

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board Meeting
Monday 4th March 2024

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

In Attendance: Ms B. Dale.

Apologies: Messrs M.J. Worsley, B.H Stott, A. Soutar.

CB Relationship Managers Report.

See Appendix 1. Report from A. Soutar

B. Dale reported:

1. Payment of players declaration will soon be out and will level 7 and above.
2. GAB - questioned how the Clubs were selected who will receive support from the individual Red Rose players. The players chose the club themselves.
3. KB - Bystander training had been cancelled, many people had said they were attending. MD reported that only a handful had registered and the decision was made on these numbers.
4. Broughton had played a game against Newton le Willows 2nd XV which is the first in a while. Numbers at training are good.
5. Four clubs had accepted the Volunteer recruitment funding.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 12th February 2024, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Finance Report – Appendix 2

PD circulated a written report.

1. PD - one of our biggest single expenses in a season are medals for all competitions, this needs to be looked at.

RFU Update.

1. DC – Player registration had been voted through at the recent council meeting and would become live on the 1st July 2024.
2. Tom Ilube has been voted back to be Chairman for a further 3 years.
3. A community game future process is underway to come up with a 10 year plan.
4. PD - Council notes that are now issued are mostly confidential so the document is not fit for purpose.

Representative Rugby.

1. HH – U20s had beaten Yorkshire 25-25.
2. U20s v Durham at Hartlepool Rovers
v Northumberland at Wigan
v Cheshire at Crewe & Nantwich
3. U17s Cheshire fixture has moved from Sandbach to Winnington Park.
4. M. Dale will not continue to be the Womens team Manager and a replacement will be sought.
5. New Womens head coach will be Vicky Irwin with India Perris-Redding.
6. Ladies XV will play Gloucestershire at Southport and Warwickshire at Rochdale. Trials will be held on 10th April, nominations will be requested soon. MD to check if Leigh is available for trial and training.

Structure Review.

BHS has received only feed back from MD to date. Request for the Board to review and respond by next meeting.

Correspondence.

None appertaining to this meeting.

New Members.

None.

50:50 Draw

Mar 23	Value
C.A. Baker	£53.70
J.E. Nixon	£8.95
K. Andrews	£8.95
P. Hanson	£8.95
M. Downs	£8.95


Date of next meeting.

Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Monday 13th May 2024 at Liverpool St Helens RFC.

Any other business.

- BD - Fylde girls are looking for mentors to do coaching courses.
- BD - Yorkshire had run a U23s tournament, looking to run a similar one in Lancashire for Easter.
- GAB - received 73 Nonda Volunteer nominations.
- CAB - Safeguarding conference will be on 20th April at Sedgley Park, focus will be on Rugby.
- CAB - will be speaking at National Conference at Lancaster University.
- HH - the age grade structured season tweaked. The Colts league have some fixture dates that clash with CB dates.

Meeting ended at 7:45pm

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Chairman Date

15/4/24

Appendix 1

Constituent Body Regional Manager Report – 4th March 2024

1. CB National Call – 14.03.24 – 6pm
RWC 2025
Community Game Future
Football Foundation
Gov & Representation

2. **Payment of Players**

A reminder that the declaration window opens 1st March, closing 30th June 2024.

Communication will be shared with CBs, including regular updates on current 'status' of clubs completing the declaration.

3. **Girls Registrations**

This priority work is ongoing, and the majority of Clubs have now been contacted, with initial meetings being undertaken. Your CBRM will keep you up to date on any key needs and progress made.

5. **Important Dates**

Grant Funding	6 th March 7pm-8pm	36 registrations (60 places)
Review your Structure	7 th March 6:30pm-8:30pm	20 registrations (45 places)
Sustainability & Energy in Community Rugby Clubs	11 th March 7pm-8pm	6 registrations (500 places)
National CB Call	14 th March 6pm-7pm	
Managing your Club Finances	19 th March 7pm-8:30pm	4 registration (45 places)
Review your Structure	17 th April 6:30-8:30pm	9 registrations (45 places)

6. **Adult Male Recovery fund (15K)**

Can you provide a brief update to what has been spent and how much left. (ignore this I have seen the update via pre board minutes, thanks Paul)

7. **Adult Male Targeted Delivery Funds (£8,401)**

Similar to above can a brief update be provided to funds spent/left (ignore this I have seen the update via pre board minutes, thanks Paul)

8. **Red Roses Engagement**

To help grow the women and girls' grassroots game, the Red Roses are part of a new programme which will connect them with community clubs. This will be an exciting programme for clubs to benefit from an annual appearance by the Red Rose they are associated with.

