

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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

Monday 4th January 2016

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

In attendance: Messrs, T. Fitzgerald, G. Glenn.

Apologies: Messrs, P. Saunders, B.H. Stott & S. Urqhart.

RDO Report.

George Glenn was welcomed to the meeting and reported:-

1. Littleborough have recruited 40 new members across all age groups in 8 weeks.
2. Bolton have AfPE recognition for their work with schools
3. Broughton have success in Helping Hands bid.
4. Weather – some good stories of clubs helping each other after flood damage, Rochdale donated a kit to Carlisle whilst Widnes ran a fundraiser for them. Vale 3rds helped clear flood damage at Garstang.
5. Rochdale All Schools going well with new after school league formed.
6. New All School Cluster planned for Bolton 2016/17

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 7th December 2015, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

RFU Report

RTJB & KA Reported:-

1. Steve Borthwick, Paul Gustard & Ian Peel had been appointed assistants coaches to the England Senior XV and all were from the North of England.
2. KA will attend the Age Grade Review meeting at Skipton with Ian Spivey and John Morgan.
3. Mark Saltmarsh will present to clubs on the Age Grade Review at LSH on 22nd Feb. It is important that as many clubs and schools attend to be informed of the forthcoming changes. MD to send details out when confirmed.
4. An Age Grade Calendar spreadsheet had been produced but MD found quite confusing. TDS noted we should be proactive to get our clubs and schools prepared for the changes.

Finance & Funding Report

PD Reported:-

1. All VAT returns were up to date.
2. ERC, the external examiners, were working on the accounts with a view to getting them signed off by the end of January, MD noted we need to be prepared for the Financial AGM on 23rd March.
3. Management accounts will be prepared for the next Board meeting.

RDC Report

TF noted that there had been no meeting since the last Board meeting:-

1. The Senior XV matches would be played as follows
14th May Eastern Counties at Fylde RFC
21st May Cheshire at Sedgley Park RUFC
2. Representative team training day had been mostly attended by Club and Schools coaches.
3. There was a slow uptake on the mid season fitness session with Warren Spragg on the 16th Jan.
4. The Manchester Cluster Group meeting had been postponed by 1 week.
5. JSG requested that the North Lancs Cluster group meeting move from the 3rd Feb to 4th Feb at Burnley.

G. Glenn left the meeting.

Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported:-

1. A meeting is to be held on 12th Jan at LSH.
2. KA requested that the County Volunteer Awards Evening notification should be resent.
3. CAB noted that Rossendale had a new very good safeguarding officer.

Volunteering

CAB confirmed that meeting was to be arranged.

Marketing & Media

1. MD noted that he had spoken to Peter Elliott who had been ill recently and would need assistance with web site input.
2. RTJB asked if there had been further sponsorship gained, confirmed that there had not.

Cup and Competitions

No Report.

Governance

No Report.

Discipline

DNH reported that there outstanding cases due to a backlog.

Unity Project

DNH reported:-

1. The project had stalled and the RFU were reviewing several County / Country partnerships.
2. KA wondered is a Portuguese national 7s team could be invited to a 7s competition
3. JSG understood the RFU were forming 7s Academies. RTJB confirmed work is being conducted by the RFU on a 7s strategy and he would get further information.

World Cup

KA reported the steering group had met on the 15th December:-

1. Social media had been strong for Lancashire in promoting the RWC and we should continue to utilise it.
2. Most clubs had engaged well and the World Cup champions will remain in place and become England champions.
3. Fixture posters for U20s Championship will be printed for clubs.
4. PS reported that Workplace Touch would continue and hoped links with Netball teams would grow.
5. A digipack had been launched for the U20s but had disappointingly not worked well.
6. We should look to promote the U20s 6 Nations with our clubs.
7. An U20s Championship Trophy tour was planned.

Correspondence.

TDS had received a letter from a David Bolt who suggested changing rugby back to pre league format, it was felt change would be impractical and that we should keep the status quo and work to interpret the law better.

New Members

A Mr Guy spencer had applied for Life Membership and was approved.

50:50 Draw

January

£52.50 = D Herriman
£8.75 = S Knowles
£8.75 = B O'Driscoll
£8.75 = P Hanson
£8.75 = M Cornelia

Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 1st February 2016

Any other Business

MJW – Disappointment that some teams would not reverse fixtures wen matches cancelled due to unplayable pitches.

TDS – Vale & Fylde had been very good hosts and looking forward to visiting Burnley and Blackburn.

CAB – Yorkshire RFU Safeguarding Officer had passed away.

JTH – 7 U18s players would go to the North final trial. U17s fixtures were

17th April Yorkshire (A)

24th April Staffordshire (A)

TBC Cheshire (A)

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:57pm



Chairman

Date 1st February 2016