

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board meeting of the held at Liverpool St Helens RFC on Monday 1st July 2019

Present: D Clarke in the Chair, & Messrs J.B. Morgan, P. Deakin, R.T.J. Briers, J.T. Hughes, H. Hughes, K. Andrews, C.A. Baker, A.S. Kerboas, M.J. Worsley & M. Downs.

In attendance: Ms G Burns & Mr S. Urquhart.

Apologies: Messrs B.H. Stott & D. Southern.

RDO Report.

SU reported:-

1. Payment of Player – deadline now passed with just a couple of clubs not having signed the declaration.
2. GMS training at LSH on 18th July 2-9pm drop in session. Electronic Match Card training 1st Aug at Wigan 5-9pm.
3. Natwest Rugby Force – some very good projects around the County. Some clubs had postponed projects for a short time.
4. Schools report presented – to date worked with 10 clubs and have recruited 36 children at Primary level and 16 at secondary school plus 26 girls at secondary level. Project had seen the re-establishment of Tarletons U14s.
5. Coaching Awards – 13 clubs had gone through the process with 27 coaches having completed ERCA. Refereeing project just started with 4 clubs of 5 potential referees going through.
6. RTJB – Trust had been approached to part fund a CRC. SU confirmed worth supporting.
7. MJW – questioned if support for West Park Schools project would continue, to be discussed and brought to next meeting.

SU left the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 3rd June 2019, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

RFU Report.

1. RTJB confirmed that the aggregation of broadcasting rights within the RFU was to be referred to as Project Light.

Season Summary & Planning

Open discussion on last season and next season.

1. Schools Project – Went very well and we would wish to double the outcome next season. Pleasing that the clubs are running it.
2. We will apply to the Youth Trust for a grant of £10k to progress the project. RTJB declared an interest within this discussion as a trustee.
3. Coaching – again great success with 27 coaches going through level 2 ERCA.

4. ADM Leagues – a massive success. The leagues have the lowest number of player turnover in the RFU. 35.7 players per squad compared to 43 for Lancs/Cheshire and Yorks 1.
5. Should we consider setting up the same leagues for these clubs 2nd XVs & 3rd XVs ? Could be a project to start in 2020-2021 season.
6. JTH questioned if other areas are interested in the ADM model. RTJB confirmed there were.
7. Can we expand the Coach Development Scheme ? questions as to qualified coaches coaching at the right level. DC suggested we do a club coach audit.
8. The refereeing project is in its infancy and should be continued.
9. Academy – HH noted it's a great idea but not reaping full benefit from work and cost input. PD would like to expand to girls also.
10. DC questioned if there is a requirement of 2 sides at U15s & U16s, DPP will start at U14s in 2020-2021.
11. Sponsorship – HH confirmed a possible main sponsor deal which he is progressing. DC requested we put together a list of sponsorship packages. Recruitment campaign on social media for a volunteer sponsorship manager.
12. Volunteer recognition format had changed and proved a success, this format should be continued and improved on where necessary.

Correspondence.

An email has been received from the RFU (Dee Murray) proffering the attendance of Council Members to our Board Meeting. It was decided to forward dates that are acceptable with a view to discussing our schools / All Schools projects.

New Members.

2 Life Membership Applications – Dr & Mrs John Morgan – Approved
 1 Annual Membership Application – Ms Tracey Coffey – Approved.

50:50 Draw

Jun 19	Value
R Brookes	£53.10
WN Hopkinson	£8.85
P Hanson	£8.85
RTJ Briers	£8.85
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Date of next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday 2nd September 2019 at Liverpool St Helens RFC.

Any other business.

1. RTJB – Board should plan a thank you for DNH and his service to the County.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:22pm



Chairman Date 2-9-19