

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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

In Attendance:

Apologies: Messrs B.H. Stott, J.R.S. Greenwood, K. Andrews.

CB Relationship Managers Report.

A Soutar reported:

2 new club developers to replace Aaron Howarth and John Foster will start on the 17<sup>th</sup> April.  
The CB needs to elect clubs to attend the RFU Board Meeting at Heywood Road.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising.

MD had emailed LANX for potential sponsorship.

RFU Report.

No Report

General Discussion.

PD – reported on the work being done in our schools project in partnership with TRY IT Rugby. 16 Clubs have now been worked with and their local schools. 2000 pupils have taken part with 500 of those going on to their local clubs. PD is to apply to the Youth Trust Fund for a further tranche of money to continue funding this initiative. TRY IT now have an office base at Sedgley Park.

PD – TRY IT are also working with Newton le Willows and North Manchester to start some Age Grade Rugby which neither club currently have.

CAB – The U18s Girls DPP which is run by the County have done 4 sessions so far but are finding it difficult to find a venue. The Womens and Girls group have committed to improving communications going forwards.

HH – The Girls U16s and U18s have played 1 festival so far with a further 2 planned.

HH – K Bennetta is interested in doing some work with the Womens and Girls group.

County Championship Budgets.

PD – There is a need to run a cash flow for the end of the season.

HH – the cost of the coach for the U20s to Northumberland would be £950.

Correspondence.

None appertaining to this meeting.

New Members.

No applications.

50:50 Draw

Mar 23	Value
AT Rowntree	£53.40
JE Nixon	£8.90
P Saunders	£8.90
M Cornelia	£8.90
A Clarke	£8.90

Date of next meeting.

Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at Liverpool St Helens.

Any other business.

PD – Reported that the Rugby United project (Diversity and Inclusivity) was working well with Bolton and Blackburn. 20 Asian Girls had attended a session and enjoyed it at Blackburn Youth Zone, the next session will be moved to the club. Broughton Park had not engaged.

MJW – was unhappy about the criticism directed at him by KA at the previous Board Meeting. He felt the tackle height clubs meeting at LSH was terrible.

GJM – there were 12 grants of £250 available to Lancashire Clubs for AED defibrillator devices.

MJW – The Club & Community Rugby would like to arrange a meeting for all Junior Coaches to attend to discuss Junior discipline.

CAB – to meet with Chris Gaffey (Eccles) on 23<sup>rd</sup> March to discuss the County Website.

CAB – had a Zoom meeting regarding our U18 mental health project. It's proposed to appoint Lisa Johnson (Littleborough) as an Assistant CBSM covering Mental Health.

PD – We are currently only using the services of Acorn for 1 or 2 sessions per month. Perhaps a re-launch of the Cauliflower Ear campaign is required.

HH – U20s first game will be Northumberland away on 19<sup>th</sup> March at Medicals RFC, Newcastle. The warm up game versus MMU was won 24-22. U17s nominations sheet had been sent out.

HH – Clubs have been asking about the ADM League Cups.

DC – 4 clubs need to be selected to join the RFU Board meeting.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:30pm



Chairman Date 3-4-23.