

**NORTH WEST COUNTIES JUNIORS**  
**Minutes of Monthly Meeting 6<sup>th</sup>September 2016**  
**Meeting held at Leigh Miners Welfare**

**Roll Call** Absent -Aspull, Belle Vue, Chester, Hares Finch, Heysham, Latchford, Rochdale Cobra, West Bank, Westhoughton,

Fines in line with association rules will be applied.

1. **Minutes of previous meeting** accepted as a true record.
2. **Matters arising** – to be dealt with within framework of meeting.  
Item 7 August 2016, Mod transition – please note that single marker at u11.
3. **RFL initiative**

John McMullen of the RFL attended and provided information regarding:

- a) an initiative to encourage women to get involved and obtain coaching qualifications
- b) ascertaining what coaches/clubs want (e.g. help with dealing with touchline aggression, administration, making training fun) in order that steps can be taken to provide help/training/support to address the needs identified. All suggestions etc. to be forwarded to MD and GA in order that they can collate and pass on to JM at RFL.

MD pointed out that the initiatives highlighted are a positive step forward and that the RFL have improved relationships with NW Counties and the community game in general over the last few months. MD was pleased to point out that Jon Roberts is to put forward proposals to the Community Board regarding a 3 year research project which includes the NW Counties continuing to operate primary rules in its existing format so that it can be evaluated as part of the research project. In view of this the challenge is to now to win hearts and minds and all work together to improve the game day experience for all involved.

Whilst appreciating that changing cultures within clubs is often difficult all clubs/coaches were asked to share and copy good practice to provide a positive environment to highlight that Sunday is Fun day and thus encourages the recruitment and retention of players.

The destiny of the sport in the NW is in our own hands we must change our mindsets and promote the ethos of “coach to develop not coach to win “

#### **4 Newbies**

Members were advised that there are 24 new teams and that efforts have been made to put into appropriate groupings:

Group A is aimed at kids with previous experience

Group B aimed those with no/limited experience

Those requiring contact details for the newbies should contact MD via email on 8<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **5under 10s**

Details of changes are now on the website. The groupings will be reassessed at the end of the season

#### **6 Lancashire Cup**

Draw made:

Rylands v Orrell St James

Thatto Heath Crusaders v Halton Farnworth Hornets

Game to be played 18<sup>th</sup> September

As no other u12 games have been arranged for the 18<sup>th</sup> September clubs were asked to use this opportunity to catch up on games that had been cancelled in the past. Please advise MD of games arranged so that referees can be sought.

## **7 NW Y&J Facebook Page**

All were advised that the 'junior forum' on Facebook is not endorsed by NWCounties. Any problems/issues should not be dealt with via social media but by contacting MD/GA direct.

Delegates advised the Facebook Page had been shut down.

## **8 Monthly draw winner – Rylands**

### **9 A.O.B.**

9a) MD pointed out that despite requests the equipment from Raging Bull had not been received. MD to collect for next meeting. In light of problems experienced this year all agreed that an alternative supplier should be sought.

9b) Wigan Bulldog u9 contact details:

Steve Prescott 07732160573

Ashley 07773673397

9c) All were reminded that the AGM is to be held in December. Any proposals should be submitted to Graham (who will not be at November meeting) as soon as possible.

9d) Portico Raffle draw – winning numbers 136-140