

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board Meeting Monday 15th April 2024

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

In Attendance: Messrs A. Soutar, B. Dale & D. Westhead.

Apologies: Messrs C.A. Baker, B.H Stott, K. Bennetta, B. Hurst.

CB Relationship Managers Report.

See Appendix 1. Report from A. Soutar

1. The upcoming CB National call had a change of agenda item and there will be a focus on the Girls Pathway. There will be 9 centres across the RFU which will be run by the RFU centrally. Our local centre will support Lancashire, Cheshire and Staffordshire.
2. Payment of Players declaration is due to be complete by clubs before the end of June.
3. Adult Player Registration - Local team have been contacting clubs and looking at the list of players who have not verified their email addresses, this compliments the good work done by the County.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 15th April 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. HH - the coach for the U20s game to Hartlepool Rovers will be £850

RFU Update.

1. DC – There had not been a recent Council Meeting.
2. MJW - When will the RFU change the rules on players going to play overseas ? Part of the new PGP is focused on the need to keep England players in England.

Representative Rugby.

1. HH – U17s had 112 nominations and 88 trialled which needed 11 coach assessors. Standard was reported a good.
2. HH - U20s played the Royals at Bolton and won 43-26. The game was well supported with a good crowd.
3. Mens XV training has been booked at Sedgley Park and Fylde.
4. Ladies XV are to play their Warwickshire at Blackburn which is a change of venue.

Structure Review.

There had been little response from the Board with 2 members commenting. The structure review was therefore accepted and will be put before the annual general meeting.

Colts Cup Regulations.

There was concern over the change in the Lancashire Colts Cup regulations which now allowed for unlimited squad numbers. The changes in the rules had not been ratified at the County AGM. HH, BHS & DC are to look at the rules and also to try to align all Competition rules.

Vice Presidents.

Due to low numbers attending the meeting this was to be deffered to a Zoom meeting to discuss potential candidates. MD to speak to M. Nelson and J.S.G. Greenwood about their intentions to stay on the Vice Presidents list.

Correspondence.

DC had received correspondence from a Portuguese gentleman who wanted to set up a new team in Salford. This will need further discussion and look to background checks in people and reasons.

New Members.

None.

50:50 Draw

Apr 24	Value
M. Brennand	£53.70
M. Cornelia	£8.95
G. Spenglar	£8.95
T.D. Stirk	£8.95
P. Hughes	£8.95

Date of next meeting.

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

Any other business.

AS - AGM for NOWIRUL is scheduled for 4th July at Leigh, please advise all clubs.
HH - Age Grade Calendar is now complete and needs signing off.

Meeting ended at 7:25pm

D. [Signature] Chairman Date 14-5-24

Appendix 1.

Constituent Body Regional Manager Report – 2nd April 2024

1. National CB Call – Thursday 11th April, 18.00 – 19.00.

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Community Game Future Update
3. Governance & Representation update, followed by Q&A.
4. Girls Pathway update, followed by Q&A. (Reference communication shared on Friday 22nd March)

Registration link: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZArc--qqzItG9B50dESdr2slwyqqb1_8Dnx

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.

4. **National Youth Council – Applications Open**

As I am sure many of you have seen in the Community Game Update, National Youth Council applications are now live (closing Tuesday 2nd April).

I just wanted to flag with you to ensure that you were aware, should you want to promote on your channels (thanks to those who already have) or share with anyone that you know (aged 18-24) that may be interested in applying.

Further information, including a link to the application form can be found [here](#) but if you have any questions just let me know.

5. **Adult Player Registration.**

The focus is currently on encouraging players to verify email addresses, to ensure the process of registration ahead of next season is smoother. If CBs can push this locally as well, that would be appreciated by the Team.

6. **Adult Player Registration**

The next focus week is the 25th – 28th March – Target is to start to pick off some of the 'big offenders' i.e. the clubs with the largest numbers of unverified emails per CB.

The next national webinar is scheduled for the 24th April (Poster Attached if we could help promote)

7. **County Championship Funding.**

We appreciate a few CBs are asking when payment will be made, this is currently being processed and should be with you in the next three weeks.

