

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Monday 10th February 2025

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

In Attendance: Messrs B.H. Stott, B Hurst, B. Dale & A. Soutar.

Apologies:

CB Relationship Managers Report.

A. Soutar

1. Innovation Funds – This funding pot has a deadline for the end of the season to be spent. PD has control of this.
2. KB – invited to Red Roses game at York as a thank you with the other 5 North CB Women and Girls leads.
3. BD – Sale Sharks are delivering 6-12 year old Girls rugby in a number of clubs. There is a 60% increase in girls registration over the last 12 months at Didsbury which is one of the clubs.
4. BD – working closely with the Fylde cluster which includes Garstang, Fylde & Fleetwood, which registrations are up by 88% so far this season.
5. BD – The Liverpool cluster seems a little more structured.
6. BD – Trafford MV have a successful Schools programme. They would like formalise it but have it as a stand alone from the club as some participants have been registered at other clubs. This will be based on Saturdays as many play soccer on a Sunday.
7. AS – Bolton are currently in the process of doing the social space Impact 25 improvements. There will be an opening event when complete.
8. AS – Catch up meeting scheduled for 13th February.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 8th January 2025, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed per procurationem as a correct record.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Questions to Written Reports

There were no written reports.

RFU

DC Reported:-

1. There had been no Council Meeting since the last Lancashire RFU Board Meeting.
2. Online publication of U13s & U14s results – Nigel Horton at RFU has been informed of our wish to continue to publish these as is currently done by Rugby League and Soccer. RFU current policy is to only start at U15s level. Age Grade Governance sub committee will rule on this. HH commented that other Counties are also publishing results from the younger age bands.
3. Website – Jon Conn (RFU) has been passed MD, HH & BHS contact details to arrange a meeting to discuss CB websites. Chris Gaffey will also be part of the process.
4. The RFU SGM is dated for 27th March at Twickenham. There have been a series of nationwide roadshows to understand clubs needs. There will be a extra meeting at Liverpool St Helens on 17th March at 7:00pm.

Mens & Boys Rugby.

HH Reported

1. 6 players selected in final North U18s.
2. U20s trial had gone well as had a training session on 9th Feb. The Youth Council are making a "Living with Lancs" style video.
3. 2 young coaches will be embedded with the U20s for the season to aid their continuous development. Theo Holbert & Alex Gorn are the coaches.
4. U20s games.

16th March	Durham @Leigh
30th March	Cheshire @ Tyldesley
11th May	Yorkshire @ Sandal
25th May	Northumberland @ TBC
5. Senior Mens XV – The squad will stay overnight at Bristol on the night before the Somerset game at Weston Super Mare. An early kick off will be requested with Somerset
Action – MD
6. The Yorkshire game will be held at Fylde and will be zero cost to the County.

Womens & Girls Rugby.

KB Reported

1. U18s game v Staffs & North Mids will be at Manchester on 16th Feb.
2. U18s game v Cheshire & Yorkshire has been rearranged to 30th March and will be held at Chester.
3. U16s date are to be resolved with KB speaking to Matthew Dent.

Correspondence.

There was none appertaining to this meeting.

New Members.

There were no new member applications.

50:50 Draw

<u>Feb 25</u>	Value
M Cornelia	£42.00
K & A Andrews	£7.00
G Spenglar	£7.00
G Jones	£7.00
DN Herriman	£7.00

Date of next meeting.

Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Monday 3rd March 2025 by Teams.

Any other business.

BHS – Discipline is currently on 174 cases and sadly could make 200 for the season. Match Official abuse is bad and repeat offending clubs will be given a formal warning, if there is reoccurrence within 12 months the club will be sanctioned.

KB – structured season for 16s & 18s girls has been settled.

KB – Can clubs re-nominate volunteers for the HVOTY Awards. GAB recommended that this is not done.

KB – Rugby Safe Audits. We will officially write to the selected clubs. Audits need to be completed by end of May. Clubs selected are Bury, Rochdale, Littleborough, Heaton Moor and Warrington.

MD – Update GMS to show KB as Rugby Safe Lead.

Action MD

GAB – Honda VOTY Nominations – currently received 27 nominations from 16 clubs and we are expecting more. Nominations are down right across the Country.

Meeting ended at 7:20pm

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Chairman Date 3rd March 2025
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