

Club and community rugby committee meeting October 14th 2019 LSH.

M.Worsley MW

G.Burns GB

C.A. Baker CAB

H. Duggan HD

V.M. Blackburn VMB

T.Hughes TH

D. WEsthead DW

G. Morgan GM

S. Urquhart SU

S.R. Blackburn SRB

Apologies

K. Benneta

A. Clarke

A. Kerboas

J.Dollaway

Matters arising - None

1. Clubs at risk, DW gave a report on clubs who were at risk, Warrington were the main area of concern who at present are using local facilities and being assisted by RFU staff options are being looked at to keep the club going
Four other clubs were mentioned as requiring assistance due to various problems ranging from lack of players in certain positions , players leaving /retiring not being replaced. Some clubs were in a short term problem as some of their players were still playing rugby league.
2. SU Reported on the upcoming area objective –Rugby safe focusing on player welfare and player safety, the results of a recent survey show that fear of injury is the reason for putting people off playing rugby.
Active 8 is an initiative being rolled out as a way of ensuring players are warmed up for playing as well as getting more people involved.
SU also mentioned the VAT support line for clubs where free advice is available ,
The impact of the rugby world cup is starting to show with
Clitheroe picking up 3 new players, Sefton 7, and Garstang 7.

3. GB reported that she is trying to get around as many clubs as possible in her year

4. HD Spoke about the leadership academy for women and girls which is a web based course . There has been an increase in numbers over the last year in the inner warrior merit leagues in Lancs/Cumbria and Lancs /Cheshire .HD stated that there are severe sanctions on clubs who play 17 year olds without the correct paperwork, there will be changes to the structure of county games in the forthcoming season with regard to applications for coaches.

5. GM gave a summary of the Lancashire leagues, with both leagues being competitive and a good standard of rugby, with a number of teams looking to join the ADM leagues next season.

6. TH Gave the following dates for the eighteen's
27/10 assesment day
3/11 development day
1/12 Durham away
15/12 Cheshire
12/1 Penrith
The seveteens start after christmas with a manager and coach required.

7. VB Mentioned that we need something to attract volunteers and try to engage clubs.

8. CAB Reported that the recent safeguarding course was a success, and that audits are taking place on GMS

9. MW suggested that the Presidents meeting to be held at LSH wed 12th Feb following a discussion the following items for discussion were agreed rugby landscape (rfu hierarchy) rugby safe, active 8,volunteering.

Next meeting Monday 9th December.

1. Apologies
2. Matters arising
3. Marketing and media
4. Volunteering
5. Safeguarding
6. Clubs at risk
7. Women and girls
8. Dinner
9. AOB