

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board meeting of the held at Liverpool St Helens RFC on Monday 6th January 2020

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

In attendance: G, Burns, G. Morgan, D. Southern.

Apologies: Messrs, R.T.J. Briers, S. Urquhart, & B.H. Stott.

D. Clarke opened the meeting by wishing everyone a happy new year.

Area Managers Report.

DS reported:-

1. 30+ applicants for the 2 CRC posts. Shortlists had been drawn up and interviews planned. Both posts are 12 month contracts.
2. Cluster meeting project - The plan is to pilot this in 2 areas, focusing on 4 or 5 clubs in a small geographical area and invite a diverse range of members. The format would be to meet between 6:30 and 8:00pm with a brief introduction by CB and RFU attendees and 60min of Q & A. Plan to start with first pilot in mid February.
3. DC had spoken to D. Westhead regarding at risk clubs.
4. GM due to meet SU to discuss the Headcase project and to get a players story.

DS left the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2019, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising.

MD had written to M. Scott thanking him for his efforts and service to coaching the Senior XV side..

Rugby Development Written Report

A written report was circulated by HH and is attached as Appendix 1.

PD circulated the current financial expenditure statement.

BHS circulated a current disciplinary record report.

Open Discussion.

1. MJW – After circulation of Disciplinary report by BHS it was felt that the Disciplinary committee should be represented at the Board meeting. We need to understand the root cause of disciplinary issues to be able to deal with them. This is to be added as an agenda item for next meeting.
2. MD – Reported that he and PD had met with GB, Tracey Coffey and Carol Isherwood regarding the Mixed Ability Rugby project. Tracey had done a lot of background research prior to the meeting and Carol had agreed to direct the project. We are looking at a similar model as the Bumbles team in Yorkshire.

3. MD – explanation of the process of election of new Council Representative to replace RTJB who would be retiring from post. A general circulation of position description will be added to the website and sent to club secretaries by mid January requesting nominations by midnight on 29th February. The Board will not propose or second nominees as there may be more than one Director wishing to stand, this would avoid favouritism. Proposers and seconders must be from clubs via their Hon. Secretary.

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence appertaining to this meeting.

New Members.

None.

50:50 Draw

Dec 19	Value
G Spenglar	£53.40
H Henderson	£8.90
P Saunders	£8.90
G Burns	£8.90
M Downs	£8.90

Date of next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday 3rd February 2020 at Liverpool St Helens RFC.

Any other business.

1. HH – The analytics for Twitter and Facebook are increasing and we average 6000+ hits to the website. The new e-programme is proving popular to be downloaded for matches.
2. HH – Manchester Medics have dropped out of the ADM 1st Division.
3. DC – Some clubs have been asking if there is a possibility of a Lancashire style league for 2nd teams. This is deferred until we have the structure group meeting findings by the RFU.
4. GM – A sponsor, Tipografic, had been found to cover the costs of the Cauliflower Ear poster campaign.
5. CAB – questioned if the Rugby Safe Officer is to become a Golden Role, no evidence of this at the moment.
6. ASK – Preston has been booked for the volunteer awards evening on Friday 22nd May.
7. JTH – U18s to play Yorkshire at Penrith.
8. GB – County Awards Dinner provisionally booked for Friday 5th June at Waterloo.
9. HH – Royals had a good last minute win over the Anti Assassins.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:00pm



Chairman

Date

3-2-20

Rugby Development Report- January 2020

Representatives Squads

Under 15 Boys

We have advertised the roles of Team Manager and Coach x 2 and so far we have received only ONE application for a coaching role. This is jeopardising our ability to run a U15 programme this season.

Under 15 Girls

We have advertised the role of Assistant Coach and to date we have received FOUR applications. The process has now moved into the interview phase and our Woman & Girls Lead Helen Duggan will be arranging a date for the interviews to commence sometime in January.

Under 16

Bill Nichol has selected his squads for the forthcoming games. First game is on the Sunday 19th January at Burnage v Yorkshire A & B. Whilst the venue is now considered "insufficient" in terms of post-match capacity the 3G pitch will take the strain as Clubs are reluctant to allow more than one game on grass. Discussed this with Bill and agreed to let the game go ahead at Burnage for the last time in terms of two matches (next season that will change)

Under 17

Following our interview panel for the relevant applicants, Gavin Butterworth (Fylde) has been appointed U17 Team Manager with Rob Jones (MMU) as Lead Coach and James Smith (Ormskirk) as Assistant. Very happy with the dynamic of this Coaching Team, initial Trial planned for Sunday 12th January venue to be confirmed.

Under 18

The U18s Squad have produced two very good performances so far winning at Blaydon against Durham 17-38 and against Cheshire at Chester 31-33 coming back from being 24-5 down at HT. Their final game is against Yorkshire at Penrith!!! This Sunday.

Under 18 Girls

Mike Dale and Helen are organising Trials very shortly.

Under 20

The U20s have had a two good Training sessions, Matt Ashcroft (Fylde) has been named Squad Captain with two Vice-Captains Ryan Woolfenden (Sedgley Park) and Harris Morris (Huddersfield), next training session is this Sunday, first game against Durham at Tyldesley on Sunday 26th January

Royals XV

Fantastic first runout for the Royals against the Anti-Assassins at Blackburn, 17 debutants in the 25 man squad with 15 Clubs represented. A strong AAs side with several notable National League players involved but the Royals won it 21-24 with a length of the field try with just a minute to go.

Still waiting on Cheshire to agree a date for the game v Cheshire Harvesters

Royals v Eastern Counties Wanderers – Saturday 16th May, venue tbc 12 noon KO

Senior XV

With Scotty (Martin Scott) stepping down from the Role of Forwards Coaches for the Senior Men's XV we have advertised the role and have had a large and varied group of Applications. Steve Rugby is currently shortlisting the candidates for interview and selection.

Reminder of the Fixtures

9th May - Durham @ Home

16th May - Eastern Counties @ Home (Double header with Royals)

23rd May – Yorkshire – Away @ Wharfedale not Huddersfield as thought!

Final June 21st at HQ

Women's XV

Nothing further to add from the last report.