



North West Counties 13 – 15 Junior Amateur Rugby
Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting 5th November 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: Lindsay Bissett

Next Meeting: Wed 3rd December 2008 at 8.30pm, Golborne Parkside ARLFC

I. Attendance

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| Ashton Bears | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Blackbrook Royals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Blackpool Scorpions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Blackpool Stanley | <input 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 type="checkbox"/> |
| Haydock | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Higginshaw | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Hindley | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Ince Rose Bridge | <input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Widnes Moorfield | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Widnes St Maries | <input 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 October 2008 meeting which were posted on the NWC 13 – 15's website were proposed by Eccles & Salford Juniors and seconded by Widnes Moorfield.

III. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

IV. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

V. Referee Appointments Coordinator's Report

David Lowe discussed the document he'd issued, this related to a report form to be used when Referees have been threatened. This was instigated following one Referee Societies refusal to referee games at a particular club following an incident.

The form is basically an acknowledgement that the Club will investigate matters brought to their attention which should in turn hopefully prevent clubs being left without referees.

If you require any further info please do not hesitate to e-mail David for clarification.

If you have not received confirmation from a Referee that he is attending your fixture do not assume he is ... notify David Lowe.

If you have not contacted the Referee by 5pm Friday then you will NOT have a Referee. Do not call David on Sunday morning saying "I've forgotten to get in touch with my Referee have you anyone spare?"

Ensure that you clearly mark your team name on teamsheets ... if you don't then you may risk getting fined as it may appear you have not sent one in.

Following one or two recent issues it was reported that Referees are being monitored too and that it is not all one way.

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

The League have sadly received word that Haresfinch have folded their U13's team and subsequently new fixtures were issued to the affected teams.

Haydock dropped from Div 2 to Div 3

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

Paul Edwards informed the room that he doesn't appreciate text calls at all hours of the day and night ... please ensure that you call/text at a reasonable hour and not in the middle of the night.

It was reiterated that it is the Home team who MUST contact the away team with details of the arrangements for the fixtures.

The NW Counties 13-15's Cup Draw will be on the website possibly Friday 7th Nov.

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

Jackie reported that overall everything seems to be running ok .. games are being arranged around Cup Games ... keep checking the website.

With the bad weather at the start of the season and the subsequent loss of a few weeks, if your pitch is potentially looking unplayable and you haven't played the reverse fixture please try to co-ordinate with your opponents rather than leave it to the last minute and face a potential backlog. Try to do this as early as possible and also ensure that the Referee is made aware.

Brian Edwards was pleased to report that it seems all the problems have now been sorted at RL Services and asked all clubs that if you have any cards outstanding longer than 2 weeks to please let him know.

IX. Transfer Committee's Report

Paul Mitchell informed the room that he was still not receiving all the necessary documentation to process Transfer Requests when submitted by Clubs ... without these i.e. Reg Forms Paul cannot process your Transfer Request.

Currently there is only 1 case on "appeal" and Paul will be trying to organise an Appeals Committee early next week.

X. BARLA Representative's Report

Sam explained that he, Margaret Byrne and Jackie Clowes had attended the RFL's Youth Forum at Old Trafford where all bar one of the Country's Youth & Junior Leagues were present to share best practice and develop the game for our young players on a truly national level. These are planned to be repeated several times during the year and we'll continue to feedback anything we learn.

He went on to explain that they had also attended the Rugby League Congress meeting at the Galpharm Stadium where a series of workshops geared at helping Clubs were presented. ALL clubs are invited to these but the take-up is sadly quite poor but we, as a League, would advise Clubs to participate as the information shared is extremely beneficial as, this year, it covered funding, developing your club, Marketing to name but a few.

The League had tried to co-ordinate an alternative competition for the U14's but, after discussion with the other "Associate" BARLA leagues this was found to be difficult as several were "Summer" leagues unlike the heartland leagues like ourselves. It was therefore recommended that Clubs choosing to enter the BARLA National Cup do so via their District League. Due to the recently adopted negative attitude of BARLA we, as a League have been given no details whatsoever of entry closing dates or dates the competition will be run on and we can only recommend that any questions are therefore directed to the BARLA Secretary for clarification.

XI. Disciplinary Chairman's Report

Hearing Notifications were issued to several clubs for cases which were to be heard on Thursday 20th November at Golborne Parkside Sports & Community Club.

Verdict Notifications were issued to several clubs for cases which were heard on Thursday 16th October at Golborne Parkside Sports & Community Club.

XII. Any Other Business

The Treasurers' Report showed that the League had a balance of £13494 at the time of the meeting.

Dean Hardman Operations Manager RFL was a guest at the meeting and explained the RFL's policies towards Child Protection & Anti-Doping in an extremely informative presentation.

For anyone not aware, there are currently 3 x Regional Child Welfare Officers in the North West (Andy Fairhurst - Blackbrook, Debbie Lucas - Chorley Panthers & Hilary Steel) who can all be approached for advice as can Dean and his team at Red Hall.

There is a very detailed set of website information to support Dean's presentation on the RFL Website in the "About Us" section where both Safeguarding and Anti-Doping are fully covered. This information is available from the Links page of the NW Counties 13-15's Website (www.nwc13-15arl.co.uk)

All Clubs were requested to hold 2 mins silence to show their respects for those who had given their lives on Remembrance Sunday 9th November.

The date of the next meeting at Golborne Parkside will be the 3rd December 2008 commencing at 8.30pm.