

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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

Monday 7th March 2016

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

In attendance: Messrs, T. Fitzgerald, B.H. Stott, D. Southern & C. Antcliffe.

Apologies: Messrs, J.T. Hughes, P. Saunders, & S. Urquhart

RDO Report.

Claire Antcliffe (Womens and Girls Development Officer) was welcomed to the meeting and reported:-

1. 23 clubs in Lancashire have either Womens or Girls rugby, with Eccles have a full complement at all age groups plus a second senior XV.
2. There is a plan to form 3 W&Gs cluster groups.
3. Waterloo had reached the Premiership play offs
4. RTJB questioned if there were plans to bring the W&G into the Coach Mentoring scheme.
5. Senior XV fixtures for 2015-16 were

Lancs v Cumbria	30 th April or 1 st May
Northumbria v Lancs	7 th or 8 th May
Lancs v Durham	14 th or 15 th May
6. The Girls County programme had been weather effected but games had been played against Yorkshire & Northumberland. Peter Morrisey had worked hard on the Girls season and thanks were noted for his efforts.

D. Southern reported:-

1. An U20s World Cup planning meeting had been held and team bases would be holding the welcoming ceremonies for the teams.
2. The Trophy tour would be held over 28 days with schools activities being mid week and clubs at weekends. There will be a W&G day at one of the venues.
3. Corporate Touch event to be held on 6th may at Broughton Park.
4. Legacy outcomes would hopefully be 25 new junior teams, 100 new young referees and 50 coaches for U16-U24 rugby.
5. A new club of M&J teams is to work with Manchester Met University to get up and running.

DS & CA left the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 1st february 2016, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

RFU Report

RTJB reported on the recent Council Meeting:-

1. Heads of Agreement with the Premiership clubs is still progressing, and the bulk has been carried out amicably. Final agreement should be before Council on 8th April.
2. Adult Competition Review, CGB had proposed to lift the suspension of the ACR. The survey had shown that Club volunteers do not want change but players do. In the run up to the Council vote KA had finally asked their opinions and there was a slight majority against and so RTJB and KA split their votes and voted one for each. Council vote was 27 for and 25 against however those who voted against were mostly geographical CBs therefore there was not a proper mandate, and it is recommended to the next Council meeting to rescind the vote. TDS was aggrieved that the good offices of our representatives had been impuned.
3. Dominic Proctor had been appointed a non executive director.
4. International ticket prices had been set.
5. Goggles trial continues.

Finance & Funding Report

PD reported:-

1. The 2014/15 Accounts have been signed off and would be in the post to members, the financial AGM would go ahead.
2. Within the accounts there was £125K in the bank and reserves of £45k. These were made up of £8.5K tour fund, £15.5K Coaching Scholarship, £10K Club Compliance and £11K Committee reserve.
3. PD suggested that these funds should be used rather than held in reserve and this suggestion was agreeable. We should look to where we want to be in 5 season time.
4. MD suggested that next board meeting should receive written reports from officers and the whole time taken to formulate a strategy. Agreed.

RDC Report

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

1. RDC had met to discuss succession planning for squad coaches.
2. 60+ had attended the recent Pete Anglesey coaching session.
3. The new structured season would mean a B Squad for U16 and possibly U15, these new squads would need kit and stash along with new playing shirts for all remaining teams, total spend could be in the region of £17K

Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported a meeting was to be held on 22nd March and that:-

1. Old kit would be sold off at Blacksticks Finals days.
2. KA noted that the Volunteer evening to be held at Leigh on 21st April was to be changed to 14th April.

Volunteering

CAB requested help and direction for the Volunteering committee.

Marketing & Media

PS supplied a written report, highlights were:-

1. Kate Bonetta had resigned as programme editor.
2. The Rugby Mums blog had been accessible to 348000 users due to sharing which was incredible.
3. DNH noted that John McNess, an injured player had agreed to speak at the Awards Dinner.

Cup and Competitions

No report as all Senior Competitions had been suspended.

Governance

Date of next meeting is 21st April.

Discipline

BHS reported on an issue with a clubs match report on their website which was deemed unsavoury, issue had been addressed.

Unity Project

No Report.

World Cup

KA provided a headline report detailing training venues, accommodation and club contacts.

A proposed itinerary for the Trophy Tour.

A list of RFU Staff contacts and their responsibilities.

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence appertaining to the meeting.

New Members

A membership application was received from a Mr Ian Cox of Beaconsfield. There were no proposers & seconders and no club affiliation, MD to contact Mr Cox and question his affiliation.

50:50 Draw

January

£52.50 = P Sanders
£8.75 = D N Herriman
£8.75 = B J O'Driscoll
£8.75 = M Cornelia
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Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 4th April 2016

Any other Business

KA – U18s Schools Finals had been called off and all would now be played separately. Schools Day was to be held at Southport on 20th March.

TDS – Correspondence received from Gareth Hughes regarding a Trophy played for between Lancs and Cheshire in the 1990s. Would like to re-dedicate a Trophy to Vin Hughes.

CAB requested an update on the injured child at LSH. Stand is out of bounds for U18s until remedial work carried out.

CAB – Johnny Cross the SGO at Burnage had been on TV regarding concussion management.

BHS – requested update from Finance on when fines are paid.

KA – requested update from Finance on outstanding schools affiliations.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:10pm



Chairman

Date 5th May 2016