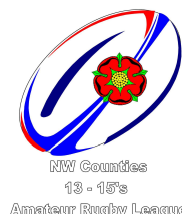


North West Counties 13 – 15 Junior Amateur Rugby
Meeting Minutes



Date of Meeting

Wednesday 6th February 2008

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 5th March 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"/>
Bold Miners	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Burtonwood Bulldogs	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Haydock	<input type="checkbox"/>
Higginshaw	<input 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 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 January 2008 meeting which were posted on the NWC 13 – 15's website were proposed by Crosfields and seconded by Rylands.

III. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

IV. Correspondence

The League has received a request from Blackbrook Royals to hold their annual tournament on August Bank Holiday Monday (25th Aug) and have given their permission for this to go ahead.

Permission to tour requests were also received from Bold Miners and Ince Rose Bridge who wish to take parties abroad and these too were approved by the Management Committee. Clubs are reminded that alongside NWC 13-15's approval they also require the approval of BARLA - the necessary documentation is available to download from the Leagues' website under "Stationery".

V. BARLA Representative/Coaching Coordinator's Report

The room was informed that there had been no BARLA meetings since last meeting and therefore there was nothing to report.

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

Clubs were asked to ensure that if a game is called off can you please let Paul Edwards know a.s.a.p.

Due to the recent bad weather fixtures are starting to build up, if any team can play midweek your assistance would be greatly appreciated in helping reduce the backlog.

Some clubs are not contacting Referees - the League will be coming down on those clubs found guilty. You MUST contact your appointed Referee!

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

Jackie Clowes informed the room that Referees are available over the Easter weekend ... any teams who can again help reduce the fixture backlog by getting a game will be guaranteed referees.

The U14 Prem division is particularly backing up due to our teams' success in the National Cup .. if any teams have floodlights can you please see about arranging a midweek game to assist.

Brian Edwards informed the meeting that a few teams are still not sending the correctly filled forms and he is receiving them with either insufficient or photographs with no players'/team name on the back .. this is not acceptable and in future they will be sent back - ensure everything is correct BEFORE sending them in to ensure delay free processing.

Still having problems with insufficient postage a list of clubs was read out who all owe Brian £1.06

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

Same problem as the other age-groups with the backlog of fixtures - Paul Mitchell has tried to start the NW Counties Cup but the weather has obviously had a decimating effect. The Shevington v Shaw clubs' Preliminary round MUST be played this weekend!!

Let Paul know if a game has not been played for any reason.

IX. Transfer Committee's Report

Deadline is the end of February ... ensure your card/form details are correct.

Coaches were reminded, particularly in the light of clubs playing ineligible players, that they must CAREFULLY check the cards against the players on matchdays - if it is not a close likeness then that player may not be able to play

X. Referee Appointments Coordinator's Report

David Lowe reiterated that there were a number of referees available over the Easter period

Kick off times - some are staggered - please ensure you play on time so that other games can get started on time.

BARLA stationary MUST be used for BARLA competitions and the paperwork sent to them - however if it is a NW Counties 13-15's Cup or League match you should use the NW Counties 13-15's stationery NOT Barla's and send it to us. Copies of the relevant documents are available on the website.

Comments on a club's website regarding individual's views of a particular young referee have caused major issues with the Referees Societies and could well lead to Referees boycotting some clubs if an apology is not received immediately and this was brought to the club's attention after the meeting.

Some new young referees are coming on board .. please be patient, understanding and, most of all, supportive - the League need these Referees so your support is paramount.

XI. Disciplinary Chairman's Report

Hearing Notifications were issued to several clubs for cases which were to be heard on Thursday 14th February 2008 at Golborne Parkside Sports & Community Club.

One Verdict Notifications was issued.

XII. Any Other Business

The Treasurers' Report showed that the League had a balance of £12628 at the time of the meeting.

Margaret Byrne reminded clubs that Hi-Vis vests must be worn at games and only those wearing them should be allowed inside any roped off/barrier area.

Sam Armstrong & Jackie Clowes did a short presentation explaining the launch of the new website (www.nwc13-15arl.co.uk) and it's features. Fixtures now contain a link to Referees details but this is only accessible by entering the necessary user name and password ... this was issued out at the meeting and is intended for Coaches/Team Managers and Club Secretaries only and should not be passed on to others. This password will, for security reasons, change on a monthly basis and will only be issued at the Monthly Meeting so it is imperative that Club's ensure a representative is present as it will not be posted in the minutes.

Thanks were expressed to Simon Barrie for the sterling work he had done setting up and running the original site and also to Paul Arnison of Arnison Media (and Crosfield Cobra's U13'S) for the hard work he had put into designing the new site and to our own Jackie Clowes for entering data.

The League hope that the new site will be just as successful as the previous one and that it will continue to go from strength to strength.

The meeting was informed that the date of the Presentation Evenings had now been set and this was the same date as the League's "Finals Day" 20th April. They will be held at the Monaco Ballroom, Hindley, Nr Wigan starting at 6pm and running through 'til midnight. It was recognised that the day after the Presentation Night is a schoolday but it was the only available date for a venue big enough to hold the event and so was booked.

Tickets will be strictly limited to 550 and will be on sale at the April Monthly Meeting with teams winning Leagues and the Cup Finalists given first priority on tickets. It promises to be a great night with the excellent band Electro 80's performing two live sets, last year's highly praised DJ Alan Clegg, special appearances from SL & NL1 players, hot food and probably a complete sell-out - so ensure you get a ticket.

The room was also informed that the League had recently submitted a bid for grants via Sponsorbank to purchase exhibition stands to help our clubs in fundraising, photoediting software to enable high quality posters & flyers to be created, a DVD Camcorder, projector & screen, new laptop and multi-dvd copier. All equipment, if we are successful, is intended for the use of the League & it's Clubs to help us promote and fundraise for our game.

The date of the next meeting at Golborne Parkside will be the 5th March 2008 commencing at 8.30pm.