

## LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

### Minutes of the Board meeting of the held at Liverpool St Helens RFC on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Present: D. Clarke in the Chair, & Messrs P. Deakin, J.T. Hughes, H. Hughes, K. Andrews, M.J. Worsley & M. Downs.

In attendance: G. Morgan, S. Urquhart & D. Southern.

Apologies: Messrs, A.S. Kerboas J.S. Greenwood, C.A. Baker, G. Burns & B.H. Stott.

#### RDO Report.

SU reported:-

1. Lawrence Howard (Typhoons RUFC) had been awarded a Spar Peoples Podium Award of £10k to the Club for being an inspirational volunteer. After 2 seasons the club has grown from 5 training to 60+.
2. Stalmine Panthers are a potential new club that SU is in talks with.
3. RWC – Clubs feedback and engagement had been positive.

DS reported:-

4. SU has been instrumental in support of Typhoons RUFC along with other CRC's and should be thanked.
5. DS has been given 5 overarching objectives for work with Lancashire, these being.
  - a. Improve the Quality at Clubs. This should include improved volunteering, coaching etc and should not be just 1<sup>st</sup> XV centric. Clubs should be more welcoming. PD questioned how we would measure improvements.
  - b. Planning between CB's & RDO's – How do we get good consultation with all in the game and not just club committees. We should look to plan discussions in very small cluster groups.
  - c. Improve transition from 16 to Adult rugby. Dave Westhead to lead on this. Its felt that each club should form a transition group.
  - d. All clubs should be Rugby Safe Clubs. 3 key areas are  
Headcase – There will be a bi annual social media campaign  
Activate – ensuring all physical sessions in clubs follow the activate protocol and not seeing it as a separate warm up.  
First Aid Training – getting more volunteers qualified. RTJB commented that we need more courses. These can be arranged at clubs for 8-12 people @ £60 per person. 1 full day or 3 x 3hr sessions.
  - e. RWC – This section has now been completed.

SU & DS left the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed recent co-opted board member Gary Morgan to the meeting.

#### Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

#### Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

### Open Discussion.

1. DC- Confirmed a letter from BHS would be ready to send out to all clubs regarding pitch side behaviour.
2. HH – Currently finding it difficult to get someone to manage the U15s County squad which will be just for 1 season. Adverts have been published for the U17s squad positions. For this there had been a good return of very strong candidates. Rob Jones from Manchester Mat and James Smith from Ormskirk had been appointed coaches.  
18s Initial Assessment days had been held.  
The Royals game against Cheshire will need to be rearranged for a Wednesday evening.
3. KA – ERDPP report attached.
4. GM – distributed a short presentation on the initial work he has been doing on Rugby Safe after the recent handover from John Morgan. Main points are:-
  - a. England Rugby Core Areas- Headcase, Activate & First Aid training. Working closely with SU on this.
  - b. Consistent Medical Support for Lancashire Representative teams.
  - c. The “Cauliflower Ear” campaign covering mental health and well being in all our clubs.
  - d. Initial work is to identify a Rugby Safe leader in each club.
5. DC – League Rugby. Some Cheshire Clubs are unhappy with the league structure now at levels 8 & 9 in the RFU leagues. They requested that they be able to re-present the proposed Lancs / Cheshire league proposal from last season. This was placed in front of the North DOC and approved by 8-0. This will now be forwarded to competitions at TW2.
6. MD – Sponsorship. County needs a sponsorship manager and will advertise for one. HH noted that this seasons Lancashire kits will be by VX3 at 15.5% less than last season.
7. Had attended a meeting of an at risk club which had proved worthwhile. The club will be supported where possible by the County.

### Correspondence.

A letter from the IPF thanking the County for the £200 donation from the David Herriman evening at Widnes RUFC.

### New Members.

No new membership applications.

### 50:50 Draw

Aug 19	Missed month	Value	Nov 19	Value
	J E Nixon	£53.40	M Cornelia	£53.40
	P Hanson	£8.90	H Henderson	£8.90
	M Brennand	£8.90	C A Baker	£8.90
	G Burns	£8.90	P Hanson	£8.90
	D Poppitt	£8.90	P Hanson	£8.90

### Date of next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 at Liverpool St Helens RFC.

### Any other business.

1. MJW – Ask GB when she visits clubs to keep an eye out for County volunteer award recipients.
2. MD – Handbooks being embossed.
3. RTJB – All U20's games to revert to Sunday fixtures.

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

G. Abum Chairman Date 2/12/19

## Appendix 1

### Information from the Lancashire ERDPP

1. The programme has started with U16, U15 & U14 assessment sessions over the 2 week period starting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019
2. 863 players are invited to assessment sessions following nomination/being invited back.
3. The sessions are running from the following locations:
  - Under 16: Sale Sharks Training Ground, Carrington.
  - Under 13-15: Manchester: MMU, Platt Lane.
  - Under 13-15: Merseyside: Ruskin Drive, St Helens.
  - Under 13-15: North Lancashire: Preston Grasshoppers RFC.
4. 35 School/Club coaches are involved in the delivery.
5. All the information regarding session dates/times/venues/players is listed on the website, alongside additional DPP information: <https://www.salesharks.com/teams/academy/dpp/>
6. I have also attached the delivery programme in order to give some further detail on the rugby content covered in the sessions.

To continue to develop the partnership between CBs, Sale Sharks and RFU Academy there is an open invitation to all Board and Lancashire Sub Committee members to attend any sessions and see the DPP 'in action'.

KA 04.11.19