

MINUTES OF LANCASHIRE CLUB AND COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT LSH
17 th NOVEMBER 2015.

IN ATTENDANCE-

Mr M. Worsley. Chair MW

Mr K. Andrews. KA

Mr D. Herriman. DH

Mrs C. A. Baker. CAB

Miss Helen Duggan. HD

Mr S. Urquhart. SU

Mr S. Kohler. S.K

Mr T. Hughes. TH

Mr P. Elliot PE

Mr S. R. Blackburn SRB

Apologies were received from the following-

Mrs A .Brazendale.

Mrs K. Benetta

Mr T. Fitzgerald

Mr P. Saunders.

1.0 Matters arising –No matters arising from previous minutes (the writer would like to give a vote of thanks in these minutes to the previous good work by DH in recording the minutes in the past)

2.0 Clubs at risk.-DH gave a brief report on a club who were struggling with numbers for the past couple of weeks and that things were not improving. DH reported that there has been a meeting arranged with the local CRC.

However on the plus side Crosby St Marys are doing well, 3 other clubs are all “ticking over.

SU had met with the league organisers regarding the number of teams being ejected from the league set up and raised concerns, but on the plus side it was

mentioned that the casual/vets sides were showing positive signs of keeping teams together good work was being done by Vale of Lune/Preston and Burnley.

3.0 County Website- Stated on the night by PE that the website had been live for three weeks some general discussion took place amongst the members

Some positives and some negatives, end result was that at this stage it was a work in progress issue but everything looks good and an improved web site would be the end result many thanks to PE and all others involved in achieving the result so far.

4.0 Pitch Maintenance event – As of yet there has been no feedback from the RFU, there is a facilities meeting in mid-December. With the event scheduled for May at Leigh for a three hour session for groundsmen to be advertised.

5.0 Volunteers evenings – KA reported that the letters were ready to be sent out to clubs to name their nominations, some discussion took place that the possibility of a third night could take place if numbers dictated so. As in previous years Leigh will host on the 19th April and Blackburn on the 21st April. It was stated on the night that 41 clubs have taken part in the 7 years that this event has been running. Again some discussion then took part about the format and recognition of different categories of volunteers and what other CB'S do, it was proposed that we look to do something in the future and discussion at further meetings to come up with more volunteer award categories.

6.0 RWC 2015 / U20 World cup. KA reported that this has been the most successful world cup (with the exception of England) ever with regards to bringing people into the game not just players but there has been some success stories of extra volunteers at clubs and in the county, KA has been tasked with reporting back to the RFU as to the response of area 5 regarding the world cup.

The under twenty world cup launch took place at Blackburn and LSH with 23 clubs attending the events, various initiatives were mentioned on the night which included how clubs could capitalise on the U20 world cup ,HD commented that she had received negative comments that it was just Manchester based, KA reported that it was the RFU that determined the venues, it was noted on the night that the more publicity that the event got potentially the better it could be both for the event and Lancashire.

7.0 Safeguarding – CAB gave a short report on safeguarding within the county including the fact that a recent course was cancelled due to only 5 people signing up for the course. Again however on the plus side things are looking positive with a number of clubs gaining new safeguarding volunteers.

8.0 AOB – HD gave a very comprehensive report on the state of ladies rugby within the county, and praised a number of clubs for the good work that they are doing, 5th of December being a cup day at Southport and all support would be welcome. SK announced that the u18's coach had resigned and a replacement would be required the team had played 3 won 2 and lost one. TH proposed a vote of thanks to SK for organising the Lancashire festival. Following a general discussion it was agreed that clubs that have been successful with any event should be encouraged to share their success with the county and publicise as much as possible within the media.

The chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.38pm

Date of next meeting 12th January LSH 7.00pm

Minutes recorded by Steve Blackburn,