

North West Counties Juniors

Minutes of meeting held 3rd March 2015 at Leigh Miners Welfare

Roll Call – Absent: Atherton Dragons, Culcheth, Heysham, Ryland's, Salford City Roosters , Woolston and Wrexham

In line with association rules all to be fined £10.

1 Minutes of previous meeting –(available on website) accepted as a true record.

2 Matters arising – Since the last meeting Portico Vine have invited all the children and coaching staff of Carr Mill Bears to become members of their club adhering to the Clubs constitution and code of conduct. This was accepted by the association's management on the proviso Carr Mill Bears was wound up and all references of them removed from social media etc.

Haresfinch Hawks stated that that is all they desired from the outset that the children were allowed to play within the rules.

Letter from Cumbria Youth asking leagues to notify them if any of their member clubs applied to join other leagues.

3. Operational Rules.

Following letters sent to the clubs from David Gent, the chair updated the membership on the current position. We have inserted the required paragraph into the association constitution which was always our intention, the Chair apologised as it is something he genuinely forgot to do over the Christmas period.

The chair however stated he was disappointed with the course of action David Gent took as a simple phone call would have resolved the matter.

Independent arbitration which the chair on behalf of the association had inquired about was an issue that had muddied the waters and this was only resolved on the 13th January 2015 after an email from DG well after the AGM in December 2014. Previous correspondence to Kelly Barrett on the 11th November 2014 remained unanswered

4 Application to join NW Counties.

Chester Gladiators were accepted into the association after a unanimous acceptance from the membership they will initially run at 7s and 8s.

4 Primary Rules

The Chair had met with David Gent ,Dave Butler and Michael Amos who is the new Primary Rugby League manager (who the chair openly praised ,was the only RFL employee to openly admit that the statement that it was suggested by the RFL that the mini and modified games program was not fit for purpose was totally inappropriate).

We had an open and frank meeting which the chaired agreed to disagree with DG on the issue of the perceived democratic vote by the PRL group.

However the following was agreed;

Dear Mick

North West Counties 8 to 12 playing alternate format at under 7s

It was good to meet last night and this email is the confirmation of what I believe we agreed to do, to find a solution to the current situation as soon as is possible.

Firstly, I note with thanks that the 'Newbies' (under 6s) will be playing to the new format and the Under 8s and above will also be playing to the agreed rules as stated in the RFL Primary Rugby League rule book in 2015.

The issue is the format of the game that as a League you will be playing at under 7s. This should be the new format 4 v 4 (to a maximum of 5 v 5) as agreed at the recent RFL Primary Rugby League Management where all the other Leagues voted in favour of the revised format other than you. It was a fair and open democratic vote at that meeting and I do believe as a League you should comply with the result as a voting member of that management group. I do recognise the vote you had at your League meeting on this matter but I do feel that when a decision is made across the sport by all parties it should be respected by and complied with, by all parties. I did confirm to you that the rules will be reviewed on an annual basis via the Primary Rugby League management group.

The SKY TRY programme run by the professional clubs Foundations in the North West will be run to the new format and they will run their own festivals to that format.

I believe we agreed the following to reach a solution:

- 1 You will arrange a special meeting of your League for the 31st March 2015 where Mick Amos, RFL Primary Rugby League Manager will address the League to explain the programme and answer any questions. This is to help clubs understand the issues. Thank you for this offer.**
- 2 The RFL will arrange and lead a series of meetings in March and April 2015 between the Super League Club Foundations and the Community Clubs in their area, in conjunction with you, to explain the SKY TRY programme and the links to the new format and why it is so important to offer one integrated approach.**
- 3 We both agreed that during March and April 2015 to help ease and resolve this issue the League can play to the 7 a-side under 7s offer but a decision must be made at your May 2015 League meeting on the format. The RFL and yourselves will work together to achieve a workable and satisfactory solution.**
- 4 We both agreed irrespective of the issue around the under 7s that we all need to ensure the RFL Coach Licence scheme is rolled out as quickly as possible and that there should be greater coordination between the League and the RFL on pitch and calendar planning at the Primary age groups.**

I look forward to working with you to get this situation resolved at the soonest.

