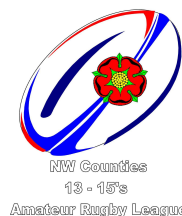


North West Counties 13 – 15 Junior Amateur Rugby
Meeting Minutes



Date of Meeting 3rd March 2010

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

Apologies: Lindsay Bissett, Darren Hayes, Paul Edwards, Brian Edwards

Next Meeting: Wed 7th April 2010 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"/>	Clockface	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Crosfields	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Culcheth Eagles	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eccles & Salford Juniors	<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leigh East	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leigh Miners Rangers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leyland Warriors	<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"/>	Golborne Parkside	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pilkington Recs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Portico Juniors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rochdale Mayfield	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Runcorn	<input 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 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 February 2010 meeting which were posted on the NWC 13 – 15's website were proposed by Wigan St Pats and seconded by Crosfields.

III. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

IV. Correspondence

Sam explained that, the perennial favourite of "Summer rugby" had again reared it's head on the League's Forum. The RFL have since been in touch to ask the League to form part of a "working party" to discuss the

viabilities and/or pitfalls of any move.

The first meeting for the NW will take place at Leigh East on 15th March 2010 with a further 2nd meeting planned for the 29th March. The findings of these meetings will then be discussed with the working parties from other regions at a final meeting at the George Hotel, Huddersfield on 14th April 2010.

If anyone has any particular points of view, whether they be in favour or against any move away from Winter, then please e-mail Sam at SamArmstrong99@aol.com so that we can ensure they get conveyed.

Any input would be greatly appreciated especially considering the recent spell of prolonged bad weather and lost fixtures.

This is your chance to have your say on the future of the game don't waste the opportunity!

V. Referee Appointments Coordinator's Report

There was no report due to Darren's absence, however, there appeared to be no major issues and the League were delighted with the way Darren was dealing so efficiently with appointments.

VI. Registration Secretary's Report

David Lowe issued updated detailed lists to the various Clubs of their registered players; these new lists included the amendments following deregistration of several players.

VII. U13's Fixture Secretary's Report

Paul Edwards sent apologies but he had been to London on business and his return train had, unfortunately, been delayed meaning he was consequently unable to attend.

He asked, as the weeks remaining to us this season are few that, where possible, Clubs who have facilities to play midweek and have a fixture backlog let him know so that hopefully some midweek games can be arranged.

VIII. U14's Fixture Secretary's Report

Similar requests to those from the U13s were made but please notify Jayne/Lindsay Bissett

IX. U15's Fixture Secretary's Report

Again, Jackie reiterated the request from the other 2 age-groups and asked that if you can assist her clear her fixture backlog, and help to reduce the risk of having to play 4 point games, that anyone who can play midweek contact her.

Jackie also asked, on behalf of all three age-groups that, if your game is cancelled, you let your Fixture Secretary know at the same time as everyone else and not as an afterthought several hours later!!

Finally, Jackie reminded all Clubs who won trophies last year that they need to be returned, undamaged, cleaned & polished at the April meeting.

Any club not returning them at the meeting will be fined as, with Finals coming, up the Management Committee do not have the time to chase up individual trophies.

Please note: Fines will be charged at £10/week per Cup as every Club now has 5 weeks from this meeting to arrange for them to be available on the 7th April.

X. Transfer Committee's Report

Paul Mitchell explained that the Transfer Window had now closed for this season on the 28th February.

He had received a few requests and these would be processed as soon as possible, he had also, he went on to explain, also received several requests for specific players to be de-registered.

XI. Child Welfare Officer's Report

Due to Brian Edwards being on holiday in Spain there was no CWO's Report

XII. Disciplinary Chair's Report

Sam Armstrong told the floor that, due to the number of outstanding issues raised regarding discipline there were too many cases to issue out on the evening. Instead, it was stated that the details would be posted on the website on Thursday 4th March 2010.

Assurances were given that no individuals' details would be divulged but instead, each case would be given a unique reference number, state whether it is a Player or Team involved, have a very brief summary of the offence and the Team/Age-Group involved.

If clubs wish further details of their individual case e.g. Referees Report or wished to book a "Personal Appearance" then they were asked to please e-mail Sam at SamArmstrong99@aol.com stating the Case Number and who they were and what their role in the Club/Team is; Sam in turn would verify the information and then send further details/book a time for the appeal.

A table of available appointments is to be maintained on the website so that Clubs can see the remaining available slots.

XIII. BARLA Representative's Report

There had been no meetings affecting our age-groups.

XIII. Any Other Business

The Treasurers' Report showed that the League had a balance of £15610 at the time of the meeting.

BJ Mather, the RFL's Player Performance Manager showed a visual presentation on the big screen of the new Player Performance Pathway and explained the structures set in place to develop players to their full potential. This has changed from the old model of Service Area Games and implies a far fairer and better structured approach which the League wholeheartedly supports.

A copy of the presentation slides are available for downloading in PDF format In the Stationery section of the League's website.
(<http://www.nwc13-15arl.co.uk/stationery.php>)

Sam reminded clubs of forthcoming events starting with the Lancashire Cup on Sunday 14th March 2010 at the Stobart Stadium, Widnes. This competition will subsequently supply the League with it's representatives to face the best of the Yorkshire Juniors League teams in the annual War of The Roses Challenge which this year we host on Easter Sunday (April 4th 2010) at Golborne Parkside.

With the vocal support at last years event from the "White Rose" side of the Pennines at Shaw Cross, Dewsbury we'd like to give them a real

"Lanky" welcome and make a lot of noise to really rally behind and support our champions hopefully to victory!

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