Due to the busy schedule of our Red Roses in the lead up to next year's Rugby World Cup, we need to work strategically and efficiently to manage the demand on the players. With that in mind, we have created a programme whereby the Red Roses will be associated with two clubs each. The first clubs were selected by the players, and are mostly linked back to their first community club.

These clubs have been contacted this week to confirm whether they wish to be involved in the programme. The clubs that have been linked with a Red Rose in your Constituent Body include Firwood Waterloo, Liverpool St Helens & West Park St Helens who have been linked with Sarah Beckett, Holly Aitchison & Lizzie Duffy. Please note this comes with the caveat that some of these partnerships are still to be confirmed, which your CBRM will keep you updated on.

There will be more opportunities for clubs to benefit from a Red Rose appearance when the list of second clubs is confirmed later in the season. We will share more information on this in due course.

In addition to this programme, we also suggest that clubs contact their local PWR club to enquire about potential player appearances.

Lancashire County RFU Spend and Funding Report 2023/24

<u>Funding</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Spend (Net Of VAT)</u>	<u>Monthly Spend</u>
<u>PFR Core Funding - £28,530</u>	<u>July</u>	Hands-On-Computing	Remote Server Support Package	£ 2,079.00	
		Alexander Hough	Storage Fees July	£ 100.00	
		Preston City Council	Social Lottery Fee	£ 20.00	
		Acorn Wellbeing	Counselling	£ 80.00	£ 2,279.00
	<u>August</u>	Acorn Wellbeing	Counselling	£ 160.00	
		RFU	Presidents Ticket Eng V Fiji	£ 127.83	£ 287.83
	<u>September</u>	ERC Accounting	Prep of Minutes for Filing	£ 65.00	
		Alister Reid Ties	Presidents Ties & Other	£ 328.60	£ 393.60
	<u>October</u>	Partners& Ltd	Youth Trust Trustee Liability	£ 223.97	
		Catherine Ryan	Accounts Admin	£ 280.00	
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Orrell Primary Schools Program	£ 540.00	
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Leigh Primary Schools Program	£ 540.00	
		Acorn Wellbeing	Counselling	£ 160.00	£ 1,743.97
	<u>November</u>	Hands On Computing	Sage Monthly Subscription	£ 84.00	
		Acorn Wellbeing	Counselling	£ 80.00	
		ERC Accounting	Preparation Of Accounts	£ 1,975.00	
		LSH RUFC	Lancs Board Meeting Sept	£ 55.00	
		LSH RUFC	Lancs Board Meeting Oct	£ 55.00	
		LSH RUFC	Lancs Community Meeting	£ 40.00	
		ADM	Carol Baker - Presidents Shirt/Jacket et	£ 160.72	
		Tyldesley RUFC	Mental Health Initiative Support	£ 150.00	£ 2,599.72
	<u>December</u>	Alister Reid Ties	Royals Ties	£ 375.50	
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Blackrod Primary School Programme	£ 360.00	
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Whitefield School Programme - Sedgel	£ 420.00	
		Leigh RUFC	Refs Expenses - Royals	£ 70.00	

<u>January</u>	Oldham RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Vets	£	500.00		
	West Park RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Vets	£	500.00		
	West Park RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Player Retire	£	500.00		
	Rossendale RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Third Team	£	500.00	£	2,000.00
<u>February</u>	Aldwinians RUFC	L&G Tournament	£	500.00		
	Old Bedians RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Vets/Touch	£	500.00	£	1,000.00
		Total Spend			£	11,500.00
		Remaining Fund			£	3,500.00

<u>Girls DPP Funding £10,000</u>						
<u>November</u>	Ethan Brazo	Physio - Girls u16s	£	99.00		
	Ethan Brazo	Physio - Girls u16s	£	201.20		
	Ethan Brazo	Physio - Girls u16s	£	115.50		
	Hugh Lane	Physio - Girls u16s	£	198.00		
	ADM	Girls DPP Essential Kit	£	1,647.00	£	2,260.70
<u>December</u>	ADM	Various	£	383.76	£	383.76
<u>February</u>	ADM	Girls DPP Essential Kit	£	1,229.49	£	1,229.49
		Total Spend			£	3,873.95
		Remaining Fund			£	6,126.05

<u>Targeted Delivery Funding - £8,401</u>						
<u>September</u>	Burnley RUFC	Schools Programme	£	350.00	£	350.00
<u>November</u>	TryIt Rugby Academy	Sedgeley Parrenthorn Schools Program	£	2,860.00		
	TryIt Rugby Academy	Tarleton All Hallows Schools Program	£	3,360.00	£	6,220.00
<u>December</u>	Burnley RUFC	Schools Programme	£	350.00	£	350.00

