

## LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016

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

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

Apologies: Messrs, T.D. Stirk, P. Saunders, B.H. Stott K. Andrews, D. Southern & Mrs C.A. Baker.

#### RDO Report.

Chris Lowden (Universities & FE Development Officer) was welcomed to the meeting  
S. Urquhart reported:-

1. Natwest Rugby Force to close soon. Last season 630 clubs out of 1800 were involved. £500 per successful club plus and Energy Tracker Box.
2. RFU is to make a film on the effect of spectator behaviour on players.
3. Vets and Casuals Festivals to be organised towards the end of the season.
4. Lancashire Sport. Coaching audit is underway.
5. Some clubs have been very lax in updating the Game Management System.

C. Lowden reported:-

1. 12 Universities in Lancs, 33 BUCS teams and 18 non BUCS teams. 185 University players playing in clubs, some of which are reliant on these players.
2. Game Finder has been a big success.
3. Some new teams are hoping to start to play on Saturdays (eg Liverpool University Engineers)
4. 25 PGCE Students at Manchester Met Uni had been trained in Rugby Union teaching.
5. A leavers project has been started where contact details are taken and passed on to clubs in areas where students move to.
6. CL will advertise volunteer job descriptions around his contacts.

JTH questioned SU on Garstangs recent problems with flooding, refit is ongoing.  
DNH & MD had notification that Lancs will receive 1000 balls from Gilbert post RWC. We need to make a marketing opportunity of the distribution of these.

Su & CL left the meeting.

#### Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

### Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

### RFU Report

RTJB reported:-

1. There is to be a Council meeting towards the end of the month.
2. Heads of Agreement with the Premiership clubs is close to being finalised.
3. Adult Competition Review results are now in. the Community Game Board will look to recommend staying with their original decision. MD noted it would be good if the raw data were made available.

### Finance & Funding Report

PD reported:-

1. The 2014/15 Accounts are still with the examiners and should be complete by 2<sup>nd</sup> week February.
2. A set of management accounts were provided, however, there was a proviso that these covered an extended period as 2014/15 had not yet been closed. Clearer figures would be produced by the next meeting.
3. A vote of thanks to Catherine Ryan for her work to date.
4. S Kohler had requested funds for equipment for the U17s squad, equipment should be sourced via Danny Barker.
5. DNH noted that he had heard nothing regarding Blacksticks sponsorship recently.

### RDC Report

TF noted that a report had been circulated, the main points of which were:-

1. Distribution of information on concussion management had been successful
2. Lancs structured season should be resolved and finalised by mid April and would include age grade review recommended dates.
3. The 15s & 16s squads were progressing well.
4. Womens and Girls section needs to work closer with main committees.
5. Development Centre uptake numbers were slightly down.
6. A review was to be arranged for the Cluster meetings following the lukewarm recent Manchester meeting. MD noted that Merseyside was working very well.
7. U20s had been Cheshire and we had been very well prepared for the game.
8. North Cluster meeting to be re-arranged.

### Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported on the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> Jan:-

1. Extensive discussions and updates given about the website. MD noted a further website specific meeting was to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb.
2. KA had given a RWC update.
3. Some old stock of kit is to be sold off at the U12s Festival.

4. Email received from Gareth Martindale from Sports Partnership Database, which is to be forwarded to Stuart Urquhart.

#### Volunteering

No Report. DNH noted a lack of support for CAB.

#### Marketing & Media

DNH reported on a recent meeting:-

1. Sadly Peter Elliott had resigned due to ill health, thanks were acknowledged to Peter for his great work.
2. There is a need for volunteers who are experienced in County rugby matters for this committee.

#### Cup and Competitions

JTH reported no recent meeting had been held.

1. A discussion took place regarding the viability of the competitions this season due to weather cancellations and backlog. DNH to discuss with BHS & Mike Cornelia with a view to cancelling for this season.

#### Governance

No Report.

#### Discipline

No Report.

#### Unity Project

DNH reported:-

1. Enrique Garcia has been in touch with Dave Southern
2. RTJB had raised the issue with the Board, whilst most CBs had had success with the project, only Portugal and Poland had been at issue.

#### World Cup

KA reported in absence

1. A WC Champions meeting was to be held at LHS, Refs societies & colts leagues had also been invited.

#### Correspondence.

There was no correspondence appertaining to the meeting.

New Members

There were no new membership applications.

50:50 Draw

January

£52.50 = P Hanson  
£8.75 = A Gott  
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£8.75 = RTJ Briers  
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Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Any other Business

PD – had received an email purported to be from TDS requesting fund transfer, this is a hoax and requested members be vigilant.

RTJB – noted a proposed recipient for the Presidents Awards, this is in hand.

MD – reported on the news that Orrell have plans for a new development.

DNH – U20s match v Staffs to be played at Longton.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40pm

  
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Date 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016