

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of Club & Community (C&CR) Meeting held at Liverpool St. Helens RUFC on Monday 09.09.2019

Present:

Mr. Malcolm Worsley Chairperson; Stuart Urquhart RDO; Gary Morgan;
Tommy Hughes; Kate Bennetta and Carol Baker

Apologies: Anne Clarke; Steve Blackburn

Persons not in attendance Jane Dolloway, Helen Duggan; Andy Kerboas.

Stuart Urquhart

1. AGP special £1 per session booking available until 09/11/19 on certain pitches.
2. G.M.S. has had a great increase in the number of contacts due to new reporting and registering process. Has caused system to 'crash' and the Match Card facility was unavailable. Double entry of player details has been recorded and will require records to be merged on GMS. Under 17's playing up and self-registering has not helped the situation.
3. GMS training s being rolled out around county contact John Foster for information and sessions.
4. All RFU courses are now bookable as an individual only (no block booking available) courses fees payable by individuals and them claimed back from clubs etc.
5. NatWest Rugby force was a success £500 went to 17 clubs within the county. For use on the work undertaken June 2019.
6. WORLD Cup 2019 Japan begins, and various promotions were carried out over summer i.e. BBC Summer Social to introduce and encourage people to become involved.

Malcom Worsley

West Park Rugby club was used as a training site and hosted an England v America 'international' when a visiting team from Illinois visited in July of this year. Presentation of Lancashire memorabilia was presented by MW. A positive and enjoyable exercise which it is hoped will be repeated.

Tommy Hughes

1. Lancashire Under 18's representative team; discussions ongoing as to the recruitment and interviewing of appropriate coaches for the coming season. The appointment of coaches and managers will be more professional and equitable. Howard Hughes leading on this.
2. Lancashire 15-16's squads will honour this current season commitment but for the 2020-2021 season the structure and membership of these teams will be streamlined, to provide a "Lancashire Representative experience" with one larger team from which a squad will be chosen and will play three 3 County Games. This will remove the clashes of club, academy and county squad matches. Discussion of cost of Kit Purchase for county squad representation and it was agreed that parents were more than willing to pay for replica kit both for players and themselves.

Gary Morgan

1. ADM Lancashire Leagues. 2 x 12 leagues start 15/09/19. Currently no second teams are in the League, but interest has been expressed by clubs for 2nd teams to be include. RFU are commencing a review of leagues for the 2020-2021 season. Keeping clubs playing locally and not requiring travel. GM expressed a positivity and stated that matches and teams were well matched and competitive with sometimes only a 7-point difference as example between teams' abilities

2. Referees Membership of Liverpool Referees society as an example. Depleting numbers lack of new blood?
3. Volunteering. Second evening (less formal) at Wigan RUFC was well attended. Extended thanks to be recorded to Mrs Anne Clarke for the excellent buffet and hosting the event at WIGAN RUFC New season for volunteering. Very positive feedback on the Lancashire Awards and Mitsubishi events being combined as at Preston Grasshoppers in Summer. Two Lancashire representatives going forward to Black Tie Event at Twickenham. No decision as yet has been made whether this co-funded event will occur in 2019-2020 season.

Kate Bennetta

- 1 Personal Update has left Sale Sharks as an employee wishes to spend more time with family and watch her two sons play the game (DPP & Sale Academy) as a parent not an employee. Will still volunteer with the administration side of the DPP at Sale Sharks. Is wishing
- 2 New chapter and now wishes to help and support the county as has stepped down from many roles at Littleborough allowing other to develop and take Littleborough forward.
- 3 Stated that Littleborough RUFC have no Under 16's team No Junior nor Senior Colts but are working to recruit new players to the game.

Tommy Hughes

- 1 reported that the Leigh Academy Junior and senior colts goes from strength to strength and attributes the popularity to the title and making it attractive to keep colts playing in the game and not forcing or encouraging players to play open age too early in their careers.
- 2 Reports that Tarleton RUFC Academy has increased from 5 to 22 players Again making the "academy" title inviting. Along with Enthusiastic coaches and coaching making it invite for young players.
- 3 The Half Game rule is also making it a positive environment and is enticing players to the game where they will all have the opportunity to play.

Carol Baker

- 1 Lancashire Club Safeguarding Officers conference is going ahead on 21st September. Speakers to include SALE Shark's, Health and Safety expert, Gill Burns MBE Lancashire president Sue Hopwood Deputy CBSM and an IN-Touch training course at end of the day.
- 2 Gary Morgan then asked if CSO's would be interested in forming a WhatsApp group as a trail to see if information could be dissimilated via this format.

Other business. Discussed.

President information evenings /cluster around county Need to arrange

Items that could be considered for presentation

Discipline and John Greenwood

Parents in Sport and supporting their children Richard Shorter

Volunteering

Women & Girls Helen Duggan update?

Will be addressed and put on agenda for next meeting

Date and time of next C&CR Meeting

MONDAY 14th October 7pm start at Liverpool Saint Helens RUFC