

Roll Call: not present

Fitton Hill, Haresfinch, Hindley. Littleborough, Pilkington, Saddleworth, St Maries Vikings, Wrexham, Wigan Bulldogs,

In line with association rules all to be fined £10

A minutes silence was held in memory of the tragic death of a young 15 year old player from Hindley. All were reminded of the need to be mindful of any changes seen in young people and that it is best to adopt a 'better safe than sorry' policy when considering whether or not to alert others to any changes noticed in the behaviour of young people.

#### Embed the Pathway Autumn 2015 update.

Tony Fretwell gave an update on the RFL Embed the Pathway Programme explaining that the programme, which was designed last year was proving to be a success with several other sports organisations (including RU) wishing to learn from the work being done. Tony emphasised that:

- Targets have been exceeded with over 1700 players having participated and the number of coaches involved nearly 3 times target set
- Players being selected more on ability than quartile age
- Schools involvement (including teachers engaged with programme) providing greater opportunities to widen knowledge of game and thus links with community clubs
- Professional clubs not only to help with training but also with mentoring of coaches
- Parents workshops proving popular
- Ultimate aim to produce better international team
- Implementation of Ambassador programme due to commence 2016.
- Twitter account popular

All coaches were reminded of the need to assist by:

- participating in debate - challenging and putting forward ideas to improve delivery
- developing sharing culture – sharing and learning from best practice

Next steps include the setting of aims/targets and the resources required to ensure accredited coaches continue with extended learning

Further information on [Embedthepathway.co.uk](http://Embedthepathway.co.uk) website. Contact Tony via email at [Tony.Fretweel:rfl.co.uk](mailto:Tony.Fretweel:rfl.co.uk)

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

**2 Matters Arising from minutes of September meeting** – addressed within the core of the meeting.

**3 Bank Quay.** Reinstated after liaising with club and Chair in order to resolve issues.

#### **4 Operational Rules**

A brief update was provided with members being advised that after a meeting of the 3 leagues within the North West and representations made via Kelly Barret to the RFL there had been positive feedback regarding the amendments suggested. The Community Board is expected to consider the proposals put forward by the NW in the near future. Members will be advised of the report back from the RFL in order that they may consider the response and decide on whether they wish to take any further action as initially suggested by Chorley. However it is hoped that the issues raised previously will soon be resolved to the satisfaction of all.

## **5 Primary Rules –**

Claire, Chair of the Community Board is liaising with MD and GA regarding the proposals put forward by the NW to continue playing 7v7 and to monitor and evaluate the situation after 2 years

MD pointed out that in fairness to R Rimmer it was he RR, who had shared information and been unhappy to note that the 50 page document had not been fully shared as he and others had been led to believe. R Rimmer is now liaising in order to try and resolve issues not only in the NW but in other areas (i.e. Cumbria where still playing 9 v 9).

R Rimmer now appreciates the strength of feeling across the NW and all were thanked for the time they had given attending meetings.

All were reminded of the aims of the programme and asked to ensure that they remember that it is the creation of a happy learning environment for the young people that matters above winning. For many it is a challenge to change the 'mind-set' of individual coaches but working towards all embracing the ethos whereby children learn and enjoy the game in a friendly atmosphere is what all must strive for.

Working for the benefit of the child is something the NW values and wishes all in RL to appreciate.

An example of a team coach putting on website that an u7s team had won by 16 to 1 and showing the team boasting was criticised. Fortunately the coach now appreciates the mistake and is embarrassed by his actions.

ALL COACHES/MANAGERS/CLUBS OF U7s teams are asked to attend meeting to be held at 7pm on the first Tuesday in November to discuss and put forward recommendations which will go the RFL. Main meeting will be held after this sub meeting.

## **6 Registrations**

Closing date for 2015 registrations will be 18<sup>th</sup> October. This will provide opportunity for re-registration forms to be prepared ready for distribution at the November meeting.

There are over 4600 young people registered (nearly 1000 of which are under7) within the NW which demonstrates that the hard work of coaches etc. is having a positive impact and this is acknowledged by the RFL.

## **7 Fines**

A full update was not available due to time restrictions in preparing the information prior to the meeting. Details will be available for the next meeting.

## **8 Winner of monthly draw** Woolston

**9 Discipline Panel.** Karen pointed out that all issues will be dealt with by the end of November. Members were advised that after many years Karen no longer feels able to give the time required to assisting and will therefore be stepping down from the Committee at the next AGM. Karen wished everyone to know that she appreciates the hard work of everyone involved in the game across the North West.

## **10 Fixtures U12s**

Lancashire Cup - Congratulations were extended to Blackbrook and Leigh Miners who are to play at Widnes

Oldham League -Congratulations to Rochdale Mayfield and Saddleworth for qualifying to participate in u12 age group.

## **10 A.O.B.** None