

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board meeting held using Zoom Video Conference on Monday 11th January 2021

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

In attendance: Messrs, G. Burns, B.H. Stott & A. Soutar.

Apologies: Messrs G.Morgan & A.S. Kerboas.

RFU CB Relationship Manager

A Soutar.

1. Some RFU staff have been furloughed, both club & coach developers are working 2.5 days.
2. RFU CB Relationship Manager is to encourage relations and communications between CB to RFU and CB to CB.
3. A North Forum meeting to be called following on from the North Area Meeting that had been attended for the first time Lancs and Cheshire joining with Cumbria, Durham, Northumberland and Yorkshire. MD commented that the meeting would need to improve in direction if we were to continue attending.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 14th December, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed per procuracionem by the Honorary Secretary as a correct record.

Matters arising.

Board Members & RFU staff had spoken to members of the Broughton Rugby Section regarding club structure and governance.

No further regarding Lostock issues.

Questions & Comments.

1. JSG – Update on Tri-County Cup. KA confirmed there was no reason these could not be played after the end of the scheduled season as they were classed as friendly fixtures.
2. DC – Sponsorship deal with Club Champions. Deal to be signed and Neil Ryan had offered his volunteer services to work with Club Champions on a regular basis.
3. There were no written reports. KA confirmed the next Council meeting was scheduled for the 5th February.
4. Club Health Check – MD confirmed after seeing social media that Bolton RUFC pitch could be sold for housing checked with Mark Brocklehurst (Bolton Chairman) and land is adjacent to the club and not the club.
5. MD – Next round of cluster meetings will be through February & March with more involvement of the Board.

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence appertaining to this meeting.

New Members.

No new memberships have been received.

50:50 Draw

Nov 20	Value
M. Downs	£53.40
P. Sanders	£8.90
H. Henderson	£8.90
D. Welsh	£8.90
M. Downs	£8.90

Date of next meeting.

Next Meeting: To be confirmed.

Any other business.

HHH – Had been invited to a meeting of a sub committee for the Future Competition Survey focusing on try to get Lancashire 1st XVs back in to the RFU league structure. This is to be chaired by Paul Astbury and Fred Swarbrick of NOWIRUL will also attend.

HHH – There is a proposal from John Lawn to add the U17s representative side to the DPP temporarily for a 1 year trial. This is not thought a good idea as temporary things tend to drift to becoming permanent.

KA – had been asked by Mark Saltmarsh (RFU) to garner views on the current playing out of age grade rules.

JTH – North West Colts League games cancelled until next season.

BHS – RFU had tried to bring in the Long version form for all disciplinary cases which would change the form from 4 pages to 10 pages. This was felt too laborious and RFU had backed down.

MD – GM had learned that the Rugby Safe proposal to have qualified first aiders at all games had been deferred for 1 season.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:20pm


Chairman Date 10/02/2021