

North West Counties 13 – 15 Junior Amateur Rugby Annual General Meeting Minutes



Date of Meeting

Wednesday 4th July 2007

Committee Members Present:

Margaret Byrne (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
David Lowe (Vice Chair/Ref. Appointments)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sam Armstrong (League Sec. /Discipline Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jayne Bissett (Treasurer)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Edwards (U13's Fixtures & Reg Sec.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Brian Edwards (U14's/U15'S Reg Sec.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jackie Clowes (U14's Fixtures Sec.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Paul Mitchell (U15's Fixtures Sec.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Peter Svabic (BARLA Representative)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Apologies: David Lowe

Next Annual General Meeting: Date to be advised

I. Attendance

Accrington	<input type="checkbox"/>	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"/>
Bolton Mets	<input type="checkbox"/>	Burtonwood Bulldogs	<input checked="" 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"/>
Folly Lane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Halton Farnworth Hornets	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Haresfinch	<input 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 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 checked="" 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 who did not attend are to be fined, as stated at the May Meeting, the sum of £30.

II. Minutes & Updates from the Last Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2006 AGM were read out and proposed by

III. Chairperson's Report

Margaret Byrne explained that it had been an interesting season. It started off with the controversy surrounding the changes in the transfer rules and although these changes have been adhered to by this League, they were, sadly, never going to please everyone.

We had had our usual set backs with wet weather mid season, but all she could say was "thank god we do not play summer rugby or we would have been rained off for weeks!!".

The Management board had worked well together providing a very competitive structure for the season. This culminated in some good play-offs and a great Cup Finals day. The new unique cups and medals proved to be very popular with the winners.

The re-introduction of the end of season presentation nights were a credit to Sam's organising ability. They were thoroughly enjoyable nights that will certainly become a regular feature in our League's calendar.

The League had also changed it's identity during the season with the new modern logo that re-identified us as an ever changing and dynamic organisation.

The Management Board continued to work hard on your behalf and Margaret took the opportunity to personally thank them for their commitment. Although we missed Ken Owen and his amusing anecdotes we were very lucky that Paul Edwards had joined our ranks.

Our association with BARLA was and no doubt will continue to be a controversial one but we will work with both them and the RFL to the benefit of this League.

Margaret stated that It was a pleasure to work with your clubs and she was, along with the rest of the committee, looking forward to continuing to do so next season.

IV. Constitutional Amendments

Jackie Clowes explained the rationale behind the changes to the League's Constitution as we endeavoured to provide an easy to understand structure. The changes which had been posted for review and comment were put to the vote and accepted unanimously – these changes will now be implemented and added to both the website and to the handbooks.

V. Election of Officers

No positions were contested but, it was with regret that Peter Svabic's resignation from the Committee was accepted.

Peter's fantastic contribution over many years to the success of this League was explained in detail by Margaret Byrne and as a token of our thanks and appreciation Peter was presented with an engraved plaque and received the warm applause of the entire meeting.

Sam Armstrong has volunteered to absorb Peter's role as BARLA Representative and so this year's Management Committee is as follows:

Margaret Byrne (Chair)
Sam Armstrong (League Sec. /Discipline Chair/BARLA Representative)
Jayne Bissett (Treasurer)
Paul Edwards (U13's Fixtures Sec.)
Chris King (U13's Registrations Sec.)
Brian Edwards (U14's & U15's Registrations Sec.)
Jackie Clowes (U14's Fixtures Sec.)
Paul Mitchell (U15's Reg. & Fixtures Sec.)
David Lowe (Vice Chair/Ref. Appointments)

VI. Treasurers Report

The Chair paid special credit to the Treasurer who had in the eyes of all concerned done a magnificent job in providing monthly and annual reports for the meetings.

At the time of the meeting, the closing balance was reported as £7934.67

VII. Referees Report

There was no Referee's report in the absence of David Lowe

VII. Any Other Business

There was no other business.