

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board meeting of the held at Liverpool St Helens FC on Tuesday 1st May 2018

Present: Mr D.N. Herriman, in the Chair, Mrs C.A. Baker & Messrs P. Deakin, R.T.J. Briers, T. Fitzgerald, J.T. Hughes, M.J. Worsley & M. Downs.

In attendance: Mr D Clarke.

Apologies: Messrs S.R. Blackburn, A.S. Kerboas, J.B. Morgan K. Andrews, J.S. Greenwood, B.H. Stott, S. Urquhart & D. Southern.

RDO Report.

No report.

Minutes of the last meeting:

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 9th April 2018, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed as a correct record.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

RFU Report

No Report and no questions to RTJB.

Finance & Funding Report

No Report and no questions to PD.

RDC Report

TF presented a written report to the meeting:-

1. Due to availability problems, the RDC and Joint Meeting of the Rugby Committees scheduled for 9th May has had to be postponed. A new date will be arranged
2. County Championship – The U20s are through to the Shield Final of the Jason Leonard County Championship, they play Notts. Lincs. & Derby on Sunday 6th May at Mosley. The Senior XV will play Northumberland at Percy Park on Saturday 5th May in the first round of the Bill Beaumont County Championship. The Womens XV will have played the first round of the Gill Burns County Championship away against Durham on 29th April, the results of that game will be known by the time of the Board meeting. All fixtures for the County Senior XVs – male & female are on the website. As a result of discovering that County teams in their league do not have development sides the W & G Committee is discussing with England Deaf the possibility of the Lancashire Development Side (Lancashire Roses) playing England Deaf Females before the Lancashire Home Game against East Midlands at Southport on 13th May; the Board is now being asked to approve this fixture. The W & G committee is also looking for a game for the Lancashire Development side with a team from outside of their League.
3. A sports journalist researching an article on head injuries has been put in contact with the CB Hon. Medical Advisor, the CB Rugby Safe Officer and the County Safeguarding Officer.

4. The Lancashire Youth Trust Fund has approved a grant of approximately 60% of the cost towards the purchase of rugby posts for Ashton High School. The posts are being purchased through the RFU discounted scheme. Once installed, the County and the YTF will receive publicity from the event.
5. The Lancashire Coaching Group for club 1st XV coaches held the inaugural meeting on 24th April at Burnley FC. The event was well attended and already it has a large and enthusiastic following on Twitter (in excess of 3000 views the day after the meeting). RFU Game Development is aware of this initiative which is unique in England
6. The Lancashire RFU sponsored Student 7s festival was held on 18th April at TMv. Male and female teams from a number of universities across the County participated. For the first time there were more female than male sides participating
7. Scholarship funding was approved in the reporting period for two level 3 coaching candidates, one level 2 coaching candidate and one level two pitch side trauma medical candidate.
8. There will be changes in UK Law on Data Protection towards the end of May. From the rugby delivery side of the house, a large number of volunteers dealing with county business and county squads hold on their own private IT systems data on persons interacting with the county. Some of this data relates to minors. A County Board review and guidance on the collection, storage, distribution and protection of data would be advisable.

Club and Community Rugby

No report.

Cup and Competitions

No report.

Governance & Safeguarding

CAB Reported:-

1. An incident had occurred at a U14s final game at Fylde which had resulted in an injury and a complaint from a parent. MD had investigated and found no blame. MD to write to parent.

Volunteering

1. Leadership Academy – All candidates attended the final session and will graduate. Celebration dinner to be held at Leigh Sports Village on 4th June. Dave Stubbley had enquired if we were doing this again next year but the response was that we would do it bi-annually.
2. Presidents Volunteers Awards – Both evenings went well. 22 volunteers were recognised and attended the evenings.

Discipline

No report.

Strategy Planning Discussion

MJW additional from last meeting – Lynn Doyle and Paul Woodward at West Park are going in to local schools and working with CRCs. Targetting De la Salle and a primary school. This could be part of our pilot and MD, PD will arrange to meet with West Park.

Colts (17 & 18s)

PD – age group 15-16 drifts away from the game. Of the 24 teams in Raging Bull only 6 are in Lancashire. We should make colts a 2 year experience and play on Saturdays alongside 1st XVs.

DNH – Kev Greaves is very keen on U21s games.

TF – The Colts committee should survey the players to find what they want.

CAB – will ask CSO's to nominate 2 players with clubs who have 16s teams and run a short survey.

Actions

CAB – Survey

PD & ASK will talk to contact coaches at DPD they have

PD will attend the next Raging Bull Colts league meeting.

The next stakeholder for discussion at the May Board meeting will be Clubs Level 6 and below.

Correspondence.

There was no correspondence appertaining to the meeting.

New Members

No new membership applications.

50:50 Draw

Mar 18	Value
T D Stirk	£53.10
M Cornelia	£8.85
P Sanders	£8.85
P E Hughes	£8.85
M Cornelia	£8.85

Date of next meeting:

Next Meeting: Modnay 4th June 2018

Any other Business

1. MD – Discussion on awards winners for the Annual Dinner.
2. DC – Lancashire Leagues meeting to be held.
3. CAB – Presidents evening went very well, perhaps next years should be one theme.
4. CAB – Safeguarding conference planned for September.
5. MJW – Can we make representations to the Colts committee that there are no more penalty shoot outs at finals days.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40pm



Chairman

Date

4th June 2018