

LANCASHIRE COUNTY RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Tuesday 8th April 2025

Present: Mr D Clarke in the Chair, & Messrs, J.T. Hughes, G.A. Burns, H. Hughes, & M. Downs.

In Attendance: Messrs B. Hurst, B.H. Stott, & R. Jones.

Apologies: Messrs P. Deakin, C.A. Baker, K Bennetta & A. Soutar.

CB Relationship Managers Report.

No report

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the Board meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2025, (previously circulated) were accepted and signed per procuracionem as a correct record.

Matters arising.

There were no matters arising.

Questions to Written Reports

There were no questions to written reports.

RFU.

1. At the recent RFU Special General Meeting Bill Sweeney had kept his position and the governance review had a positive vote.
2. MD to stand in for DC at the next council meeting.

Finance

1. HH - at the last two U20s games we had charged for entry on the gate. It is proved worthwhile with £800 being taken at Leigh. RJ questioned if this included a match programme MD confirmed that there was an electronic match programme for the games and this could be provided for schools finals next season.

Mens & Boys Rugby.

HH Reported

1. EMCs for county games - these are now not being used for under 20s games due to a technical issue at the RFU, this should be resolved for the Senior Men's and Women's games.
2. The Royals are playing on Sunday 13th April at the Vale of Lune kick off 1:30 for a 125th Anniversary game.
3. The U20s won the first two games the next game is against Yorkshire at Sandal on the 27th of April.
4. Age grade calendar - there had been a meeting the previous week and some minor details went through however the Colts league want to play competition games on CB dates. The County want these games withdrawn if there are one or more players from the clubs in the County teams selected. The Colts league would like this to be 3 or more players selected. This has now reverted to the status quo and will be no games played on CB dates. RJ had attended the meeting and agreed with the above and HH report. BHS - Questioned what we could do in the form of sanctions at the RFU and that we would need backup from Mark Saltmarsh to allow sanctions. Empty will try to arrange a meeting after the council meeting at Twickenham with Mark Saltmarsh to discuss.

Womens and Girls.

1. The U16s North camp at Barnard Castle went well with over 180 girls taking part.

Governance.

1. BHS – Phase 2 of the Governance update is underway with the proposal to give each section overall goals at the start of each season that are allocated by the Board. These will not be limiting and further work will be conducted as it arises. The key objectives would form a template for monthly progress reporting to the Board.

Correspondence.

There was none appertaining to this meeting.

New Members.

There were no new member applications.

50:50 Draw

<u>Apr 25</u>	Value
P Hanson	£39.00
AT Rowntree	£6.50
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S Knowles	£6.50
M Downs	£6.50

Date of next meeting.

Next Meeting: 6:30 pm on Monday 6th May 2025 by Teams.

Any other business.


BHS – A meeting is being organised in the closed season with Cheshire, MADREFS and Liverpool Society.

GAB – Lifetime Achievement Award given to Dave Crank at Waterloo.

DC – Rugby Safe Audits need to be started.

DC – We need a volunteer for Inclusivity and Diversity. An advert needs to be put on social media.

Meeting ended at 7:40pm


Chairman
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Date: 6th May 2025