

## MINUTES OF LANCASHIRE CLUB AND COMMUNITY MEETING HELD AT LSH

12<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### IN ATTENDANCE-

Mr M. Worsley. Chair MW

Mr K. Andrews. KA

Mr D. Herriman. DH

Mrs C. A. Baker. CAB

Miss H. Duggan HD

Mrs K .Benetta KB

Mr S. Kohler. SK

Mr T. Hughes. TH

Mr P. Saunders PS

Mr S. R. Blackburn SRB

Apologies were received from the following-

Mrs A .Brazendale.

Mr S. Urqhart

Mr T. Fitzgerald

Mr P. Elliot

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting, the previous minutes were proposed as true record by DH and seconded by TH.

1.0 Matters arising –No matters arising from previous minutes

2.0 Clubs at risk- DH had attended a CB liaison meeting with the RDO'S and four clubs had been highlighted as struggling but getting by .A success from last year is Broughton who are now turning out two teams.

3.0 County Website- PS gave a brief report on the current website situation and that Mark Downs is getting involved and adding information on a daily basis, a discussion took place regarding a view from a Lancs "mums" perspective re -the possibility of a blog being written by two volunteers who

had approached PS, PS is going to forward information to CAB/KB/and HD for their comments. Sadly PS reported that Peter Elliot is standing down from all involvement due to health reasons, on behalf of the club and community and all of Lancashire I would like to thank Peter for all his work in the past and wish him a speedy recovery .KA stated that Phil Clarke had asked for a Job description that he could publicise to look for a volunteer to replace Peter. PS mentioned that Manchester council and the RFU are running a workplace touch on the 6<sup>th</sup> May contact PS for details. HD raised the fact that she had reports that some information is not on the website, SK also commented that nominations for the 17's were down probably due to the website, KB asked that mini/junior information also be put on the website, as the launch for the website is May/June all comments were duly noted and the WORK IN PROGRESS will continue.PS was thanked for his continued help.

4.0 No report – now being run by Twickenham.

5.0 Volunteer award evenings-KA reported that nominations had gone out to all clubs however there had only been 1 nomination to date. Discussions took place regarding possibilities for next year with new categories – young volunteers /county volunteers –this to be addressed at a future meeting SK suggested trying to publicise further on facebook and also the Lancashire website PS mentioned the Lancashire volunteers day to be a BBQ on 9<sup>th</sup> July at LSH, KA also mentioned that the nominations for the RFU Presidents Awards had been sent out to all clubs.

6.0 RWC 2015-KA reported on a area 5 legacy group meeting that he had attended reviewing the success stories of RWC 2015 which hopefully will possibly be used as models of good practice for the future and world cup U20'S championship in June 2016.

Lancashire are leading the way with the Social Media project #morethanrugby and the Lancashire twitter feed. (LancsRWC2015)

It was suggested that posters be sent to every club promoting the under 20's and 6 nations games to be held on the Friday nights before senior games, The world Cup Champions volunteers are now to be named 'England Champions' and will drive the delivery of the u20's project.

Information from Twickenham had been delayed but will be distributed to all clubs soon as possible.

Other legacies of the world cup include the All Schools and Work Place Touch programmes which are both on going.

There will be a meeting of England champions at LSH on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

7.0 Safeguarding – CAB stated that there will be a safeguarding conference at the end of May, HD requested more info be made available regarding concussion injuries and training. SK suggested that all county coaches complete the online head case course.

8.0 Girls/ladies-HD reported that numbers were increasing throughout the county, and also reported that Lancashire girls/ladies are disadvantaged due to the minimum standards being enforced on clubs if they want to aspire to premiership status, DH offered help via the facilities /funding meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> March HD is liaising with Eccles and Waterloo.

8.0 AOB – MW that the remaining Lancashire kit be sold off, KB mentioned the under 12s festival -17<sup>th</sup> April, SK also requested some kit for the 17's. SK brought to the attention of the committee that subject to the outcome of the new competition rules to be brought out in September extra coach's and management could be required, a fact also mentioned by DH and PS that extra volunteers are needed throughout the county.

The chairman thanked everybody for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Date of next meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> March LSH 7.00pm

Minutes recorded by Steve Blackburn,