

## LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016

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

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

Apologies: Messrs, J.T. Hughes, B.H. Stott, A. Soutar & Mrs C.A. Baker.

#### RDO Report.

Stuart Urquhart reported

1. Natwest Rugby Force – 10 clubs going through for £500 each. Ormskirk, Littleborough and Vale of Lune were successful with the £2000 Keith Kent fields package.
2. All Schools finals to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> April at PGH, 18 schools to participate in Y7, 8 & 9 finals.
3. Targeting of colleges and schools in the catchment areas of clubs who need players to start.
4. TDS commented that there may need to be a look at patterns of times of play away from the traditional Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning traditional times,
5. MD asked if there was an annual financial report of grants and awards from the RFU to our clubs, this information could be used by marketing to promote what RFU do.
6. Rossendale had been accredited and a presentation would be made on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.
7. DS reported that Portugal RFU had a new President who would focus on growing the game, takes office in May.
8. U20s Trophy Tour planning was going well.
9. Corporate 7s – 19 teams entered so far.

Andrew Soutar in absence forwarded a written report:-

Birchfield – CRC supporting club coach with aim to attend Level 2

Crosby St Marys – have had a successful season working with RFU – dropping into RB leagues has meant it looks like they will have a 2XV for next season. Played 2 friendly fixtures with 2 more to follow before end of the season.

Liverpool St Helens – working to club to promote VETs festival linking into club beer festival – continuing to deliver in local All Schools to support the club

Liverpool Collegiate – Completed Club Accreditation recently – Kev Greaves supporting club with coach mentor.

Mossley Hill – Working with Liverpool Engineers to support the club – over the past month 14 players from the university have played for the club

Newton Willows – Looking to attend LSH Vets festival to promote VETs rugby within the club

Ruskin Park – preparing for 02 touch to start with Neil Ryan looking to deliver the programme on behalf of the club – this is still to be confirmed with Neil and the club

Sefton – about to complete Club Accreditation within the next 3 weeks. Club working with CRC to deliver All Schools programme  
St Edwards OB – not much communication since leaving RFU leagues did have a fixture recently set up with Waterloo but called off last minute due to a mix up with Waterloo trying to arrange another one- looking to hold 02 touch at St Edwards School to promote the club but looking for buy in from the Club first.  
Waterloo – Working with Club to become a return to Rugby Club for 2016/17 – 3<sup>rd</sup>/4Xv have still been playing fixtures against other teams  
West Park St Helens – have an active All Schools delivery within school supported via club coaches. New coach from the Club Neil Ryan is starting to work with the RFU  
Widnes – Currently carrying out Club Accreditation Health Check – working with local schools promoting All School. Meeting local All Schools after Easter with Dave Herriman to promote RWC U20s event at the club

3 new All Schools 2016/17 Confirmed in Liverpool – Broadgreen High School – Cardinal Heenan – Calderstone School  
2 new holding on clubs – Waterloo – Liverpool Collegiate – 2016/17

SU & DS left the meeting.

#### Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

#### Matters arising

New Member Application – MD had chased the applicant for details of club affiliation / history but had no response.  
TF showed the new playing shirt that would be used.

#### Strategy Planning

Normal business was deferred for this meeting in lieu of Strategy planning discussions. An idea of where we would like to be in 5 years time using a 12 monthly plan was discussed.

After open discussions it was decided to focus on 4 issues, these areas would be developed over a 3 month period and then financial planning could be given to look at funding the areas. The four areas were:-

1. 18's Age Group and Adult Rugby.

Look at initiatives undertaken by Professional Staff, the impact and success, Identify negatives and reasons for decline in Adult Rugby, review alternative forms of the Game and development of Club Student sides and Competition.

To be lead by Tommy Hughes, Dave Clarke

2. Women and Girls Rugby.

Review and facilitate the integration of Women and Girls Committee into the CB structure develop ideas for the growth of the game particularly at U15's Level and to support development of players.

To be lead by Ken Andrews, David Herriman & Mark Downs.

3. Club Communication and Club Leadership Program.

Review Cluster Meetings form strategy for engagement with Clubs, consider the Training and support options for Club Volunteers and Administrators.

To be lead by Malcolm Worsley, David Herriman & Carol Baker

4. Improve and Development of Club Coaching in Junior Sections (13-17's) age groups. Develop a Lancashire Academy.

Form Strategy for providing Coach Mentors to Club Coaches in these age groups. Reconsider the development of a Lancashire Academy for young players.

To be lead by Tom Fitzgerald & Rob Briers

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence appertaining to the meeting.

New Members

Michael Spencer – Life Membership – Approved  
Robert Bullock – Annual Membership - Approved

50:50 Draw

April

£53.70 = P Saunders  
£8.95 = H Henderson  
£8.95 = P Hanson  
£8.95 = M Cornelia  
£8.95 = AT Rowntree

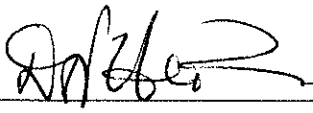
Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Any other Business

MD – For next meeting consider Senior VP, VP and Honours Tie.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:15pm

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman      Date 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016