

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday 7th October 2024

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

In Attendance: Messrs B.H. Stott, B. Dale.

Apologies: M. Downs, P, Deakin, A. Soutar

CB Relationship Managers Report.

B. Dale

1. Lot of current work is on Impact 25 Womens and Girls program which D. Westhead will update the Board at the November meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed per procuracionem as a correct record.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Questions to Written Reports

No written reports had been received.

Finance

1. DW reported from the 2 funds applied for we have been awarded £8k for player retention, £2k to help develop and U23 competition and a further £4k for social media campaign to push retention of older players through festivals and a further £6k to introduce T1 Touch and £4k to work with the referees societies for any suitable projects.
2. Finance report to be provided on Treasurers return from holiday.

Open Discussion.

1. DC - There was a Council Meeting on 26th September, which was quite brief.
2. DC - Bill Sweeney gave update on Womens World Cup with 50k tickets sold and the BBC being the event media partner.
3. DC - Community Game Future is still discussing the regional bodies setup with a further round of consultation meetings with CBs.
4. DC - Mens Professional Game Partnership has now been signed. Now working on Tier 2.
5. DC - County Championship rules have been approved.

Correspondence.

Southport had written to David Roberts the Chairman of the Community Game Board, to advise that their third team had played few games due to opposition late cry offs.

Suggested a meeting with NOWIRUL to discuss a later start to the season.

New Members.

2 New Annual Members – Approved via Board email.

50:50 Draw

50:50 Draw put back one month due to absence of MD.

Date of next meeting.

Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Monday 4th November 2024 by Zoom.

Any other business.

KB – U16s Girls trials were very successfully with 2 squads selected. Fixtures confirmed.

01-12-2024 v North Mids @ Leigh

02-2025 v Staffordshire away

03-2025 v Durham @ Trafford MV

McTaggart has agreed a 4 County residential trip in April 2025 to Barnard Castle at a cost of £65 per head which players will pay.

KB – U18s Trials at Eccles on 18th October.

GAB – request to identify volunteers that can be rewarded as and when TW2 have a match / function. Outstanding Contribution award went to Dave Crank from Waterloo.

BHS – Colts league wanted to play league games on the 3 ring fenced CB weekend but were advised by joint letter from Lancashire and Cheshire that this was not possible.

BHS – 40 sendings off in first 5 weeks of the season with a report of referee abuse in an U10s game by a coach against another coach who was acting as referee.

BHS – questioned how many games in Lancashire had been called off. DW, not many in Lancashire, approx. 2, but in South West there have been around 80 but they have lower teams in RFU leagues.

HH – Surprised that the Colts league need extra weekends (above) due to low number of teams in league. Also Colts can play friendlies on the CB allocated dates, it is not a total stop on clubs playing.

HH – Currently a poor response for U18 Boys nominations.

HH – Electronic Match Card information is improving week to week from the start of the season.

HH – at semi final stage of all mens County cup competitions.

HH – looking to update the player bundles that go out to the County squads. Propose no dress shirts unless a team gets to a final. A saving of £1400.

HH – we will enter div 1 of County Championship for Men, Women and U20s competitions.

HH – any update on Salford City application ? DC none at the moment.

DC – suggested that County SM team had a meeting every 6 week to discuss the uniformity of branding across the County.

BHS – MD will arrange a meeting of all parties for the website build.

HH – Schools committee not happy that a Colts game had been re-arranged for a Wednesday night which lead to the cancellation of a schools game.

CAB – 400+ dispensation requests so far.

CAB – push the Cauliflower Ear campaign.

Meeting ended at 7:16pm


Male Some Chairman Date 4th November 2024
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