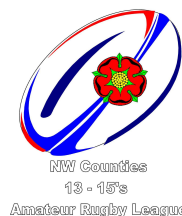


North West Counties 13 – 15s Amateur Rugby League Meeting Minutes



Date of Meeting 6th October 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 type="checkbox"/>
	Lindsay Bissett (U13's Fixtures Secretary)	<input checked="" 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: Darren Hayes, David Lowe

Next Meeting: Wed 3rd November 2010 at 8.30pm, Golborne Parkside ARLFC

I. Attendance

Accrington Wildcats	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bank Quay Bulls	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blackbrook Blues/Royals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Blackpool	<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"/>
Haresfinch	<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"/>	Newton Storm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
New West Lions	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Wigan St Patrick's	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Woolston	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Clubs not present at the meeting have been fined £30 as per the League's Constitution.

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

II. Minutes & Updates from the Last Meeting

The minutes of the September 2010 meeting which were posted on the NWC 13 – 15's website were proposed by Wigan St Patricks and seconded by New West Lions.

III. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

IV. Correspondence

Sam Armstrong reported that the League had been saddened to hear of the recent untimely death of one of its nicest Coaches, Peter Cunningham, formerly of Haresfinch and Thatto Heath. The League's Management Committee wished to place on record its heartfelt and sincerest condolences to his family at this very difficult time.

Peter was a well known, popular and enthusiastic Coach who had been through our League on a couple of occasions and who always gave 110% in his efforts to develop his young players.

He had earned a great deal of friends, colleagues and associates at all the Clubs he had been involved with and throughout the 8-12's and 13-15's Leagues too.

His passion for the game will undoubtedly be sadly missed by all who had the great pleasure to know him.

The League will be attending Peter's funeral which will take place on Friday 8th October @ 1.30pm at St Marys Church, Knowsley Lane, Knowsley, L34 0JQ.



Peter Cunningham

A minute's silence was held by all present at the Meeting in honour of Peter's memory

V. Referee Appointments Coordinator's Report

There was no Referee Appointments Coordinators' report in the absence, due to work commitments, of Darren Hayes however appointments for this weekend's games had been issued and were available on the website.

VI. Registration/Transfer Secretary's Report

David Lowe was unfortunately not present due to his attendance being required at the National Conference League's meeting which he administers, consequently, there was no Registration/Transfer Secretary's report.

VII. U13's Fixture Secretary's Report

The draw took place for the Semi-Finals of the NW Counties & NW Counties Development Cups which resulted in the following matches:

NW Counties U13's Cup Semi-Finals

1st Semi-Final

Widnes St Maries v Clock Face or Folly Lane

2nd Semi Final

Haresfinch Hawks v Widnes Moorfield or Blackbrook

NW Counties U13's Development Cup Semi-Finals

1st Semi-Final

Thatto Heath v Saddleworth Ranger or Pilkington Recs

2nd Semi Final

Leyland Warrior or Newton Storm v Crosfields or Milnrow Cobras

The above games are scheduled to be played on Sunday 17th October 2010.

VIII. U14's Fixture Secretary's Report

The draw took place for the Semi-Finals of the NW Counties & NW Counties Development Cups which resulted in the following matches:

NW Counties U14's Cup Semi-Finals

1st Semi-Final Wigan St Patricks or Widnes Moorfield v Leigh Miners

2nd Semi Final Blackbrook or Orrell St James v Wigan St Judes

NW Counties U14's Development Cup Semi-Finals

1st Semi-Final Bank Quay Bulls v Golborne Parkside or Folly Lane

2nd Semi Final Manchester Storm v Latchford Albion or Wigan St Cuthberts

The above games are scheduled to be played on Sunday 17th October 2010

IX. U15's Fixture Secretary's Report

The draw took place for the Semi-Finals of the NW Counties & NW Counties Development Cups which resulted in the following matches:

NW Counties U15's Cup Semi-Finals

1st Semi-Final

Wigan St Patricks or Ince Rose Bridge v Bold Miners

2nd Semi Final

Thatto Heath Crusaders v Saddleworth Rangers or Clock Face Miners

NW Counties U15's Development Cup Semi-Finals

1st Semi-Final

West Bank Bears or Chorley Panthers v Burtonwood Bulldogs or Liverpool Lions

2nd Semi Final

Oldham St Annes v Hindley or Waterhead

The above games are scheduled to be played on Sunday 17th October 2010

Fixtures (General)

It was re-iterated, yet again, that Clubs need to give **28 days notice for a free week** and teams should not presume that just because the provisional fixture lists handed out at the start of the Season show you as having a week off that you will have no game. Similarly, teams out of the Cups competitions will have fixtures arranged wherever possible.

