

**LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION**

**Minutes of the Board Meeting**  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Present: Mr D Clarke in the Chair, & Messrs, J.T. Hughes, H. Hughes, K. Bennetta, P. Deakin, G.A. Burns & M. Downs.

In Attendance: Messrs B. Hurst, B.H, Stott & D. Westhead.

Apologies: Messrs M.J. Worsley, C.A. Baker, C. Hall & B. Dale.

CB Relationship Managers Report.

D. Westhead reported:

1. Adult Male Recovery – Project Phoenix going well, help is being given to Bolton, Littleborough, Wigan and Liverpool Collegiate to increase numbers of lower teams from their colts sides. Broughton seem to be on a recovery path with players training and 2 fixtures arranged.
2. Delta Williams is on maternity leave and is being covered by Katie Crute for coach development.
3. Womens & Girls – RFU are concerned with the number of girls playing nationally. Clubs are to be targeted who have expressed a wish to grow the girls game, applied for U12s funding or applied (or run) an Inner Warrior event.
4. Starting to conduct a piece of work around Adult Registration which is effective as of 1<sup>st</sup> July. First action is to get their existing player data in order, email addresses etc. There is a club webinar scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> February.
5. 10 Lancashire clubs successful in applying for the Funded Volunteer Initiative.
6. Honda Volunteer of the Year – GAB confirmed 26 Nominations across 19 clubs so far.
7. DC- We need to re-look at clubs with 1<sup>st</sup> XV's in the NOWIRUL Leagues and promote a return to RFU leagues.
8. 1<sup>st</sup> aid vouchers – MD reported that 48 vouchers had been distributed from the 111 available after the recent push.
9. Bystander Training – MD reported on the concerns of MJW about the training at West Park and the lack of feedback from the RFU. MD to contact Rowan Whittle who is the West Park liaison and discuss the way forward.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed per procuracionem as a correct record.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

### Questions to written reports.

#### Discipline Report – Appendix 1

BHS circulated a written report.

1. There have been cases of referees reporting Match Official abuse which were not correct.

#### Finance Report – Appendix 2

PD circulated a written report.

1. HH, MD, PD & KB had put together a budget for the Mens, Womens and U20s County Championship Campaign which did not include the finals stages. Total of £17k altogether for the 3 squads.

#### Competitions Committee Report – Appendix 3

MD circulated a written report on behalf of Ken Andrews.

#### RFU.

1. DC – No Council Meeting had been held recently, there had been several informal Zoom meeting but they are of a confidential nature.
2. MD – requested RFU briefing notes which appeared to have dried up in their circulation. PD to request better notes as the ones previously circulated where of a poor standard.
3. PD – Community Future Game – Currently 45 various options on the table , the group will take feedback and report by June.

#### Representative Rugby.

1. HH – U20s squad has been picked, there are 33 players due to the change in unseen regulations . It is noted that the Competitions regulations are a complete shambles.
2. The U20s fixture versus Northumberland will not be at
3. Tyldesley now and an alternative venue is being sought. The Cheshire game has been switched to Crewe & Nantwich from Sandbach.
4. Senior Womens Squad coaching role, HH still awaiting a response from one candidate.
5. MD – spoken to Fylde to host the Mens only home game against Somerset.

#### Womens & Girls Rugby.

KB reported:-

1. Lancs v Cheshire U16s DPP game, both counties have 2 squads. Game to be hosted by Broughton Park, kick offs at 12:30 and 14:00 on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.
2. The U18s program has concluded.
3. Senior Women, Lancashire v Warwickshire will be held at Rochdale on 26<sup>th</sup> May and will also be in conjunction with the Presidents Volunteer Award day.

