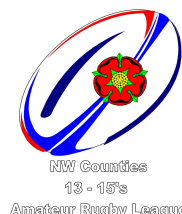


North West Counties 13 – 15s Amateur Rugby League Meeting Minutes



Date of Meeting 2nd June 2010

Committee Members:	Margaret Byrne (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Sam Armstrong (League Secretary & BARLA/RFL Rep)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Jayne Bissett (Treasurer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	David Lowe (Registrations/Transfers Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Lindsay Bissett (U13's Fixtures Secretary)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Paul Edwards (U14's Fixtures Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Jackie Clowes (U15's Fixtures Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Darren Hayes (Referee Appointments Officer)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Kevin Davidson (Discipline Secretary)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Brian Edwards (Child Welfare Officer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Paul Mitchell (Vice Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Apologies: Lindsay Bissett, Darren Hayes

Next Meeting: Wed 7th July 2010 at 8.30pm, Golborne Parkside ARLFC

I. Attendance

Bank Quay Bulls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blackbrook Blues/Royals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blackpool Scorpions	<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"/>	Clock Face	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Crosfields	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Culcheth Eagles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Folly Lane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Golborne Parkside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Halton Farnworth Hornets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Haydock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Hindley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ince Rose Bridge	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Langworthy Reds	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Latchford Albion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leigh East	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leigh Miners Rangers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leyland Warriors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Liverpool Lions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Manchester Storm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Milnrow Cobras	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Oldham St Anne's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Orrell St James	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pilkington Recs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Portico	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rochdale Mayfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Runcorn	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rylands Sharks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Saddleworth Rangers	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Widnes Moorfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Widnes St Maries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wigan St Cuthbert's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Wigan St Jude's	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wigan St Patrick's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Woolston	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

The League formally welcomed teams moving up from the NW Counties 8-12's especially the new clubs and those old names making a return.

As this meeting directly follows the League's AGM, Club's will not be additionally fined if they have already been fined the sum of £50 for non attendance at the AGM as adopted at the May 2008 Meeting and documented in the Constitution.

II. Minutes & Updates from the Last Meeting

The minutes of the May 2010 meeting which were posted on the NWC 13 – 15's website were proposed by Wigan St Patricks and seconded by Latchford Albion.

III. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

IV. Correspondence

Friendlies/Festivals/Tournaments/Tours

The League have received the following requests for authorisation of friendlies/festivals/tournaments/tours, namely:

Manchester Storm

Wish to play a "Wars of the Roses" style friendly against the West Riding League's Newsome Panthers on Saturday 3rd July 2010

Ince Rose Bridge

Wish to host a Festival at their Pinfold Street ground on Sunday 15th August in aid of their U14s tour to France 2011. Each team will be contacted by the appropriate age-group Coach.

Orrell St James

Further to last month's request we now have additional details for the Orrell St James Festival

Saturday 19th June	Under 8's, Under 10's, Under 12's
Sunday 20th June	Under 9's, Under 11's, Under 13's

All games are to be held at Abraham Guest High School. Both days will commence at 10.30 a.m. with Registrations at 10 a.m. - £10 per team

For more information please contact the following:

Under 8's	Caroline Stevens 07706 330524 Steven Kay 07774155726
Under 9's	Scott Hesketh 07753 608590 Barry Lloyd 07917 631153
Under 10's	Nicola Parkinson 07798 658544
Under 11's	Ian Partington 07904 677140 Ste Grimshaw 07963 893584
Under 12's	Eric Speakman 07889 587197
Under 13's	Phil Atherton 07961 654882 Gareth Friar 07973 517608

West Bank Bears

Request permission to play a couple of friendlies at the Pavilions, Runcorn on Sunday 20th June in support of and as a fundraiser for Runcorn.

- U15s v Liverpool Lions
- U14s v Runcorn

All of the above were approved.

Tour Protocols

The League have received a complaint from the RFL's Community Services Department regarding late applications for permission to tour and have asked that we remind everyone of the procedure which MUST be adhered to to prevent disappointment.

All clubs, leagues or organisations who intend to arrange an international match or international exchange must seek permission from the Rugby

Football League (RFL).

Before the RFL can sanction the proposed international match/exchange, an international application form must be completed and written permission is required from the National Governing Body of the foreign club/league who wish to host the tour. **In the case of a club application, a letter of support is also required from the regional playing league where the team is a member.**

This information should be lodged with the RFL **no less than three months prior to the intended tour date.** The tour is sanctioned when written verification from the RFL has been received by the applicant.

