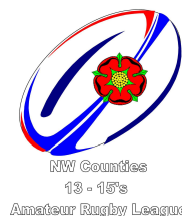


North West Counties 13 – 15 Junior Amateur Rugby
Meeting Minutes



Date of Meeting **Wednesday 2nd January 2008**

Committee Members Present:

Margaret Byrne (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sam Armstrong (League Sec. /Discipline Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jayne Bissett (Treasurer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Edwards (U13's Fixtures & Reg Sec.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brian Edwards (U14's/U15'S Reg Sec.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jackie Clowes (U14's Fixtures Sec.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Mitchell (U15's Fixtures Sec.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
David Lowe (Vice Chair/Ref. Appointments)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Apologies: **Paul Edwards, Brian Edwards, Jackie Clowes**

Next Meeting: **Wed 6th February 2008 at 8.30pm, Golborne Parkside ARLFC**

I. Attendance

Ashton Bears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bank Quay Bulls	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blackbrook Royals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blackpool Scorpions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bold Miners	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Burtonwood Bulldogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chorley Panthers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crosfields	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Culcheth Eagles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eccles & Salford Juniors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Fitton Hill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Folly Lane	<input type="checkbox"/>
Halton Farnworth Hornets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Haydock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Higginshaw	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hindley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ince Rose Bridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Langworthy Reds	<input type="checkbox"/>
Latchford Albion Unicorns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leigh East	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leigh Miners Rangers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leyland Warriors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Moss Bank Bulldogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New Springs Lions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Oldham St Anne's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Orrell St James	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Golborne Parkside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pilkington Recs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Portico Juniors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rochdale Mayfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rylands Sharks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Saddleworth Rangers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Shaw Rhinos	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shevington Sharks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thatto Heath Crusaders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waterhead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
West Bank Bears	<input type="checkbox"/>	Westhoughton Lions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Widnes Moorfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	Widnes St Marie's	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wigan St Cuthbert's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wigan St Jude's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wigan St Patrick's	<input type="checkbox"/>	Woolston Rovers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Clubs not present at the meeting have been fined £10
(Cheques to be made payable to NW Counties 13-15 ARL)

II. Minutes & Updates from the Last Meeting

The minutes of the December 07 meeting which were posted on the NWC 13 – 15's website were proposed by Golborne Parkside and seconded by Rylands Sharks.

III. Matters Arising

There was 1 matter arising from the previous minutes. This related to a disciplinary issue regarding the playing of non-registered players by one of the League's clubs - the case was heard by the Disciplinary Panel before Xmas and details of their decision were read out to the meeting so that all clubs were aware that this kind of action would not be tolerated. Not only

is it cheating but it also negates the insurance of all other players on the pitch.

The Verdict details were as follows:

"It became apparent to the Panel that there was a clear and pre-meditated intent by the Club to play the un-registered player knowing full well that his transfer had not been approved by the League. The subterfuge was then further compounded by the Club's Officials attempting to cover this deceit by tampering with Team Sheets on various occasions.

The League feel that they have been left with no alternative but to fine the Club £250 with a further £250 suspended until the end of the season for their blatant act of cheating and remind them that had the Club played anything other than friendlies then they would have also been stripped of their accrued points.

The team's official's have sullied the great name of a proud Club and badly advised a young player by their actions and the League hope that no further instances of this type of fraudulent action is ever witnessed again

IV. Correspondence

New Contact details were read out for Crosfield Cobra's Under 13's Team Rep Dawn Ryan (Home 01925 456103 or Mobile 07951 150061).

A request for authorisation to tour the South Of France by Golborne Parkside Under 14's during the May Half Term Break was received and approved by the League's Management Committee.

Clubs are again reminded that as well as requesting permission from NWC 13-15's they also need to seek permission from BARLA prior to touring.

V. BARLA Representative/Coaching Coordinator's Report

There had been no BARLA meeting since the December Meeting but Sam Armstrong had been in touch with the BARLA offices to verify which clubs (if any) still had outstanding insurance premiums outstanding and therefore still had their fixtures suspended until payment is received. This, at the time of the meeting, affected one club only - Widnes Moorfield.

VI. U13's Fixture Secretary's Report/Registration Issues

Due to Paul Edwards absence there was no U13's Fixture Secretary's report.

II. U14's Fixture Secretary's Report/Registration Issues

Due to an illness in the family, causing Jackie Clowes' absence, there was no U14's Fixture Secretary's report.

VIII. U15's Fixture Secretary's Report/Registration Issues

Paul Mitchell reported that very few games had been played since the December meeting due to the recent spell of bad weather and Xmas Holiday period.

There was still an outstanding BARLA Lancs Cup Semi Final between Blackbrook Royals & Oldham St Anne's to be played - this competition is organised by BARLA and, at the time of the meeting, the League were unaware on which date this is now planned to be played.

Paul announced that the draw for the preliminary round of the "seeded" NWC Cup had taken place. The "seeding" of the competition is being

done, as in previous seasons, to give the lower division teams a chance to compete and reduce the number of one sided games and high scores.

Preliminary Round 13th Jan
Bank Quay v New Springs
Waterhead v Langworthy Reds
Shevington v Shaw Rhinos

IX. Transfer Committee's Report

Transfer meeting scheduled for Fri/Mon - Margaret Byrne believed that Brian Edwards has e-mailed some clubs regarding missing paperwork/details & signatures etc

Clubs were also reminded that the transfer deadline is end of February.

X. Referee Appointments Coordinator's Report

David Lowe informed the meeting that many Referees were due to take fitness tests commencing Tuesday 8th - he asked all clubs that if you get a request from the Referee for a later kick off please try to accommodate assuming it doesn't have a knock-on effect on other games.

Changes to referee appointments for a couple of U13's games were read out.

One or two new referee names may have been noticed being added - some are not quite ready for games but are on the list/database.

XI. Disciplinary Chairman's Report

Verdict Notifications were issued to several clubs for cases which had been heard on Thursday 20th December at Golborne Parkside Sports & Community Club.

XII. Any Other Business

The Treasurers' Report showed that the League had a balance of £12460.12 at the time of the meeting.

Sam Armstrong had been in touch with RL Services regarding the "Positive Coaching" courses which the League has agreed to put all the League's Coaches through. A set of dates will now be discussed with RL services and these, once confirmed, will be notified to all clubs.

The date of the next meeting at Golborne Parkside will be the 6th February 2008 commencing at 8.30pm.