

North West Counties 13 – 15 Junior Amateur Rugby
Meeting Minutes



Date of Meeting

Wednesday 3rd October 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: Paul Edwards

Next Meeting: Wed 7th November 2007 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 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 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"/>		

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 September '07 meeting which were posted on the NWC 13 – 15's website were proposed by Crosfields and seconded by Pilkingtons.

III. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

IV. Correspondence

The Czech Rugby League have made an open invitation to any teams wishing to visit the Czech Republic on tour (initially 16-18's but there may

be younger teams looking for opposition). Contact details are available if required.

The League had received word from Helen Abel, Chairperson/Secretary of the Leigh & District Referees Society stating that "ALL junior referees associated with Leigh & District RLRS will permit the photographing or videoing of games in which they are officiating for the purpose of training and analysis by the relevant clubs. Could clubs please inform the referee if you are videoing the game in case there is a problem with the game/referee for development purposes so that, if necessary, the Society can analysis it and hopefully improve their refereeing!"

A request from Golborne Parkside U15's for permission to tour Paris, France at the end of May 2008 was received and approved.

V. BARLA Representative/Coaching Coordinator's Report

The draw for the first round of the U14's National Cup will take place at the Drop Kick Inn, West Yorkshire on Wednesday 5th December. The venue was chosen as it is the meeting place for the West Riding Youth League and they have representatives at all the competition's age-groups

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

Brian expressed his irritation at people expecting him to know every detail of every transfer/registration case - he had processed over 30 that week alone and cannot be expected to recall individual details at the drop of a hat.

Parents and GrandParents are also phoning Brian direct - this is not acceptable - he is happy to speak to Coaches but will not be pressurised or converse with individual parents.

Please ensure when applying for registration or transfer that you send "Passport Size" photos only - some have been coming in far too large and have had to be returned which has led to delays in processing cards.

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

Jackie has been getting U14's results in, however, some are still coming in on her landline - please stop doing this as she is out all day Sunday as has been previously notified - please ring or text her mobile with your results.

Could people also please refrain from ringing her during the day as she works and it is causing problems.

National Cup Draw - all teams are already entered by default unless we are advised otherwise.

NW Counties Cups start this Sunday - draw for the next round has already been done.

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

Paul raised a couple of points re fixtures - the "abandoned" game between Burtonwood and Wigan St Judes had been reviewed and had not completed two thirds of the match and so, in accordance with League Rule 7.07, the game is to be replayed and a date for this will be advised.

Wigan St Patricks have been struggling in the Prem Div, Paul said that he could accommodate them as friendlies in Div 1 during what would have

been the Div 1 team's "free" week. There will subsequently now be no free weeks in Div 1.

Wigan St Patricks results will be expunged from the Premier Division and the tables updated as soon as possible. Everyone hopes that St Pat's can regroup and return to competitive rugby as soon as possible.

Paul had received an e-mail from the Secretary of Durham Tigers ARLFC asking if anyone would like to play a series of friendlies. Paul will contact teams and if you are interested he has the details.

IX. Transfer Committee's Report

Margaret informed the meeting that the Transfer Committee are still getting grief over transfers, the procedure was therefore clearly reiterated to the room.

Several meetings have now taken place to try and address some cases, however some have not yet been resolved between the clubs involved.

If a decision cannot be made by this League then they will be passed to BARLA - this really only applies to the contentious cases where agreement cannot be reached.

Clubs were reminded that they MUST NOT approach BARLA or its "Regional Transfers Committees" direct.

A NW Counties 13-15's Transfer Committee Meeting was set to take place after the close of the meeting.

X. Referee Appointments Coordinator's Report

David notified the meeting of a series of referee changes for the forthcoming weekend's fixtures.

A list of referees to be taken off the list was also read out. The website will be updated a.s.a.p. to reflect these removals.

David read out the details of the procedures for the County Cup games. Home clubs must telephone the game result directly to Nigel Hollingsworth on 0161 620 7019 not later than 2pm. Clubs failing to do so will be fined £20 as confirmed and agreed by the BARLA Management Executive Committee.

Home Clubs must contact the appointed referee prior to the game. Should scores be level at normal full time, extra time of 5 minutes each way will be played. If the scores are still level after Extra Time, the winners will be decided by a 'Golden Score' i.e. a "Sudden Death" first score.

BARLA team sheets are to be used and these are to be sent to BARLA (DO NOT send them to David Lowe!!).

Any Disciplinary issues in these games must be notified to BARLA, however, the individual cases may be heard by a North West Counties Regional panel appointed by BARLA.

Playing areas must be properly enclosed to prevent encroachment by spectators on to the field of play.

XI. Disciplinary Chairman's Report

There was no Disciplinary Chairman's report, however, Hearing Notifications were issued to several clubs for cases which are to be heard on Thursday 11th October at Golborne Parkside Sports & Community Club.

Copies of the 2007-2008 Season Recommended Discipline Sanctions were issued to all clubs so that everyone is aware of the potential repercussions of any indiscipline.

XII. Any Other Business

The Treasurers' Report showed that the League had a balance of £12316 at the time of the meeting.

John Wroe of Breakaway Travel gave a short presentation on the very successful Scarborough Festival which is due to take place during the last weekend of April 2008.

The date of the next meeting at Golborne Parkside will be the 7th November 2007 commencing at 8.30pm.