

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board meeting held At Liverpool St Helens on Monday 6th September 2021

Present: D. Clarke in the Chair, & Messrs J.T. Hughes, H.H. Hughes, R.T.J. Briers, M.J. Worsley, J.S. Greenwood, G.A. Burns, G.J. Morgan & M. Downs.

In attendance: Messrs, A. Soutar

Apologies: Messrs P. Deakin, C.A. Baker, K. Andrews & B.H. Stott.

CB Relationship Managers Report.

AS reported:

1. County to receive a further PFR payment of £8527 due to increased stadium capacity for International matches.
2. The deadline for return to rugby grants is 30th September, an extension has been applied for.
3. There will be a visit by Steve Grainger on the 12th & 13th of October. A selection of clubs in the north will meet for lunch. A dinner is planned for some County Officials from Lancashire, Cumbria & Cheshire at PGH and on the morning of the 13th a meeting with a selection of clubs from the south of the County and Cheshire.
4. Thanks to HHH, Lancashire are the highest ranked County in the RFU for use of Electronic Match Cards.
5. From 1st September the new headline sponsor would be Honda replacing Mitsubishi.
6. MD – A complaint on behalf of CAB regarding the lack of interaction from Alan Moses, training officer. Alan Royer is to speak to CAB.
7. GMS are now employing someone to look at communications after the recent issues users where having.
8. MJW – Kate Bonetta had volunteered to become a Lancs point of contact for GMS. MJW to arrange KB to contact MD.

AS left the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 7th June, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Matters arising.

JSG – Asked if there were any rumours regarding the County Championship review, there were none known of.

RFU Council Members Report.

1. There had been no further RFU meetings since reported at the last General Meeting.

Questions & Comments.

1. PD – Outlined the work being done in schools and clubs being organised for the County by Josh Jones. This initially had been rolled at Wigan, Aspull, Orrell and Leigh and further work to be done in other areas. A similar project was being centred on Fylde run by Phil Mills who are building new relationships with Lytham High School.

2. MD – Detailed the provisional plans for the RFU Presidents 10 miles walk from Wigan RUFC to Leigh RUFC on 31st October in aid of the Injured Players Foundations. Plans are to be finalised.
3. Club & Community – MJW asked about the County policy regarding Transgender players. It was confirmed that the County will follow the RFUs advice and statements.
4. MD – A CB Portal is to be launched that will allow selected volunteers to use a central calendar for meetings and a library to access documentation. Access accounts would be applied for DC,MD, PD, HHH, GAB, CAB, & GJM initially,

Correspondence.

None appertaining to this meeting.

New Members.

No new memberships have been received.

50:50 Draw

July 21	Value	Aug 21	Value	Sept 21	Value
A Clarke	£53.40	M Downs	£53.40	G Spenglar	£53.40
RTJ Briers	£8.90	M Downs	£8.90	P Hanson	£8.90
G Spenglar	£8.90	E Neely	£8.90	AT Rowntree	£8.90
J Nixon	£8.90	E Norc-Taylor	£8.90	M Cornelia	£8.90
P Saunders	£8.90	G Spenglar	£8.90	G Spenglar	£8.90

Date of next meeting.

Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Monday 4th October 2021 at Liverpool St Helens RFC.

Any other business.

GAB – Had met Steph Almark (RFU) as an introduction to the Volunteer role.

GAB – Is looking for volunteers to help out with the Mixed Ability Rugby programme.

GAB – Has a possible contact in the Army who is an ex player and may be a good fit for our D&I role.

MJW – Next Club & Community Committee will be on 20th October.

JSG – questioned any progress with recognition for former RDO's. GAB to organise award and MD will arrange invitations to relevant meeting.

JSG – travel to the Isle of Man was an issue and suggested there may be a possibility to charter flights via Logan Air.

JSG – There would be another Anti Assassins Lunch at the St James Club in Manchester on 12th November.

HHH – Social media stats, twitter at 100k impressions in August and we were still most followed County in RFU.

HHH – only 1 outstanding Electronic Match Card outstanding from 1st weekend of the season in the ADM Leagues.

HHH – new video podcast with highlights in planning.

HHH – Ian Pearson and Rob Jones planning the U18s trial.

MJW – requested an update on club champions – Action DC.

DC – complaints have been received regarding the colts league and some of the regulations in place. DC to arrange a meeting.

DC – received an email regarding injury monitoring with Lancashire Clubs.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:55pm

D. Clarke Chairman Date 4-10-21