Best regards

David

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5 Fixtures

Changes to the fixtures were announced as follows:

**Burtonwood 8s and 11s have folded
Portico pulled out of 9s but will be running two teams at U8s
Culcheth and Oldham St Anne's swapped groups at 9s
Accrington running at 10s not 11s will replace that to heath in Blue group Thatto now just running at one team in red group.
Oldham St Anne's not running at Tens Blue group.
Ashton will take OSA fixtures and their fixture in red becomes a free.**

All were reminded that it is important to contact 'appointed referee' as soon as possible to confirm details of forthcoming game as delay can result in referee making alternative arrangements. Clubs should contact Mick for list of Referees. The Referees fees are to be split between clubs participating in game.

It is important to discuss with the referee before the game day which rules the referee will be asked to officiate to. Please do not take for granted that the referee will know, for example, the "mini rules".

Both U11s and 12s were reminded to text results in on the day of the game to the chair, failure to do so will now result in a £ 5 which will be donated to a RL Charity.

Match cancellation forms have now been withdrawn; please now simply inform the chair ASAP so that games can be arranged.

6 Team Sheets and Monitoring of Child Focused match day experience

In order to assist with the evaluation of the match day experience and bearing in mind the importance of the Respect campaign, team sheets have been amended to allow for monitoring of the match day experience. All were asked to be honest and realistic when completing the

monitoring section of the form. Any general comments can be made on the reverse of the form. Hopefully this will help achieve the aim of improving the match day experience for all concerned.

7 Coach Register.

All clubs have been asked to complete the form so that we can work with the RFL to update the database.

North West Counties Juniors Club Coach Register				
Club				
Secretary			Email	
U7	Coach	Level	ID No	Expiry
U8	Coach	Level	ID No	Expiry
U9	Coach	Level	ID No	Expiry
U10	Coach	Level	ID No	Expiry
U11	Coach	Level	ID No	Expiry
U12	Coach	Level	ID No	Expiry

8. Under 12s Cup draws.

This year's cup competition gets under way on the 22nd March when once again our U12s begin their road to Preston for our Summer Spectacular showcasing all that is good and great with our future stars. The day will consist of four back to back finals in a day to remember for our players, coaches and supporters. The final date has yet to be confirmed but Sunday 28th June is what we are aiming for.

Main Cup Pre –lim to be played 22nd March 2015

Thatto Heath Crusaders v Blackbrook Royals

Burton wood Bulldogs v Wigan St Cuthbert's

Leigh East v Ryland's Sharks

Wigan St Patrick's v Halton Farnworth Hornets.

First Round to be played 22nd and 29th March

Thatto Heath Crusaders / Blackbrook v Newton Storm 29-3-2015

Leigh Miners Rangers v Wigan St Judes 22-3-2015

Widnes Moorfield v Wigan St Pats/Halton Farnworth Hornets 29-3-2015

Burtonwood Bulldogs/ Wigan St Cuthberts v Shevington Sharks 29-3-2015

Rochdale Mayfield v Hindley 22-3-2015

Saddleworth Rangers v West Bank Bears 22-3-2015

Pilkington Recs v Ince Rose Bridge 22-3-2015

Leigh East / Ryland's Sharks v Clock Face Miners 29-3-201

Development Cup First Round to be played Sun 22nd March 2015

Portico Panthers v Langworthy Reds

Crosfields v Westhoughton Lions

Heysham Atoms v Leyland Warriors

Cadishead Rhinos v Latchford Albion

Waterhead v Chorley Panthers

Woolston Rovers v Orrell St James

Littleborough v Oldham St Annes

Golborne Parkside v Fitton Hill Bulldogs

If games are level at Full time then 5mins Each Way of extra time is played if still level then game is decided by golden point.

All first round losing sides then go into the plate competition.

All results to be texted in as normal to 07833131088

8 Winner of monthly draw Blackbrook Royals .

9 Website Contacts

Could you please check that all details are correct and inform Graham if anything needs updating?
Logos are still a work in progress?

10 AOB

None.

The chair closed the meeting and again thanked the clubs for their patience during another lengthy meeting.

Next monthly meeting Tuesday 7th April 2015 at Leigh Miners Welfare 20.30 start.