If teams wish to play midweek and their opponents are willing and able to do so then a Sunday game can be played prior to or in the 5 days immediately after the Sunday. It cannot be played any later.

This will not count as a free weekend.

Teamsheets:

1) Whilst we are receiving the vast majority of teamsheets through as requested, we appear to be receiving some old/obsolete copies. Can teams please ensure with immediate effect that they use the current version (which is available from the website) and not copies of older versions they may have printed off previously.

2) Can we also have the match day sheet sent through – some teams are completing their section online and emailing this to us. We must receive the copy signed by both coaches and the referee.

3) Can all teams ensure that they are completing the sheets correctly – many come through only partially completed i.e. without the name of the completing club/age group/result etc. The floor was notified that the League will start issuing fines for incomplete sheets from 10th October 2010 onwards.

Clubs were reminded that the Lancashire Cup for the U13s & U15s age-groups is a **non-seeded** competition the 1st Rounds of which will take place on Sunday 7th November. Any team NOT wishing to compete in this Competition needs to let their respective Fixture Secretary know by 20th October at the latest. The draws will take place at 2 clubs (one U13s & one U15s) on the 24th October. If you'd like to be considered to host the draw please let your respective Fixture Secretary know.

X. Child Welfare Officer's Report

Brian Edwards asked that ALL Coaches and First Aiders ensure that they have valid CRB checks.

XI. Disciplinary Secretary's Report

Kevin Davidson issued the Verdict Notifications from those cases heard by the Disciplinary Panel on Thursday 25th September 2010 and issued Hearing Notifications for those cases to be heard on Thursday 21st October.

Kevin explained that the opening few weeks of the season had seen many reports of misdemeanours on a Sunday morning, ranging from half hearted headbutts through more serious issues of aggression, Coaches fighting, brawls, homophobic and racial abuse.

He reminded everyone that we're supposed to be in this game to provide an outlet for children while providing them the opportunity to learn and play a sport.

Respect applies to Players, Coaches, Club Officials, Spectators, Parents and Match Officials alike. Most young players respect their Coaches, sometimes more than anybody else in their lives and it's up to these Coaches to lead by example and avoid the sort of incidents that lead to bans and fines.

Clubs were asked to please remind their players about the need for them to behave with Respect to all those involved in this game and avoid having to turn up at Golborne for a Disciplinary Meeting on a Thursday night.

Can we please ensure that, in the first instance, all Disciplinary matters are referred to Kevin. If necessary the League will forward any matters necessary on to the RFL but processing them via the League prevents any duplication of work and confusion.

XII. BARLA/RFL Representative's Report

Sam explained that there had been no BARLA Meetings lately and indeed these appear to have come to a complete halt for the Youth & Junior game, however, the RFL had held both a Youth & Junior Forum at Brighthouse and its Community Game Congress at Old Trafford Cricket Ground. The main topic of conversation for both these meetings remained the proposed 4 Seasons Playing Schedule.

The League's Management had invited Mr David Gent of the RFL to speak to the meeting about the proposed 4 Seasons programme but, unfortunately, due to a timetable clash, he was unable to attend and instead will now be attending the meeting on 3rd November.

In David's absence, Jackie Clowes, who had been actively involved in the preparation of a proposed fixture schedule, presented her proposals via a PowerPoint presentation to the floor and welcomed any questions.

XIII. Any Other Business

The Treasurers' Report showed that the League had a balance of £19248 at the time of the meeting.

1) Paul Mitchell informed the floor that there had been some confusion regarding the League's stance on videoing and photographing of games. The Leagues' policy is, in line with the RFL's, in that it considers the use of video/photography as useful tools to be used in the development of players and also to assist in any disciplinary matters.

The League has issued a "blanket approval" on the appropriate use of videos/cameras unless they receive a formal written request from a Club requesting to be exempted from this approval. To date, no Club has submitted any such request to the League.

A copy of the League's Recording Images of Children Policy can be found online on the Stationery pages of the website at www.nwc13-15arl.co.uk

2) Finally, Margaret Byrne raised the issue that the League had received complaints about the lack of respect shown by some away teams to their host's facilities.

Clubs were reminded that it is important that your players behave and act appropriately and that they are supervised correctly.

As the final player leaves the changing rooms the facilities should be checked by the Coach or Team Manager to confirm that they have been left in a reasonable condition prior to departing. This action will go a long way towards preventing any later unpleasantness or claims for damage.

The date of the next meeting at Golborne Parkside will be the 3rd November 2010 commencing at 8.30pm.