

# **NORTH WEST COUNTIES JUNIORS**

## **Minutes of the meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 held at Leigh Miners Welfare**

### **Roll call:**

**Absent:** Haydock, Higginshaw, Hindley, Langworthy, Oldham St Annes, Widnes St Maries, Waterhead, Wrexham, North Trafford.

**All will be fined £10 for non-attendance as per association rules.**

### **Minutes**

The minutes from last month were placed in the website for you to read.

### **Matters Arising:**

Girls playing at U11s – we have a verbal agreement that girls already playing at U11s can continue to the end of the season even though they are now in high school. We are still waiting for this to be put into writing.

### **Communication:**

Every month we have clubs missing. We don't hold these meetings for our benefit, they are for your benefit so that we can keep you up to date. We give information at the meeting, put the minutes on the website, put links on the website, use twitter and Facebook, and use the forum – all ways of keeping the channels of communication open. We are trying to do our bit but you are not passing on information, not keeping up to date and not helping yourselves or your clubs.

As an example, in August Mick received an envelope full of registrations from Tommy Greenall's family. Tommy died 6 months ago yet this club didn't know about it, despite the fact that it was all over the various media sites and mentioned in the minutes. The website was changed and Tommy's details removed. The club rep in question was horrified by the mistake but the information hadn't been passed out. People are just being lazy and not bothering to keep themselves informed. PLEASE, just check the website/ social media sites and make sure that you are working with up-to-date information.

### **Discipline:**

None.

### **Safeguarding:**

St Judes recently had a festival and invited some teams over from Yorkshire. A coach from a team from Hunslet Hawks was an absolute disgrace. He was drinking whilst in charge of junior players and wanting to fight. The situation was reported to safeguarding who started an investigation and found that the 'coach' was not qualified or DBS checked. He has since been banned from coaching.

Take care – you should be checking that coaches are qualified.

### **Newbies:**

There will be a festival on Sunday at St Judes to open the pilot. Arrive at 9.30 for a 10am start. Should be over by 11am. Contact Martyn Rothwell at [Martyn.Rothwell@rfl.uk.com](mailto:Martyn.Rothwell@rfl.uk.com) to confirm attendance.

There will be 4 weeks at Primary Games followed by 4 weeks at mini rules. After that we will have a feedback session to decide which way to go next season.

### **Registrations:**

Same problems as every other month. Same problems as already spoken about – communication.

We get a lot of things done wrong and when told its wrong get the response – “but I'm new”. Well your rep might be new but your club isn't! All the information is available – at your request –on the website. Regular forum posts highlight the problems we are getting. And there must be someone in a long standing club that can help you complete a registration form! We are now in September – it is not acceptable.

Limehurst Lions – brand new club (not even a full member yet) have so far managed to do every single registration spot on. If a brand new club can do it, why are our longstanding clubs failing?

### **Match Cancellation Forms**

Anyone struggling with numbers please let Mick know as early as possible so that we have time to give the opposition a game. Don't forget to fill in the Game Cancellation form and email it as early as possible – not on Sunday morning!

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/19751840/Rugby/NWC%20Juniors/Cancellation%20Notification%202014.doc>

### **Fixtures:**

Please check the website as there have been some changes made. Do not go by the fixture list from the start of the season. The season ends on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

U11s/ U12s – you MUST text your result after your match. Teams were really good at this at the beginning of the season, but then some got lazy and stopped. Until the end of the season there will be a £5 fine for any home team not texting their result. Mick will not be wasting any more of his time chasing it.

### **Lancashire Cup**

Quarter Finals to be played 7<sup>th</sup> September  
(Semi-finals to be played 21<sup>st</sup> September, Final on 13<sup>th</sup> October)

Chorley v Folly Lane  
Halton Farnworth Hornets v Thatto Heath or West Bank  
Crosfields or Langworthy v Shevington  
Ashton v Leigh Miners Rangers

### **Lottery**

September Draw: Chorley

**Next meeting: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at 8.30pm**  
**£10 fine for non-attendance**