

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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

Monday 9th May 2016

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

In attendance: Messrs, T. Fitzgerald, B.H. Stott.

Apologies: Messrs, P. Saunders, P Deakin, S. Urquhart, D. Southern.

RDO Report.

George Glenn reported on behalf of the RDO

1. U20s RWC now in full swing with an Eddie Jones publicity event taking place at the Manchester City Academy.
2. Trophy Tour was progressing well.
3. Kate Benetta had been appointed the Trophy Tour coordinator.
4. Host clubs are all working on their welcome ceremonies.
5. 69 teams had entered the social 7s at Broughton Park.
6. Ticket Sales are over 5000.

GG reported on clubs under his remit. :-

1. Bolton- Still on an upward curve. Work closely with Bolton university this season- development team. Ladies training recently started and W/G our key growth focus moving forwards.
2. Littleborough- Fantastic. New women's team, loads on new girls. Possible new men's team next season- just I 'Ding someone to drive it. Biggest issue- facilities
3. Leigh- Main focus has been on girls work and link to the 2 local high schools. Club staying in touch with TB regarding ongoing facilities work.
4. Orrell- great season- 2nd team fully established- possibility of 3rds- 40+ playing touch weekly. Delta doing some great work here.
5. Wigan- tough season for them- lost 3rd team with Orrell St James our main work will be R2R with IB looking to transition colts. Funding of £1000 through holding on clubs will help.
6. Tyldesley- hardest club- any help?
7. Aspull- Ok – Lostock? Comfortable
8. Eccles- Struggled with ¾ teams- weather really knackered them. O2 Touch during the summer. MJ and girls continues to do well.
9. Broughton- 2nd/ occasional link with Salford and Nick CRC. Need volunteers like mad!
10. Sedge- Casuals and vets event went really well- food and beers. Needs to happen again. Academy section being looked at by Arnie.
11. Bury- Good very steady. U15 girls and U13 well on the way.
12. Oldham- New U13.

GG left the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 4th April 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. Rob Andrew had resigned by mutual consent but would stay in place until the Premiership clubs deal had been signed off. He is to be replaced by Nigel Melville.
2. Joanna Manning-Cooper would be the new director of digital marketing and communication.
3. Sophie Goldschmidt would be replaced by Simon Massey-Taylor formally of LOCOG.
4. Neil Hatley had been appointed the new scrum coach and for the Autumn Internationals Glenn Ella had been appointed.

Council Meeting on 8th April

5. Heads of Agreements with Premiership clubs still ongoing but needed to be resolved by end of June.
6. The ACR had been put on hold.
7. Age Grade new rules had been approved.
8. Student pass scheme had been extended.
9. Bill Beaumont would be uncontested in the election for Chairman of IRB and would be in post from 1st July.
10. Sandie le Goode is to retire

KA reported

11. 5000 ticket sales for U20s World Cup seemed low.
12. He would like at least one Board representative at Team ceremonies.

Finance & Funding Report

No Report.

RDC Report

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

1. The committee had been looking at their portion of the 5 year CB plan.
2. There would be a requirement for an Academy Administrator.
3. DNH commented that we need to reinvigorate the cluster group meetings.

4. TDS noted that from the 5 year plan we should become a national leader in the provision of W&Gs rugby.

Club and Community Rugby

MJW reported a joint meeting with Marketing was to be held on 23rd May and that:-

1. CAB offered her assistance in the organisation of the volunteer BBQ
2. MD would arrange printing of menus and tickets for the Annual Awards Dinner.
3. JSG noted an email had been received from S Kohler regarding lack of information on the County website about the Senior XV County Championship. BHS would put something on in the interim.

Volunteering

CAB reported:-

1. A volunteer from York had moved to the Ormskirk area and had offered help.
2. C Jones of Collegiate had offered some volunteering time to the County.

Marketing & Media

PS supplied a written report, highlights were:-

1. A meeting had been held on 26th April
2. A small team had been put together to produce match programmes.
3. Uptake for the Annual Awards Dinner had been slow, and consideration was given to cancelling the event.
4. The website had been short of news items with very little input from contributors.
5. Volunteer BBQ to be held on Saturday 9th July.

Cup and Competitions

BHS reported that he had surveyed clubs on their appetite for Cup rugby in the forthcoming season. 6 were positive, 3 negative and 45 had not replied.

Governance

TDS explained the proposed changes to the structure of the Disciplinary committee that would be put before the AGM. The Board approved the proposed changes.

Discipline

BHS reported:-

1. N. Yates was to stand down as Chair of Discipline, it was proposed that Ceiran Rankin, a Barrister and Recorder would stand as Chairman with Alex Speed continuing as Vice Chairman. These are Board not AGM appointments and along with BHS continuing as Secretary all three were approved by the Board.
2. Several clubs had gone over the 5 sendings off in the season, 161 cases had been dealt with over the season. There was concern that the 5 sendings off limit was not

equitable to clubs who run more senior teams than others, thought would be put to resolving this.

Unity Project

No Report.

World Cup

Discussed in other sections of the meeting.

Annual Awards

All awards were discussed and decided upon. MD to action advising recipients of their awards.

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

May

£52.50 = D Welsh
£8.75 = S Knowles
£8.75 = B J O'Driscoll
£8.75 = DN Herriman
£8.75 = M Downs

Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Monday 6th June 2016

Any other Business

CAB – Jane Lyth was to stand down as Deputy Safeguarding Officer, CAB would compose a letter for MD to send.

TDS – The long trip to Scarborough for the Senior match v Yorkshire had resulted in no welcome on arrival and a match programme that did not mention Lancashire other than the team sheet.


TDS – Senior Ladies to play Durham at LSH

JSG – Senior XV had played extremely well against Yorkshire.

BHS – a player had been knocked unconscious during the U13 Blacksticks tournament. No one had been cited and the referee said there was no foul play.

DNH – The position of Chairman was for re-election at the forthcoming AGM and after consideration DNH had decided not to stand for re-election but would continue with other work for the County.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:28pm


_____ Chairman

Date 6th June 2016