

Lancashire Club and Community Rugby Committee minutes 12 th November 2018

Venue Liverpool St Helens.

Present		Apologies	In attendance	
M J Worsley (Chair)	MJW	A Clarke	I Spivey	IS
H Duggan	HD	S Urquhart	M Pierce	MP
G Burns	GB	J Dollaway		
C A Baker	CAB			
K Benneta	KB			
G Morgan	GM			
T Hughes	TH			
A Kerboas	AK			
S R Blackburn	SRB			

1. Apologies

2. Matters arising

HD reported that the 17/18 year old girls playing senior rugby are available to play county rugby, and that county rugby is more for development within the county than senior rugby.

3. Safeguarding

CAB Gave a brief report on the current situation within the County, the Safeguarding Conference is provisionally to be held sometime in January date to be confirmed arrangements are in place with a number of different speakers lined up. All dispensations are in hand and there are no issues.

3. Women and girls

HD reported on the merit leagues within Lancashire which are working well, with a league structure being setup in Manchester attracting players however some players are moving from club to club there is not a lot of strength in depth. As regards the younger end 13-15 year olds the pitch up and play sessions have been a result and in general very successful. MW raised the point that the biggest turn off not just for girls rugby but rugby in general was bad coaching and to keep the ball rolling with the womens game in particular we need keep recruiting and improving coach's. a general discussion took place regarding how clubs should share best practice by integrating minis and juniors along with women and girls rugby into the senior club to have a one club scenario. HD reported that the various forums for the ladie were working well with clubs sharing ways of best practice, again the general consensus was that the standard of coaching in the womens game requires to be improved and increased the board members present are to persue this with a view to funding by the county.

4. Cluster meeting topics

MW introduced Mike Pierce a Health and safety / environmental consultant who gave a brief outline of what is actually required by law in the operation of a rugby club with regards to HSE and environmental regulations, Mike has recently assisted Aldwinians in obtaining the relevant standards

Required, this presentation is possibly going to be an item at the upcoming Presidents evenings to be arranged in the new year.

5. Volunteering

AK Gave an update on the volunteer recognition awards both John Harries and Nick Stafford have been invited to the Japan game. The volunteer awards evening were discussed at length regarding both the venues and the format it was suggested that one evening possibly at a weekend in April or May be more appropriate than a midweek function with the possibility of incorporating a Premiership game as part of the evening, this is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

6. Lancashire leagues

IS gave a report on the league situation to date with the good news that all is running well there are no issues and everybody seems happy with the current structure, as a result of the league structure there are more friendly fixtures being arranged than in the past between local clubs when there are no league games.

AOB

IS reported that information regarding the structured season would be available by the 6th December.

TH stated that the colts league requires help (to be discussed at the next meeting)

Date of next meeting

14th January LSH. 7.00 pm