

North West Counties Juniors  
Minutes of meeting held 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at Leigh Miners Welfare

Roll Call – Absent: Bank Quay, Burtonwood, Langworthy Reds, Littleborough, Aspull Newsprings, Orrell St James, Westbank, Widnes Moorfield, 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 Minutes Silence** – members joined in a minutes silence in memory of Danny Jones who died tragically whilst playing and Miracle Godson who died in a swimming accident.

2a) Members were advised that the family of Miracle and his Club (Wigan St Judes) appreciate all the help and support provided at the loss of a popular 14 year old.

2b) It was requested that members hold fundraisers over the next couple of weeks in aid of the family of Danny Jones who has left a wife and 5 month old twins. It is hoped that by holding small fundraisers all clubs can contribute to the NWCounties making a substantial donation to assist Danny's family at this sad time. Please bring any monies raised to next meeting. Tony Fretwell from the RFL pointed out that Danny's brother wishes to thank everyone in the 'RL family' for their support.

**3 Embed the Pathway Spring 2015 update.**

Tony Fretwell of the RFL gave a presentation updating everyone on the progress made to date and pointing out that information regarding the project is available via several sources including twitter where clubs have been sharing best practice. Several initiatives were highlighted including:

- 'Parental Engagement' and the Parents Handbook which is to be launched on-line on the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.
- Schools Games links/initiatives

Responding to questions raised Tony explained that:

- In non-heartland areas the emphasis is working with schools but that where possible he will assist community based clubs to develop links with professional clubs.
- To encourage greater involvement a flexible approach has been adopted to assist clubs with accreditation so clubs should not be put off seeking to join the process if no-one has yet completed stage 1.

Tony can be contacted at [Tony.Fretwell@rfl.com](mailto:Tony.Fretwell@rfl.com).

The presentation is to be made available on the website.

Tony was thanked for his presentation.

**4 Primary Rules**

Members were advised that the RFL have not provided feedback to the presentations/proposals made as again requested at the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

It was proposed that when the Chair and Secretary meet with the RFL next week they reject the RFL proposed changes and point out that the NWCounties prefer the 7 v 7 format as opposed to the proposed 5 v 5 format.

**5 Portico Vine**

Members were advised that Portico Vine have reached final stages of a national competition and that voting has opened as to which of the 3 finalists should receive a clubhouse makeover. All members were asked to assist Portico Vine by registering votes via the link on the website. Voting only opened today and will close on the 10<sup>th</sup> May. .

## 6 Registrations/Transfers

6a) it was noted that there has been a surge in transfer requests recently. Members were reminded that:

- Each team is only allowed 3 transfers per season
- each of the 3 transfers must be from different club (i.e multiple transfers from one club to another not allowed)
- in exceptional circumstances and where both clubs in agreement multiple can be sanctioned by the Chair and Secretary but in such cases there is often a clause regarding future years
- if transfer rejected, clubs can appeal but appeals not to be made by parents

6b) it was pointed out that anyone seeking a transfer is not allowed to train with the club he/she wishes to transfer to until the registration card is received. This is to ensure that the association rules are followed and that expectations are not raised should a transfer request not be approved.

6c) Disciplinary action will be taken against any club which allows a child registered with another club to train and might lead to coaches who allow players to train ( whilst registered for another club) losing their coaching badge.

## 7 Pre-registration

All members were reminded of the importance of having relevant information (e.g. name, parents carers contact details) for anyone wishing to train/join the club and that the pre-registration form should be completed and submitted to the secretary (Graham), preferably via email. All were asked to ensure that the pre-registration form shows the club name.

## 8) Team sheet fines

Emails will be forwarded to individual clubs outlining fines to be paid. From next month details will be given at meetings.

## 9 Changes to fixtures.

It was pointed out that several amendments have been made and members were asked to check the website.

## U12s Cup draw

Games to be played weekend Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

### 9a) Main Plate

Halton Farnworth	v	Thatto Heath
Ince Rose Bridge	v	Newton Storm

### 9b Development plate

Westhoughton	v	Littleborough
Langworthy Reds	v	Cadishead

### 9c Development Cup

Portico Vine	v	Latchford
Golborne Parkside	v	Leyland

### 9d Main Cup

Blackbrook	v	Leigh East
Leigh Miners	v	Wigan St Pats

Winners of last season's games were reminded that the cups/plates should be returned at the June meeting.

## 10 Winner of monthly draw Latchford Albion