LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LTD

MINUTES OF A CLUB AND COMMUNITY RUGBY MEETING HELD AT

LIVERPOOL ST HELENS FC ON TUESDAY 21st JULY 2015.

Apologies for Absence:- Peter Elliott, Tom Fitzgerald, Tommy Hughes, Stuart Kohler Stuart Urqhart, Helen Duggan. Richard Woodward, Secretary pointed out that the were two other meetings which required attendance of the above, Team Lancashire and Raging Bull 2nd Team Leagues

Present:- Malcolm Worsley, Amanda Brazendale, Carol Baker, Ken Andrews, Steve Blackburn, Peter Saunders and David Herriman (Acting Secretary)

1. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

2. Reorganisation of C&CR Committee.

It was agreed that two members of the Volunteer Committee and Marketing and Media Committee would serve on the C&CR Committee and that the Volunteer and Marketing and Media Committees would look for more volunteers to assist with the development of those Committees.

The Hon Secretary was in the process of updating the Organogram of the CB Committees and on completion it would be made available on the new Website.

Peter Saunders offered his business premises for any of the C&CR Sub Committees to meet. Carol Baker is to contact Helen Duggan in an attempt to recruit more Ladies on to CB Sub Committees. Vice Presidents are to be asked to attach themselves to a County Side to ensure that there is always a CB presence at County Games at any level. We are aware that more volunteers are needed and that most of our Sub Committees are under strength.

3. RWC2015.

The Trophy Tours is now in place and all we need is the weather to be kind to us and a fabulous day will take place, a last blast on Social Media is needed to drum up support. Fanzone in Manchester looking good with several Clubs volunteering to assist Phil Clarke with the manning of the RFU Tent on the three days it will be open. The Nat West Rugby Force was a great success with lots of activity around the county, Clubs who missed out on the Nat West branded kit who have applied to receive some "Stash" purchased by the County and the loan of "feathers" are Preston Grasshoppers, Eccles, Bury, Leigh, Broughton Park, Warrington, Newton –Le – Willows which leaves two sets available for any late applicants. The event that we considered we would co host with Broughton Park to welcome Uruguay fan has not been organised for the Friday evening before the England game. It is suggested that our President and several board members should invite the Uruguay Officials to a meal say on the Wednesday prior to the game.

The RWC 2015 Steering Group will continue for a further twelve months to co-0rdinate any involvement required by the RFU for the U20's World Championships to be held next June in Manchester. Team Bases have already been organised by the RFU, it is thought that ticket pricing will be very reasonable and that three games will take place at each venue on competition days, venues being Manchester City Academy Stadium and AJ Bell in Salford. The CB will get behind this Elite Competition to raise awareness and interest in not only our Clubs but in Cheshire Staffordshire and Yorkshire.

4. Unity Project.

Very little activity has taken place but a Conference has been organised for all participants on the 24/25th July .

5. Dates for Calendar

County Awards Dinner 10th June 2016 at Preston Grasshoppers FC

Volunteer Awards Dinners 19th April 2016 venue to be arranged 21st April 2016 venue to be arranged

CB Volunteers B-B-Q 9th July 2016 venue to be arranged

Andrew Clarke to be contacted re Hog Roast

6. Future of Cluster Meeting.

It is suggested that Cluster Meetings should commence again after the RWC starting in December which would allow two meetings in each of the three clusters, as there is to be no RDO Carousels next season Specialist RDO will be asked to contribute to these meetings as and when RFU decisions need to be passed to Clubs.

7. Future Events

Development of Social Media and Website to be regular agenda item. Leadership Academy to be organised for 2016/17 Season U20's World Championship commencing7th June 2016 to be supported

8. At Risk Clubs

Currently Clubs whilst not in the best of places are making some headway.

9. Website and Shop.

The development of the Website is slightly behind the timescale due to items from existing website not ready to be down loaded, once this is completed and the link to the online shop is established the New website will be launched.

AOB Steve Blackburn agreed to become Secretary to the C&CR Committee

Date and Time of next meeting:- Thursday 10th September at LSH 7:00pm.