

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF  
LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBYFOOTBALL UNION  
HELD AT TYLDESLEY RUGBY CLUB ON 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023**

President Carol Baker welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies:

Neil Sinclair, Margaret Chappell, Thomas Rochford, Alan James, John Bradbury ,  
Stephen Briers. Chris Gaffey, Jim Hainsworth, Ade Jebb, Andrew Perry.

1. Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at LSH.  
All minutes have been circulated and they are on the Lancashire County RFU website.

2. Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

3. RFU Representatives Report.

The RFU report had been circulated to all clubs. Ken opened the discussion with a testimony to Rob Briers who had recently become the RFU President. He was to be congratulated for all his hard work over the years and we all wished him well during his year of Office which starts with a trip to France for the Rugby World Cup.

There followed some discussion about the role of the Council and the Board , the Board were all accountable and it was the Council's role to hold them to account. There followed then a discussion about the professional clubs and their relation to the grassroots clubs.

The Papa John's cup was also discussed at length with regards to the events of the first season that it was played. This year the application window would open in November and the fixtures would be out in December. L5/L6 would be a pool format with levels below being a knock out format.

4. Committee Reports

These were all contained in the Annual Report and were available on the website.

5. Playing Reports

As with the Committee reports all the information is in the Annual Report on the website.

6. Election of three members to the Disciplinary Committee

John Rawson

Steve Blackburn

Tommy Hughes

Proposed by Tracey Coffey Seconded by Chris Smail

7. Election of Chairman and five members of the Cup and Competitions Committee

Chairman Dave Clarke

Secretary Brian Hurst

Tommy Hughes

Chris Farmiloe

Alan Whalley

Proposed by Ian Spivey Seconded by Gill Burns

8. Election of four members to the Club and Community Rugby Committee

Kate Bennetta

Val Blackburn

Rohan Whittle

Steve Blackburn

Proposed BY Malcolm Worsley Seconded by Mark Downs

9. Election of two members to the Financial and Finance Committee

Chris Smail

Stephen Briers

Proposed by Paul Deakin Seconded by Carol Baker

10. Election of two representatives to the Schools' Committee.

Dave Herriman and Paul Deakin

Proposed by Kate Benetta Seconded by Ken Andrews

11. Election of two representatives to the Mini and Junior Committee

Ian Spivey

Alan Whalley

Proposed by Brian Stott Seconded by Mark Downs

The above Committees were all proposed and seconded at the AGM prior to this meeting and were ratified en bloc.

12. Election of Hon County Doctor

The post was not vacant and would be filled by co option.

13. Election of Hon County Legal Advisor

14. Election of the Hon County Team Secretary

Guy Lovegreen Proposed by Steve Rigby Seconded by Mark Nelson

15. Election of Hon Membership Secretary

Ann Marie Briers Proposed by Chris Smail Seconded by Dave Clarke

16. Election of two representatives to the Northern Leagues Sub Committee.

Dave Clarke Proposed by Tommy Hughes Seconded by Paul Deakin

Ken Potter Proposed by Tommy Hughes Seconded by Paul Deakin

17. Election of one representative to the NOWIRL Committee

Tommy Hughes

18. Election of one representative to the Colts League Committee

Tommy Hughes

19. Election of Child Safeguarding Manager and one Deputy Safeguarding Manager

Carol Baker Proposed by Kate Benetta Seconded by Eddie Wiles

Christine Spivey Proposed by Kate Benetta Seconded by Eddie Wiles

20. Election of County Webmaster

Anne Clarke Proposed by Mark Downs Seconded by Brian Stott

21. Correspondence

There was no correspondence appertaining to this meeting.

22. Dates of General Committee Meetings for 2022/23

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at venue to be confirmed (Includes Financial AGM)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Liverpool St Helens RFC 7pm

23. Date and time of next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 7.00pm Venue TBC

24. AOB

A letter had gone out to all clubs asking them what they wanted to do next season with regards to staying with the RFU or playing in Lancashire leagues. The results had come back 50/50 and so there was no mandate to change.

The NOWIRL AGM would be held at Leigh RUFC on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023

The meeting closed at 8.18pm

**Attendees**

President	Brian Stott
Senior Vice President	Carol Baker
Past President	Gill Burns MBE
Past President	Peter Hughes BEM
Past President	Dave Herriman
Past President	Ken Andrews
Past President	Rob Briers
Past President	Tommy Hughes
Past President	Steve Blackburn
Past President	Malcolm Worsley
Hon Secretary	Mark Downs
Hon Treasurer	Paul Deakin
RFU Representative	Dave Clarke
RFU Representative	Ken Andrews
Chairman of Finance	Chris Smail
Director of Rugby	Howard Hughes
Birchfield	E Wiles
Blackburn	P Westhead
Broughton Pk	A Marsland
Broughton	M F Seers
Chorley	O Williams

Didsbury Toc H	C Smail
Firwood Waterloo	T Mc Clure
Fleetwood	S Doherty
Heaton Moor	D Todd
Leigh	T Hughes
Littleborough	B Hurst
Liverpool Referees	P Barnett
Liverpool Collegiate	C Lloyd
MADREFS	Clive Ennis
Manchester	T Harper
Mossley Hill	P Barnett
Nth Manchester	I Mac
Oldham	R Heptonstall
Ormskirk	B Stevenson
Rochdale	S Blackburn
Rossendale	A Parkinson
Sedgley Pk	R Berry
Trafford MV	C Farmiloe
Tyldesley	C Purley
Warrington	G Perks
Widnes	M Griffiths
Wigan	D Clarke
Women & Girls	H Duggan
Schools	R Jones
Mini and Junior	I Spivey
Safeguarding	C Spivey
	C Baker
League	K Potter
	D Clarke
Finance	P Deakin
Individual Members	C Smail

Individual Members    I S Brown  
                                  Ann Andrews  
                                  A Clarke  
                                  T Coffey  
                                  V Blackburn  
                                  E C Caulfield

Others                    Thomas Baker  
                                  Mathew Baker  
                                  M Baker