



North West Counties 13 – 15 Junior Amateur Rugby
Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting Wednesday 2nd July 2008

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

Apologies:

Next Meeting: Wed 6th August 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blackpool Stanley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bold Miners	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Burtonwood Bulldogs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cadishead Rhinos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Chorley Panthers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Clockface	<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"/>
Haresfinch	<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"/>	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"/>	West Bank Bears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Westhoughton Lions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Widnes Moorfield	<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 £30 as outlined and minuted at the May 2008 meeting.

(Cheques to be made payable to NW Counties 13-15 ARL)

II. Minutes & Updates from the Last Meeting

The minutes of the June & 2008 AGM meeting which were posted on the NWC 13 – 15's website were proposed by Wigan St Patricks and seconded by Moss Bank Bulldogs.

III. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

IV. Correspondence

The League had received a request from and gave permission to Chorley Panthers to play an exhibition game against Elmbridge RLFC Under 13's on Sunday, 31/08/08 in London. The Chorley side will arrive in London on Friday, 29/08, attend the Challenge Cup Final on 30/08 and conclude the tour with the match on the following day and we all hope that they have an enjoyable time.

The League also received, at the end of the meeting a request from Wigan St Judes U13's for permission to hold a gala of rugby league on Saturday the 16th Of August, Which will be held at Blackpool Rugby Union Club and will involve teams from NWC , Yorkshire and Cumbria . The gala has run for the last 5 years (as 8s to 12s) and promotes Rugby League in the Blackpool area. Blackpool Panthers RLFC are pushing the gala in local schools in the hope of developing a greater interest in our sport. Permission had already been sought from the 8-12's League before the team moved up to our age-group and notified us as soon as they were aware. Again the League are happy to give permission and hope that the event continues to be a success.

V. BARLA Representative/Coaching Coordinator's Report

Sam Armstrong explained that the 2008 BARLA AGM had taken place at the George Hotel, Huddersfield on Sunday 29th June and two new Youth & Junior Board Members (Trevor Land for 2 years and Dennis Flaherty for 1 year) had been voted on to the BARLA Board along with a further term of 2 years for Ken Tinsdale. This League, no longer having a vote, could not affect the outcome of these appointments and were there merely as observers.

Accounts had not been signed off by the Auditors due allegedly to a 6 month delay in getting the BARLA passwords for their bank account from RL Services.

Several issues were raised including questions raised regarding claims of supporting nominations from at least one organisation where they denied having given their support to the individual as well as a new League being denied membership as they would be in direct competition with an established Regional League in that area - when questioned the BARLA Secretary "did not have the paperwork with him" and subsequently the application was vetoed by all those able to vote.

An undated and unsigned BARLA headed note/memo has been received by the League stating that they are seeking support

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

Due to working shifts Lindsay is, unfortunately, going to find it difficult to attend the Monthly meetings but will be at the Management Meetings prior. Should anyone have any queries please don't hesitate to call him (but please bear in mind that he works nights and therefore will probably be asleep in the mornings) or alternatively e-mail him. Jane Bissett will also be only too happy to pass anything on to him.

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

Paul Edwards announced that the fixtures will be issued hopefully at the next meeting.

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

Jackie Clowes also announced that she hoped to be in a position to confirm fixtures and again hopefully these will be issued next month

Brian Edwards announced that re-registrations started on the 1st July, "new" ones were done by RL Services to "get them out of the way" first before the majority of re-issues.

He asked everyone to ensure that they remember to send 2 x new passport size pics with all the player and club details on the reverse of each of the two pictures.

He also advised everyone that there is no need to send in new registration forms for simple changes of address .. just amend the details on the issued list.

Brian has received registration requests from some clubs for players located outside of the area in which they play. It is important that Club's ensure that players are registered in the area for the team they are playing

IX. Transfer Committee's Report

Paul Mitchell is currently dealing with transfers and he's received the 1st lot back. He asked that everyone should please ensure that forms are fully completed as failure to do so just delays the process ... again 2 x new pics with the player & club details on the reverse of each is required plus the necessary paperwork and also don't forget to enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

The Transfer Rules will be adhered to i.e. maximum of 3 transfers in per team with no more than 1 player from another team allowed.

Appeals will be reviewed monthly

X. Referee Appointments Coordinator's Report

David Lowe announced that referee fees had increased to £25/game from September, this was the first such rise in around 3 years and was in line with the current rises in fuel.

A new list of referees will be on the website as soon as possible and copies will be handed out

XI. Disciplinary Chairman's Report

Being the closed season there was no Disciplinary Report.

XII. Any Other Business

The Treasurers' Report showed that the League had a balance of £13485 at the time of the meeting.

It was highlighted to the room that three teams are still carrying over fines from last season these MUST be paid immediately as no fixtures will be issued to any clubs owing monies.

The League were delighted to be joined by at least three new clubs with a fourth (Cadishead Rhinos) just awaiting confirmation of their team make-up to determine whether they will be playing at U14's or U15's. The others joining are:

Blackpool Stanley 14 & 15's - voted in unanimously
Clockface 13's - voted in unanimously
Haresfinch 13's - voted in unanimously

Application forms for League Membership had still not been received from several clubs - Jackie asked if copies of the application forms could be sent to her as a matter of extreme urgency so that handbooks and website details could be updated prior to the start of the new season.

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