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	

		Leigh RUFC	Players Drinks	£	201.66		
		Acorn Wellbeing	Counselling	£	120.00	£	1,547.16
	<u>January</u>	Mark Downs	Zoom License	£	129.90		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	2 x 6 week programs - Croft Primary	£	420.00		
		Acorn Wellbeing	Counselling	£	160.00		
		Hayley Rose Sumner	Royals Physio	£	100.00		
		Big Wave Media	Web Hosting	£	218.00	£	1,027.90
	<u>February</u>	Collins & Darwell	Lancs County Schools Festivals Certs	£	295.00		
		Catherine Ryan	Accounts Admin	£	300.00		
		Acorn Wellbeing	Counselling	£	320.00		
		SDL Group Ltd	Age Grade County Cup Medals	£	6,001.08		
		Fylde RUFC	U18s Schools Cup Final	£	200.00	£	7,116.08
	<u>March</u>	TryIt Rugby Academy	St Basils Primary School Widnes	£	420.00		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Oakdene Primary School Ormskirk	£	420.00		
		Catherine Ryan	Accounts Admin	£	125.00		
		Acorn Wellbeing	Counselling - Feb	£	320.00		
		Acorn Wellbeing	Counselling - Mar	£	360.00		
		SDL Group	Medals/Engravings	£	361.99	£	2,006.99
					Total Spend	£	19,002.25
					Remaining Fund	£	9,527.75

<u>Adult Male Recovery Funding £15,000</u>	<u>September</u>	Wigan RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Vets	£	250.00		
		Heaton Moor	Adult Participation Grant - Vets/Touch	£	500.00	£	750.00
	<u>October</u>	Liverpool Collegiate	Adult Participation Grant - Touch	£	500.00		
		Aspull RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Vets	£	500.00		
		Wigan RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Vets	£	250.00	£	1,250.00

<u>November</u>	Warrington RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Vets/Touch	£	500.00		
	Blackburn RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Touch Rugby	£	500.00		
	Tyldesley RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Vets	£	250.00	£	1,250.00
<u>December</u>	Clitheroe RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Vets	£	500.00	£	500.00
<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 Retiree	£	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
<u>March</u>	Sedgley Park RUFC	Adult Participation Grant - Touch Rugby	£	500.00	£	500.00
				Total Spend	£	7,250.00
				Remaining Fund	£	7,750.00

<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
<u>March</u>	RS Tyrer	Coach to Northern RFU	£	1,200.00	£	1,200.00
				Total Spend	£	5,073.95

Remaining Fund £ **4,926.05**

Targeted Delivery Funding - £8,401	September	Burnley RUFC	Schools Programme	£	350.00	£	350.00
	November	TryIt Rugby Academy	Sedgeley Parrenthorn Schools Program	£	2,860.00		
		TryIt Rugby Academy	Tarleton All Hallows Schools Program	£	3,360.00	£	6,220.00
	December	Burnley RUFC	Schools Programme	£	350.00	£	350.00
	March	Blackburn RUFC	Schools Programme x 130	£	551.87	£	551.87
					Total Spend	£	7,471.87
					Remaining Fund	£	929.13

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

Girls U18 CB Rep Funding - £2,000	December	ADM	Essential Kit	£	1,121.75	£	1,121.75
	January	Huge Lane	Training Physio Cover	£	49.50		
		Ethan Brazen	Pitchside Coverage	£	49.50		
Ethan Brazen		Pitchside Coverage	£	66.00	£	165.00	

	March	MADREFS	Refs Expenses Cumbria/Durham	£	37.00		
		Preston Grasshoppers	Post Match Meals	£	323.33	£	360.33
						Total Spend	£ 1,647.08
						Remaining Fund	£ 352.92

U20s CB Rep Funding - £2,000 (RFU)	January	ADM	Coaches Kit	£	719.95	£	719.95
U20s CB Rep Funding - £5,750 (Lancs)							
Total Budget - £7,750	February	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
	March	Hayley Rose Summer	Physio - 18/02/24	£	100.00		
		Hayley Rose Summer	Physio - 25/02/24	£	100.00		
		Hayley Rose Summer	Physio - 28/01/24	£	100.00		
		Tyldesley RUFC	U20s	£	335.60		
		Sedgley Park RUFC	U20s	£	1,138.41		
		Wigan RUFC	U20 Training	£	75.00	£	1,849.01
						Total Spend	£ 6,424.51
						Remaining Fund	£ 1,325.49

Girls U12 Grant Funding - £2,500	February	Trylt Rugby Academy	Yr7 Cent High, Lancaster, Vol x 27	£	945.00	£	945.00
	March	Trylt Rugby Academy	Yr7 Outwood Academy, W.Prk x 24	£	840.00	£	840.00
						Total Spend	£ 1,785.00
						Remaining Fund	£ 1,555.00

Rugby United - £37,973	March	One Voice	Transport to Bolton RFU	£	150.00	£	150.00
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Total 2023/24 Funding - £120,854	Total Funded Spend	£	57,137.27
	Total Funds Remaining	£	72,306.73

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	£

	Grand Total Spend	£	60,105.27
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