no correspondence appertaining to the meeting.

New Members

No new member requests.

50:50 Draw

October	November
£41.70 = No 75	£41.70 = No 59
£6.95 = No 1	£6.95 = No 98
£6.95 = No 36	£6.95 = No 137
£6.95 = No 33	£6.95 = No 22
£6.95 = No 9	£6.95 = No 131

Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 7th December 2015

Any other Business

CAB – Requested permission to organise a Lancashire Ball, and had looked at possible venues. Permission granted.

MJW – noted that there were some mismatched within the Merseyside league at level 8

KA – Lancs Girls U15s & U18s would play Yorkshire at Bury on 29th November. Also the Womens Cup Final Day is to be held at Southport on 5th December.

JTH reported that the U18s had beaten Warwickshire 24-10, Northumberland 24-11 but lost to Yorkshire. The final game is against Cheshire at Wilmslow on 29th November at 2:00pm

MD – Dave Clarke had requested that we reiterate to club the possible cost implications of crying off late for fixtures on the Isle of Man.

DNH – We were to revisit our request to the North DOC to change the number of replacements allowed at level 8.

DNH – An incident had occurred at LSH where a young child had fallen from the stand and suffered serious injuries.

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

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