No firm commitment for incoming or outgoing tours should be entered into prior to written permission being received.

There are two stages to signing off applications:

Stage One – Is to agree in principle the purpose of the tour. This will require the applicant to present the outline of the arrangement and the outline agreement of their host or visiting organisation. Also required will be the outline of a budget and who is responsible for the financial aspects. After Stage One approval, the applicant should work the proposal into a firm plan, including, overseas approval in writing.

Stage Two – Is where more detail is supplied and the RFL International application form is completed. If all arrangements are satisfactory and developed according to the Stage One approval, at this stage there should be no reason to turn an application down.

There are two international applications, one for touring overseas and one for hosting a tour/match. Both are available to download on the RFL website.

Overseas Governing Bodies will be contacted for their feedback throughout the year regarding relevant Tours to the Country

V. Referee Appointments Coordinator's Report

Nothing to report

VI. Registration/Transfer Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

VII. U13's Fixture Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

VIII. U14's Fixture Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

IX. U15's Fixture Secretary's Report

Jackie notified the floor of the provisional dates for next year's key games:
Wars of The Roses - Easter Sunday 24th April 2011
Cup Finals Weekend - 16/17th April 2011

League Membership Application Forms for the 2010/2011 Season which were available on the night or from the League's website need to be **fully** completed or risk being returned. This data forms the basis of the Contacts Pages on the website and is critical to the effective running of the League to ensure that opponents can find grounds and make the necessary arrangements between the teams.

X. Child Welfare Officer's Report

Nothing to report

XI. Disciplinary Secretary's Report

Kevin Davidson announced that the next Disciplinary Meeting will take place on Thursday 17th June at Golborne Parkside. Team's with pending cases were issued with Hearing Notifications. Please confirm to him if you wish to attend. His e-mail address is kevin@inteltele.com

XII. BARLA/RFL Representative's Report

1. Sam Armstrong informed the room that the BARLA AGM will take place on Sunday 13th June 2010 at the George Hotel, Huddersfield

2. Further to the Youth and Junior Forum meeting on Saturday 27th March 2010 at The Willows, a standalone meeting with the Coaching Department was requested and had taken place to discuss the following areas :

- Communication
- Qualifications
- CPD
- Girl's Coaching

The meeting took place at the Premier Inn, Huddersfield North on Saturday 8th May 2010 and it is hoped, after very positive discussions, that some of the improvements proposed will soon be implemented.

3. Sam Armstrong explained that, over the last few weeks, Clubs may have seen a number of stories regarding a potential change to the time of year that Rugby League is played at the Community Game level.

The RFL are currently asking for the views of everyone in the game on when they think youth, junior and open age Rugby League should be played.

The different options which are under discussion are as follows:

- The first option is to introduce a split season which would include playing between September and June with a break for the winter months of December, January and February
- The second option is to have a summer season which starts in March and concludes in November
- The third option is to have a winter season which starts in September and concludes in May.

The RFL would like to invite everyone to formally respond & to take this opportunity to encourage as many of your teams & players as possible to participate in this process so they hear the views of a number of different people.

Full details about the consultation process and different ways to get involved can be found on the RFL website:

www.therfl.co.uk/thebigdebate

This formal consultation process will end with a recommendation that will go forward to the clubs and leagues with the decision ultimately resting with these groups.

David Gent
Director of Participation and Strategic Partnerships
Community Development

XIII. Any Other Business

The Treasurers' Report showed that the League had a balance of £15912 at the time of the meeting.

Congratulations were offered to Wigan St Patricks for their win over West Hull at the X-Blades/BARLA National U14s Youth Cup Final at Fylde on the 30th May 2010.

The floor was introduced to the League's newest acquisition - "Tommy Tacklebag", the League's new Mascot. The character has been specifically designed to promote both the game and the League and to encourage younger children to participate in the sport and, as such, is seen as a great tool in the recruitment of new players.

The costume will be available for all of our member Clubs to use whilst fundraising all Clubs are asked is that they return it clean and tidy and in the condition it was received should they request to use it otherwise they will be liable for any repairs.

The date of the next meeting at Golborne Parkside will be the 7th July 2010 commencing at 8.30pm.