Total Spend	£	6,920.00
Remaining Fund	£	1,481.00

<u>Boys U17 & 18 CB Rep Funding - £2,000</u>							
<u>November</u>	ADM	Cool Performance Fit Rugby Shirts	£	700.00			
	ADM	Coaches Jackets & T-Shirts	£	477.96	£		1,177.96
<u>December</u>	ADM	Essential Kit	£	1,234.50	£		1,234.50
<u>January</u>	Helena Walker	Physio Cover	£	300.00			
	Helena Walker	Physio Cover	£	100.00	£		400.00
<u>February</u>	Broughton Park	Cheshire Post Match Meal	£	380.00	£		380.00
			Total Spend	£			3,192.46
			Over Spend	-£			1,192.46

<u>Girls U18 CB Rep Funding - £2,000</u>							
<u>December</u>	ADM	Essential Kit	£	1,121.75	£		1,121.75
<u>January</u>	Huge Lane	Training Physio Cover	£	49.50			
	Ethan Brazen	Pitchside Coverage	£	49.50			
	Ethan Brazen	Pitchside Coverage	£	66.00	£		165.00
			Total Spend	£			1,286.75
			Remaining Fund	£			713.25

<u>U20s CB Rep Funding - £2,000</u>							
<u>January</u>	ADM	Coaches Kit	£	719.95	£		719.95
<u>February</u>	Collins & Darwell	Yorkshire Match Tickets	£	45.00			
	Alister Reid Ties	U20s ties x 40	£	335.00			
	ADM	Essential Kit x 35	£	3,114.25			
	ADM	Coaches Kit	£	361.30	£		3,855.55

					Total Spend	£	4,575.50
					Remaining Fund	-£	2,575.50

<u>Girls U12 Grant Funding - £2,500</u>	<u>February</u>	TryIt Rugby Academy	Yr7 Cent High, Lancaster, Vol x 27	£	945.00	£	945.00
					Total Spend	£	945.00
					Remaining Fund	£	1,555.00

<u>Rugby United - £37,973</u>					Total Spend	£	-
					Remaining Fund	£	37,973.00

<u>Mixed Ability - £14,450</u>	<u>September</u>	Sale Sharks	Tickets for Mixed Ability Launch	£	133.00	£	133.00
	<u>November</u>	TryIt Rugby Academy	Coaching in the Community - Bury	£	280.00		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Rugby Balls with Bells	£	33.50		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Rugby Balls with Lights	£	96.00	£	409.50
	<u>January</u>	TryIt Rugby Academy	Disabled Toilets For Festival	£	200.00		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	6 Sessions for Jigsaw Charity	£	210.00		
		Coach Options Ltd	Coach to Newcastle Falcons	£	950.00		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Equipment for Mixed Abilities Teams	£	250.00		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Taster Sessions in the Community	£	280.00		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Rugby Balls for Mixed Ability	£	40.00	£	1,930.00
	<u>February</u>	IMAS	Introduction to Mixed Ability Rugby	£	500.00		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	10 MAR Sessions at Bridge College	£	350.00		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	8 MAR Sessions at Aldwinians	£	280.00		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	9 MAR Sessions at Castle Knights	£	315.00		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	MAR Taster Sessions x 4	£	140.00		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	10 MAR Sessions at Bridge College	£	350.00		
		ADM	T-Shirts x 45	£	297.35		

ADM	Jacket & T-Shirt x 2	£	155.30	£	2,387.65
				Total Spend	£ 4,860.15
				Remaining Fund	£ 9,589.85

Total 2023/24 Funding - £120,854	Total Funded Spend	£	54,149.07
	Total Funds Remaining	£	68,704.93

General Reserve	July	MAD Refs	Referee Recruitment Grant 2022/23	£	1,135.00	
		MAD Refs	Supply Of Refs 22/23	£	360.00	
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Sedgley Park Cluster Event.	£	140.00	
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Oldham Year 9	£	35.00	
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Dovedale Primary School Yr 6	£	210.00	
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Ph2 U12 girls program	£	210.00	
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Newton-le-Willows Recruitment Event	£	300.00	£ 2,390.00
	February	Alexander Hough	Storage Costs 2022	£	500.00	
		MADREFS	Referee Exchange April 2023	£	78.00	£ 578.00
					Total Spend	£ 2,968.00

	Grand Total Spend	£	57,117.07
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