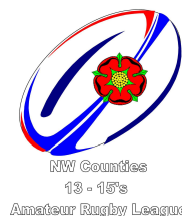


North West Counties 13 – 15 Junior Amateur Rugby
Meeting Minutes



Date of Meeting

Wednesday 5th September 2007

Committee Members Present:

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

Apologies:

Next Meeting: Wed 3rd October 2007 at 8.30pm, Golborne Parkside ARLFC

I. Attendance

Ashton Bears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bank Quay Bulls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blackbrook Royals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blackpool Scorpions	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Halton Farnworth Hornets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Haydock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Higginshaw	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hindley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ince Rose Bridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Langworthy Reds	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shevington Sharks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Thatto Heath Crusaders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waterhead	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Weaverham Wolves	<input type="checkbox"/>	West Bank Bears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Westhoughton Lions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Widnes Moorfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Widnes St Marie's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wigan St Cuthbert's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wigan St Jude's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wigan St Patrick's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Woolston Rovers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Other new Clubs

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 August 2007 meeting were read out to the meeting and were proposed by Rylands and seconded by Bank Quay.

III. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

IV. Correspondence

Notification has been received from Woolston U14's & Wigan St Patrick's Bulldogs U13's informing the League that, due to unforeseen circumstances, they are unable this season to raise teams and as such have regrettably folded their respective teams.

V. BARLA Representative/Coaching Coordinator's Report

We have been notified that following a re-vote at BARLA that Carole Land & Pat Crawshaw have been reinstated as Youth & Junior Representatives.

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

County Cups -- if you don't want to be involved tell Paul

Teams in Div 3 have had a further round of fixtures added at the end of the season.

Pilks Cougars have asked if their fixtures can be reversed due to insufficient pitches. Paul is dealing with this request.

3 teams still not paid their fees - if these are not received before 16th Sept then their games will not go ahead and their points will be conceded

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

Teams not paid registration fees were read out - fees should have been paid - unfortunately it was too short notice to cancel fixtures this week but fixtures will be withdrawn and points awarded to their opponents if fees are not received before the 16th Sept.

Hindley pulling out of Div 1 and will be playing friendlies - they are not folding and anyone due to play them will now have a free week (always check with Jackie before arranging anything on the "free week")

Jackie will be re-doing the Div 2 fixtures due to the withdrawal of Westhoughton

NW Counties Cups will run on same weekends as National Cups

Brian Edwards informed the room that registrations are being processed as soon as received by this League however it is difficult to control what happens at BARLA!

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

Fixtures on website

County Cups - entrance fees were paid as part of the registration fee this season - let us know if you do not wish to participate.

Results will be hopefully posted a.s.a.p. and the league tables updated accordingly

IX. Transfer Committee's Report

Margaret Byrne notified everyone that cheques for appeals should be made to NW Counties 13-15's ARL and not BARLA as the League will send one cheque to cover all costs.

See also Any Other Business section

X. Referee Appointments Coordinator's Report

David Lowe apologised for the lack of refereeing info due to the overlap between the amateur and professional game.

Details of allocated referees will be on the website a.s.a.p.

Please bear with new referees ... they are learning too they WILL make mistakes but hopefully the monitoring that the various Referee's Societies do will help these young players address these issues.

Marking system on the referee assessment sheets has changed and has been reduced from a score from 50 to a score from 10 to remove the disparity - constructive criticism of referees is always welcomed - however abuse of individuals is not please encourage them.

Team sheets to be sent to David After the match and these WILL be checked for signatures etc.

Coaching badges are to be verified at the next meeting - please bring ALL relevant coaches cards for your clubs/teams in.

XI. Disciplinary Chairman's Report

There was no Disciplinary Chairman's report due to no League games having been played with the season due to start this weekend.

XII. Any Other Business

The Treasurer's Report this month showed that the League had a balance at the time of the meeting of £12325.25.

At an SGM prior to the main meeting, a request by the League's Management for authority to remove the rule regarding the movement of Scholarship Players i.e. 14.07 which read:

"Transfers will not be allowed for players involved in the scholarship scheme during the season in which they are active participants." was put to the floor.

Following a vote of all clubs present, the motion was passed by the following:

34 For

7 Against

1 Abstention

Clubs are reminded that this rule change applies in the NW Counties 13-15's League only.

Details of Coaching Courses being put on by the RFL were read out. These details which can also be found at www.therfl.co.uk/community/page.php?areaid=41 were as follows:

Level 1

27th & 28th Oct 2007 @ William Beamont, Warrington - Closing Date: 25th Sept 2007 (20 places available)

24th & 25th Nov 2007 @ North West Venue TBC - Closing Date: 23rd Oct 2007 (20 places available)

Level 2

1st & 2nd Dec 2007, 19th Jan, 16th Feb 2008 @ William Beamont,
Warrington - Closing Date: 1st Nov 2007 (13 places available)

For further information please contact Fiona Allen (RFL Coach Education
Department) on 0113 237 5010 or fiona.allen@rfl.uk.com

The 2007/2008 Season Official Handbooks were issued free to all clubs
with those requiring additional copies being available at a cost of £1 per
book. The League have been able to keep the costs of these handbooks
down to a bare minimum due to the extremely kind support given to us by
Express Offset of Huyton Business Park, Merseyside.

The League would like to say a special thank you to Jim Souther & John
Darbyshire of Express Offset for the additional help they gave us to ensure
that the handbooks were available at the start of the season and to Steve
Jones of KT8 Photography for supplying the cover image.

Let us also not forget the hard work Jackie Clowes put in to collate the
information .. without her hard work the handbook would not have been
available.

The date of the next meeting at Golborne Parkside will be the 3rd October
2007 commencing at 8.30pm.